

**SANDPOINT ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019
4:00 PM CITY HALL UPSTAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM
1123 LAKE STREET**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Barry Burges, Matt Kerr, Elle Susnis, Carol Kovalchuk, Dyno Wahl (Arrived at 4:12pm)

COUNCIL/STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Staff liaison Aaron Qualls, Zachary Kadin – Minutes, Dan Tadic – City Engineer, Jennifer Stapleton – City Administrator

COUNCIL/COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Elinor Allen (student liaison), Jacqui Scoggin, Councilman Tom Eddy,

Chairman Susnis called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm.

Matters from the Public:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

Kerr moved and Kovalchuk seconded to approve the minutes of January 15, 2019. **Motion passes unanimously by those present.**

Financial Report:

1. *Financial report update:*
 - a. *Downtown District:*
\$95,261.85 remaining.
 - b. *Northern District:*
\$115,876.69 remaining.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

1. *First Avenue Future Art Locations:*

Dan Tadic presented what the vision was for First Avenue and what the project would entail for this summer/fall. He stated that once the project was completed there would be numerous locations to place different types of artwork. He stated there will be multiple utility vaults located below grade that will be distributed throughout the project. The location of these vaults may impact where artwork is able to be placed.

Tadic stated that one potential location for artwork would be painting on the street using a thermoplastic material. The Arts Commission questioned if there is any study on the increased safety risks for having artwork on the street. Tadic stated he was unaware of any increased safety concerns.

The Arts Commission stated that another location art could be placed is in the bulb/bump outs. Tadic stated any art that would be placed in those areas would have to address the visibility/sight distance issues to ensure they do not create additional safety hazards.

The Arts Commission questioned if the biking regulations for the downtown area will be changed following the widening of the sidewalks. Tadic stated he was unaware of any of those regulations changing. He continued that bike racks and benches that will be present following the renovations present additional art opportunities. Several businesses in the area currently utilize this option.

The Arts Commission questioned if the bricks located in front of the Panida will be saved. Tadic stated that they would be saved, however, they will not be able to be placed on the ground due to the ADA challenges they present.

The Arts Commission questioned if sculptures could be located near the curb. Tadic stated that anything placed near the curb poses an issue especially when parallel parking is present due to the opening of vehicle doors.

The Arts Commission questioned if wraps have been utilized in downtown. Jennifer Stapleton stated that the City is currently looking into it. She continued that the City is also looking into Big Belly trash receptacles that would present another wrap opportunity.

2. *Traffic/Electrical Box Art:*

Representatives from STCU were present to discuss what they offered for wrapping utility boxes. They presented multiple examples of what other cities have done with their help and stated that STCU would require a small area of the wrap to place their company logo. They stated the City will be responsible for selecting the art, manufacturer and installer. Once that has been completed STCU will provide the funds for the project. Susnis questioned what the restrictions would be regarding the STCU logo. Stapleton stated that they would have to refer to the Sandpoint City Code to see what options were available.

Aaron Qualls presented several utility boxes that are located in visible locations around Sandpoint. The Arts Commission believed many of them were located in areas that presented wayfinding potential.

Heather Upton and Steve Garvin were present from the Historic Preservation Commission. They stated that a lot of the visible history in the area is no longer available. They questioned if the Arts Commission would be interested in having historic photos with a short narrative of what the photo is or how it came to be. If the Arts Commission was interested in using historic photos the Historic Preservation Commission would be willing to provide the images as they have thousands of historic photos of Sandpoint.

The Arts Commission questioned how long STCU required the wraps to be in place before they were changed. The representatives from STCU stated they were unsure and would have to get back with an answer.

The Arts Commission asked the STCU representatives if they had an estimate on the amount STCU would be willing to provide. The STCU representatives stated that they were unsure of the exact amount, however, it has the potential to be around \$10,000.

3. *Arts and Culture Plan:*

Qualls presented a draft OpenGov story of the Arts Culture plan. He stated that this plan is one of many plans the City will be working on during the next year. He continued that SURA has ten years remaining and they need to start thinking of what will be done after SURA ends.

Stapleton stated that this would be a collaboration between the Historic Preservation Commission and the Arts Commission. She continued that the public will be heavily involved in the process as well.

Matters from the Commission/Staff:

1. *Silver Box Project Update:*

Qualls stated that there are three days remaining on the Silver Box call. However, the timeframe can be extended if needed.

Susnis stated that they are still looking for members to be on the selection jury.

2. *Roundabout Art Update:*

The landscape architect who was hired to do the Schweitzer Roundabout project, Karen Olsen, was present to discuss the landscaping for the project. Olsen stated she has been in touch with Troy Pillow, the artist of the sculpture, and would like to hear what recommendations the Arts Commission members had for the landscaping. The Arts Commission stated they would like to see:

- A simple design incorporating native grasses, shrubs, and boulders
- Foliage that deterred large wildlife
- Nothing that distracts from the sculpture

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.