



Public Art Commission Minutes

Tuesday, September 3, 2024, 11:30 AM

SPECIAL MEETING

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 11:32 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members present: Melissa Crane, Chairperson; Janeale Dean, Vice-Chairperson; Amy Westover (arrived at 11:33 a.m.); Camille Barigar; Drew Nash.

Members absent: Laura Stewart; Tim Hafer.

Council liaison (present): Craig Hawkins.

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

2) Items of Consideration

- a) Request to approve the August 6, 2024, Public Art Commission meeting minutes.

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

Amy Westover joined the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

- b) Consider artist submissions for the Downtown Commons Mural project

Commissioners reviewed the submitted artwork.

The orientation of the artwork submitted in this call was discussed. The existing frames at the Downtown Commons (Commons) are landscape orientation, while most of the submissions are vertical orientation, causing concern for the available pieces for selection. Discussion ensued regarding potentially opening up the call again if we did not have sufficient pieces to select from.

Discussion ensued regarding the submissions.

Rotating artwork at the Commons, potentially including murals at other sites, such as the Fire Station was mentioned.

Discussion ensued regarding AI generated pieces in consideration of the "Silvia" submission.

Copyright ownership was discussed regarding AI generated imagery. With AI generated imagery, artists must have copyright ownership of the piece. The variability of ownership of AI generated artwork was discussed.

Future Call-to-Artists need to include explicit verbiage regarding the use of AI generated art work requiring artists to provide documentation regarding the artwork and percent of AI manipulation to evaluate the authenticity of "ownership" and copyright of the art work.

Artwork was considered and voted for based on the evaluation criteria.

Discussion ensued regarding manipulation of images such as cropping and rotating images.

The following artwork was selected to the respective frames (as corresponded with the frame template provided in the Call-to-Artists):

Frame 1: Rod Essex – "The Flower Cart"

Frame 2: Emily Meidell – "Revive" (Rose Image)

Frame 3: Monica D'Angelo – "This Western Town" (Main Avenue Image)

Frame 4: Monica D'Angelo - "Nighttime from Here, Snake River Canyon"/ "Found Us Here, Snake River Canyon" (either option - overlays requested for both to consider at a future meeting.)

Frame 5: Rick Kuhn – "Western Days Festival"

Frame 6: Emily Meidell – "Smokin' Soul" (Guitar Image)

Janeale Dean abstained from voting on artist Liyah Babayan's submissions as Liyah is a client of Janeale.

Staff were requested to overlay the images on the frames to visualize the artwork in the frames. Variations on a few images were requested.

Considering a special meeting to obtain additional feedback was discussed.

Drew Nash left the meeting at approximately 11:40 a.m. to procure an image of the current murals, returning at 11:41 a.m.

****for a full account of this meeting, please view the recorded meeting on the city website, www.tfid.org****

MOTION: Camille Barigar moved to accept both D'Angelo pieces and work selected at this meeting. Janeale Dean seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted. "Yea" vote: Melissa Crane, Camille Barigar, Janeale Dean. "Nay" vote: Drew Nash, Amy Westover. Approved 3 to 2.

Discussion ensued regarding having a special meeting with further discussion on this item. A special meeting will occur at a future date in September 2024.

- c) Continue funding mechanism discussion

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

3) General Public Input

4) Public Art Proposal Update

- a) September Proposal Update

5) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:15 p.m.



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Parks and Recreation Project Coordinator