



ELLENSBURG ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
March 12, 2020 4:00pm
Council Chamber Conference Room

Commissioners Present: Alex Eyre, Jerry Dougherty, Laura Bobovski, Arlein Anderson (via phone until 5pm), Monica Miller, Brian Kooser (4:25pm), Cassandra Town

Commissioners/Others Absent: Council Liaison Tristen Lamb

Others Present: Staff Carolyn Honeycutt

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

Welcome Guests: Eyre welcomed guest Una McAlinden via Skype. Una provides consulting services and facilitation design to schools, districts, and other organizations seeking creative, feasible, and sustainable ways to advance their goals and is the past Executive Director for ArtsEd Washington. Una discussed what the process for a Cultural Assessment would look.

Approval of Agenda: Anderson motioned to approve with the addition of discussing a potential Cultural Assessment Proposal under New Business and moving Poet Laureate to the Funding Committee; seconded Dougherty. **Approved.**

Approval of February 13, 2020 Minutes: Town motioned to approve; seconded Bobovski. **Approved.**

Citizen Comment on Non-Agenda Items – none

Budget/Financial Report no report from staff. Commission discussed NPR contract.

New Business

Cultural Assessment – Commission discussed how they could go about doing a Cultural Assessment. This would involve the creation of an RFP and involvement from other City departments. There is an ArtsWA grant that the commission could apply for that is due April 10. Miller, Anderson, and Town will work on moving this forward with staff.

Old Business - none

Subcommittee Business

1. Funding-
 - a. 2020 Grants – Saff will connect with City Attorney on changes to contracts depending on how Covid 19 progresses and will communicate with grant recipients.
 - b. Poet Laureate – no updates
2. Public Art
 - a. Skate Park – Eyre and staff took a look at the tile artwork and the skate park and commission discussed official adding it to the city collection.
 - b. Commission discussed the addition of the artwork at the Stan Bassett Youth Center to the city collection.
 - c. Bus Shelters – waiting to hear from Public Works as to the specifics of the new shelters before the artwork is ordered.
 - d. Elliott Installation Dedication – there was a nice crowd as well as members of the school board and council.
 - e. Town Center – no updates
 - f. Plaques – no updates

3. Advocacy/Public Relations
 - a. Legislative Updates – no new updates
 - b. Public Outreach – commissioners will begin writing letter to the editor to promote the arts and the work of the commission.
4. Art Walk – no updates

Unscheduled Business

None

Announcements

None

Adjourned Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:30pm.

Next Meeting: April 9, 2020

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Respectfully submitted by: Carolyn Honeycutt, staff

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