



Public Art Commission Minutes

Tuesday, August 6, 2024, 12:00 PM

Council Chamber Overflow Room CH-116
203 Main Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho

Members: Melissa Crane, Chairperson; Janeale Dean, Vice-Chairperson; Amy Westover; Camille Barigar; Drew Nash; Laura Stewart; Tim Hafer

1) Call Meeting to Order/Confirmation of Quorum

Melissa Crane called the meeting to order at approximately 12:02 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members present: Melissa Crane, Chairperson; Amy Westover; Camille Barigar; Drew Nash; Laura Stewart (arrived at 12:04 a.m.).

Members absent: Janeale Dean, Vice-Chairperson; Tim Hafer

Council liaison (present): Craig Hawkins

Staff present: Mitch Humble, Deputy City Manager; Elois Joseph, Parks and Recreation Project Coordinator.

2) Items of Consideration

- a) Request to approve the July 2, 2024, Public Art Commission meeting minutes.

MOTION: Camille Barigar moved to approve the item as presented. Amy Westover seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted. All present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 4 to 0.

Laura Stewart joined the meeting at approximately 12:04 p.m.

- b) Continue discussion and execution of the Electrical Box Wrap Project.

Mitch Humble presented the item.

Elois Joseph gave an update on the project, including the following:

- Lytle unable to meet the request of the Public Art Commission to work with the artist.
- Staff have decided to move forward with Alphagraphics, contingent on quality of the product, life-span, and the capacity to work with the expectations of the project.
- Alphagraphics proposed budget of the overall project is within the approved budget.

Installation time was discussed, project time-line and feasibility of project completion by 2024 was mentioned.

Discussion ensued.

Obtaining templates of electrical boxes for future use was discussed.

MOTION: Camille Barigar moved to approve the request the Parks department to continue to work with Alphagraphics, contingent on the project being within the approved budget and the materials are similar in quality. Drew Nash seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted. All present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 5 to 0.

- c) Consider a request to place a "Sculpture Option" in the City of Twin Falls from Jose Trejo Maya.

Discussion ensued regarding the request.

MOTION: Amy Westover moved to approve the request as presented. Drew Nash seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted. Failed 0 to 5.

- d) Discuss funding mechanisms and future planning.

Mitch Humble presented the request, including the following:

- Commission to discuss the item, action not necessary.
- Commission can make a recommendation to City Council, if deemed appropriate at this meeting.
- The current funding mechanism is not a sustainable option.
- Current project (rotating murals, and completion of more Electrical Box wraps) are not feasible with current funding mechanism.

Considering grant opportunities was mentioned. First Federal Bank and Seagraves were mentioned.

Grant writing and obtaining local businesses and sponsors were discussed. The flower baskets were mentioned as an example.

Signage and recognition of the artists for the electrical box wrap project was discussed.

Idaho cities' public art funding mechanisms were discussed in detail.

Increasing funding in increments to reach a more sustainable budget was discussed.

The importance of the maintenance of existing art was discussed. Funding for the maintenance of art was mentioned. The Parks department has been maintaining the art.

A recommendation from the Public Art Commission should be made in January 2025 to be considered in preliminary budget discussions.

Staff were tasked with bringing information for public art funding from other Idaho cities for consideration.

No action was taken on this item.

3) General Public Input

4) Public Art Proposal Update

a) Monthly Proposal Update

5) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:02 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elois Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line under the name.

Elois Joseph
Parks and Recreation Project Coordinator