



ELLENSBURG ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

February 13, 2020 4:00pm

Council Chambers Conference Room

Commissioners Present: Alex Eyre, Jerry Dougherty, Arlein Anderson, Cassandra Town, Laura Bobovski, and Monica Miller

Commissioners Absent: Brian Kooser (Chair excused absence)

Others Present: Council Liaison Tristen Lamb, Staff Carolyn Honeycutt, and Community Development Director Kirsten Sackett (until approximately 5pm)

Call to Order: Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda for February 13, 2020 meeting of the EAC, Anderson; second Town.

Approved.

Citizen Comment on Non-Agenda Items – none

Guest Speaker/Presenter/Correspondences

- Film Festival – received an email from Ginny Blackson of the EFF requesting permission for changes to their grant for 2020 due to altering event plans.

Motion to approve changes as submitted, funds to be used for acquisition of films and awards only, Miller; second Eyre. Discussion regarding concern that there are no specific dates and whether funding for awards is appropriate.

Approved. Dougherty abstained.

- Valley Musical Theatre – received an email from Jessica Solberg of VMT regarding changes to their grant for 2020 due to altering event plans.

Motion to approves changes as submitted, funds to be used for any appropriate event expenses with the exception of marketing outside of Ellensburg, Miller; second Town. Discussion concerning dates of their event conflicting with other events.

All approved.

Financial Report – no report

Approval of Minutes

Motion approve the minutes of the January 9, 2020 meeting of the EAC, Bobovski; second Town.

Approved

New Business - none

Old Business – discussion regarding sign restoration brought to commission at the January 9 meeting by Chris Schambacher. Commissioners agreed that this was not under the purview and did not require action. Staff to reach out with other direction to Mr. Schambacher. Anderson

requested that he be put in touch with her regarding potential placement on the Ramsey building.

Committee Reports

1. Funding

- EAC Grant Application – staff informed commissioners that city staff that oversee council funded grants will have a meeting next week to align grant applications and process as well as discuss application inconsistencies. Updates will be brought to the March meeting for input on other updates to the application.
- Poet Laureate – (moved from Public Art committee) Committee worked on the application which the commissioners had the opportunity to send comments to staff. Commission finalized dates. Panel, per the Art Policy, will consist of the Arts Commission and poet Kathy Whitcomb (CWU Professor). Application will be released within the next few days with three top candidates being interviewed by the commission at the April 9 meeting. Final selection will go to council for approval.

2. Public Art

- Bus Shelters: no updates
- Elliott installation – Dedication dates – Middle School assembly Tuesday, February 25 at 12:45 pm (not a public event). Public dedication – Friday, February 28, time TBD. Eyre will work on coordinating what the events look like.
- Plaques – no updates
- Town Center – staff will reach out to Brad Case to set up a meeting with the Public Art Committee to discuss further working together on this
- Skate Park Mural – this needs to go through the Mural Application process. Staff will reach out to Community Development on process.

3. Advocacy

- Miller updated on Arts and Heritage Day in Olympia. InspireWA (formally the Washington State Arts Alliance) expanded to include the Sciences.
- They were instrumental in the Cultural Access law for cities or counties to add a sales tax to benefit cultural programs. Could be a benefit for Kittitas County to consider.
- They are requesting an increase in the Building for the Arts Fund and to change the matching requirements.
- Also requesting funds from the capital budget for Creative Districts and to evaluate and access the state's largest public art piece, which is Richard Elliott's Circle of Light on the Sundome, to repair the white reflectors that have popped off. Asking for \$97,000 to do the evaluation.
- US Representative Kim Schrier was in town recently and toured Hotel Windrow. The current federal budget recommends zero dollars for the National Endowment for the Arts. This happened last year but they ended up increasing the funding.

4. Art Walk – Hotel Windrow and CWU Continuing Education have joined the walk.

Unscheduled Business: Eyre met with CWU Chief of Staff Linda Schactler on CWU potential involvement in a city or county-wide Cultural Assessment.

Adjourned Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:35 pm.

Next Meeting Thursday March 12, 2020

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