



Public Art Commission Minutes

Tuesday, November 5, 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 12:01 p.m. A quorum was present.

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

Members absent: none

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.

Guests present: none.

2) Consent Calendar

No items were on the consent calendar.

3) Items of Consideration

- a) Request to approve the minutes from the Public Art Commission October 1, 2024 meeting.

MOTION: Janeale Dean moved to approve the item as presented. Tim Hafer seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Approved 7 to 0.

- b) Continue funding mechanism discussion

Current budget and pending expenditures were discussed.

Funding allocated for maintenance in the Public Art Resolution was discussed. According to the resolution, 25% of the budget is allocated for "administrative costs"

which includes maintenance. Current artwork that may require maintenance were mentioned.

“The Twins” sculpture on the Canyon Rim Trail was mentioned. Discussion ensued regarding the current damage to this piece. The medium used in this sculpture could be deteriorating, potentially causing visible damage.

Various funding mechanisms, including the Seagraves and First Federal Foundation were discussed.

Idaho Arts Commission was mentioned as a potential grant option. Discussion ensued whether this organization funds cities.

Artist pools were discussed. Having artists submit their work to a pool for consideration was mentioned. Concerns regarding access to work if selected and intellectual property rights were raised. Payment of artists from the pool were discussed. It was clarified that the artists would be responsible to provide artwork that met requirements including adequate resolution, and payment would be made if/when the pieces were selected to be used.

Discussion ensued regarding the City’s budget process. The long-term planning process was discussed.

Commissioners were open to the possibility of presenting the budget request to the City’s long-term planning committee for consideration.

Commissioners were in favor of requesting 1% (current .05%) allocation for Public Art to be considered in the FY 26 budget.

MOTION: Camille Barigar moved to request an increase dedicated to the Public Art Commission to 1.0% of the capital improvement budget. Drew Nash seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Approved 7 to 0.

Discussion ensued on the resolution change. The next steps for the Commission and staff were discussed.

The budget process begins in January 2025, at which time the commission might give a presentation on long-term planning. Creating a slideshow and providing data and examples of the need for the increase in budget were discussed.

Designating a meeting to specifically discuss the grant aspect of our funding strategy was discussed.

4) General Public Input

There was no general public input at this meeting.

5) Public Art Proposal Update

A brief update for the Electrical Box Wrap project and the Downtown Commons Mural project was given.

It was clarified that staff would make decisions and move forward with final approvals in lieu of commission approvals for the Electrical Box Wrap project to help expedite the process and project completion.

6) Adjournment

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

Approved 20250107 /



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Parks and Recreation Project Coordinator