



**ELLENSBURG ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**July 16, 2020 4:00pm**  
**ZOOM Call**

**Commissioners Present:** Alex Eyre, Jerry Dougherty, Arlein Anderson, Monica Miller, Brian Kooser, Cassandra Town

**Commissioners/Others Absent:** Laura Bobovski (excused), Council Liaison Tristen Lamb,

**Others Present:** Staff Josephine Camarillo, Staff Carolyn Honeycutt

**Call to Order:** Chair Eyre called the meeting to order at 4:06pm

**Approval of Agenda:** Eyre motions to accept; seconded Miller. **Approved.**

**Approval of March Minutes:** Tabled

**Approval of June Minutes:** Miller motions to accept with corrections; seconded Anderson. **Approved.**

**Citizen Comment on Non-Agenda Items** – Per the Washington Governor’s Proclamation No. 20-28.1, no public comment will be taken at the meeting.

**Budget/Financial Report** Tabled

**New Business**

None

**Old Business**

Creative Relief Fund Grant Applications:

- 28 applications received.
- Funding Committee reviewed applications. They would like to open the grant for a second round in hopes to reach other artists/organizations that were unaware of this opportunity.
- Poetry Prowl removed from Creative Relief grant. They will continue to receive their 2020 EAC grant.
- Individual artists will be vetted by Commissioners to validate their eligibility.

\*Staff will meet with Akers and Weiner regarding future budget predictions.

\*Staff will look into changing Ordinance if individual artists do not qualify.

**Motion** made by Eyre to accept Funding Subcommittee’s recommendation list of Creative Relief Grant awardees subject to further documentation of required criteria of eligibility. Seconded by Town. Abstentions- Miller.

**Motion Approved.**

**Subcommittee Business**

1. Funding-

- a. Juried Art Selection Committee (Anderson, Kooser, Bobovski, Schlanger, Lamb) met and selected pieces as well as a piece for City permanent collection. Cost came well under budget.

\*Staff will send artwork to Jim's Glass and follow-up with Josh Mattson.

\*Staff will confirm with Akers/Weiner in regards to spending extra money on additional bus shelter.

b. Poet Laureate

i. Two applications received.

ii. Due to current health state of Kittitas Co. and social gathering restrictions, commission recommends postponing till 2021.

**Motion** made by Miller to postpone Poet Laureate Award to 2021. Seconded by Town.

**Motion Approved**

c. 2021 Art Grant

i. Grant applications scheduled to open soon. No information on website.

ii. Current application will need to be updated.

\*Staff will find original application to update.

\*Staff will schedule meeting to discuss changes and timeline.

\*Staff will look into reinstating Arts Commission Facebook page.

2. Public Art

a. Bus Shelters

i. 11 Bus Shelters slated to be installed late July 2020. Additional shelter still in need of artwork. 10 artists previously selected for the 10 shelters with 3 as alternates should one of the 10 cannot work.

**Motion** made by Anderson to approve EAC to fund artwork for additional shelter. Seconded by Town. Abstention-Miller.

**Discussion:** Miller recommends opening a call to artists for additional shelter  
Motion withdrawn. Chair reopens the vote.

**Motion** made by Town to hold a new artist call for additional shelter.  
Seconded by Miller. Abstentions- Anderson.

**Motion Approved.**

3. Advocacy/Public Relations

a. EAC changed messaging on NWPR.

b. Committee working on submitting letters to the editor advocating the value of the artists and the arts.

4. Art Walk

a. Event suspended until further notice.

**Unscheduled Business**

None

**Announcements**

Eyre attended Laughing Horse meeting.

**Adjourned** Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:45pm.

**Next Meeting: August 13, 2020**

**Drafted:** 7/16/2020

**Approved:** 8/13/2020

**Respectfully submitted by:** Josephine Camarillo, Staff substitute.