



## Public Arts Commission Agenda

Tuesday, August 4, 2020, 12:00 PM City Council Chambers  
203 Main Avenue East- Twin Falls, Idaho

### MINUTES

#### **Present:**

Camille Barigar, Olivia Barrett, Melissa Crane, Janeale Dean, Drew Nash, Laura Stewart, Amy Westover

#### **Council Liaison Present:**

Shawn Barigar

#### **City Staff Present:**

Mandi Thompson, Assistant to the City Manager, Kim Hafer, Help Desk Technician,  
Leila A. Sanchez, Recording Secretary

#### 1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER/CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Mandi Thompson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

#### 2) CONSENT CALENDAR: None

#### 3) ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- a) **INFORMATIONAL**: Introduction of newly appointed members.  
By: Mandi Thompson, Assistant to the City Manager

All members present introduced themselves and explained their interest in serving on the committee; and what drove them to apply and volunteer their service to public art.

Shawn Barigar introduced himself and explained his interest in being Council Liaison.

Mandi Thompson gave a brief background on herself.

- b) **ACTION ITEM**: Selection of a chairperson and vice chairperson.  
By: Mandi Thompson, Assistant to the City Manager

Mandi Thompson explained the duties of a chairperson and vice chairperson.

#### **MOTION:**

Melissa Crane moved to nominate Laura Stewart for Chair. Drew Nash seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

#### **MOTION:**

Laura Stewart moved to nominate Melissa Crane for Vice-Chair. Janeale Dean seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Laura Stewart, Amy Westover, Camille Barigar, Janeale Dean, Drew Nash, and Olivia Barrett voted in favor of the motion. Melissa Crane abstained from voting. Approved 6 to 0. 1 abstained.

- c) **ACTION ITEM:** Selection of monthly meeting date.  
By: Mandi Thompson, Assistant to the City Manager

The Public Arts Commission will meet monthly, the first Tuesday of every month at 12:00 p.m. A box lunch will be provided.

- d) **DISCUSSION:** General Operating Procedures based on Roberts Rules of Order.  
By: Mandi Thompson, Assistant to the City Manager

Mandi Thompson explained the general operating procedures.

Shawn Barigar stated that at a future meeting, the City Manager and City Attorney will be conducting a brief training on Idaho Open Meeting Law. The Commission serves as advisory to the City Council and any action taking by the Commission are not final actions but recommendations to the City Council. Please do not deliberate with other members items that are placed on the agenda prior to the meeting.

Mandi Thompson explained Commission terms are as follows:

Two – 1-year terms

Two- 2-year terms

Three -3-year terms

Clarification of Chair and Vice Chair appointments will be discussed at the next meeting.

Commission terms will be randomly selected and will be discussed at the next meeting.

- e) **DISCUSSION:** Goals and Timeline  
By: Shawn Barigar, Council Member

Mandi Thompson recommended the Commission do homework about public policy and public art to see what other communities are doing and how their commission are leading public art.

Shawn Barigar stated his goal is to utilize art, and art is a very broad term, as a driver of economic prosperity in enhancing our collective sense of place, and therefore, a quality of life.

He explained that he and Mandi Thompson have been involved in the Community Transformation Grant received from the Blue Cross Foundation. It is focused on childhood obesity and its access to recreation and nutrition. They refer to the four P's: projects, programs, policies, and partnerships. This may be a way to focus the effort of the group. The group may talk about a project where somebody wants to donate a statue or placing a piece of visual art somewhere. This is a project that can be vetted by the group. There can be a call for artists and a recommendation be brought before the City Council for approval. It could be a program. The City, through the Parks & Recreation Department may have art related programs. The Magic Valley Arts Council, CSI and the Municipal Band run great programs. The City may be able to form partnerships with other artistic organizations that operate programs. For example, CSI theatre students doing pop up performances in the Commons at lunch time every day and where costs are minimal. It takes promotion and effort, and again, brings up the vibrancy of downtown. It is a way to draw people to the Commons. The policy issue is probably going to be the heaviest lift for this group. It is the place where there may be a tendency to get bogged down in detail and the group may not feel progress is not being made. Moscow's policy is robust. A developer will be required to follow guidelines when building. It talks about public spaces and common spaces. Public art is more than public art installations or a visual piece, it is theatre,

music, poetry. These are things that typically get overlooked.

There are opportunities to grow the visibility of art in the community and tie it back to the Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan can be reviewed on the City's website. The Council uses the plan to drive all budgetary decisions and was created with community input and a long laundry list of initiatives.

Commission discussion followed.

- The Twin Falls Center of the Arts, Twin Falls Municipal Band will be performing tonight at 7:00 p.m., at the Canyon Rim.
- Mandi Thompson spoke on funding and grants.
- Shawn Barigar stated he will find out the balance in Public Art Fund. The Commission can work on the policy before spending money and can advocate for increasing the funding amount.

Mandi Thompson said another partnership would be with the Urban Renewal Agency. The URA established a sub-committee for public art, which was responsible for John Hayes statue and paintings in the Commons. The URA has funding and would like to do another call to artists for the canvassed art in the Commons. The URA would like it to become the function of the Public Arts Commission. A plan and understanding on what the group envisions for public art will be helpful to the Council and understanding what can be done to further that through funding.

- Building the agenda and understanding emails are public record.
- Mandi Thompson explained this is an opportunity to bring artists to the table to participate, have a voice and tap into knowledge and resources.
- Is the City going to be dedicating staff to pull off the projects?

Shawn Barigar explained the Commission will need a policy to help figure that out.

Mandi Thompson explained the Planning & Zoning Director and Parks & Recreation Departments will be impacted.

- Define who are our stakeholders and shareholders.
- Have we done focus groups with the community about public art and what the community feels and thinks about it?

Mandi Thompson explained she can utilize engagement software.

- Research Denver's public arts project.

Shawn Barigar asked the Commission to send all ideas to Mandi Thompson as soon as possible. Adjourn the meeting at 9:14 a.m.



Leila A. Sanchez/Recording Secretary