

**SANDPOINT ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019
4:00 PM CITY HALL UPSTAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM
1123 LAKE STREET**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Matt Kerr, Elle Susnis, Carol Kovalchuk, Patricia Walker, Hannah Combs, Holly Walker

COUNCIL/STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Staff liaison Aaron Qualls,
Zachary Kadin – Minutes

COUNCIL/COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Tom Eddy, Dyno Wahl,
Barry Burges

Chairman Susnis called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Patricia Walker moved and Carol Kovalchuk seconded to approve the amendment to the posted agenda to include the Alley Art Project Between First Ave and Second Ave. **Motion passes unanimously by those present.**

Matters from the Public:
None.

Approval of Minutes:
Patricia Walker moved and Carol Kovalchuk seconded to approve the April 9, 2019 minutes. **Motion passes unanimously by those present.**

Financial Report:

1. *Financial report update:*
 - a. *Downtown District:*
\$95,951.42 remaining.
 - b. *Northern District:*
\$117,510.22 remaining.

Old Business:

1. *Traffic/Electrical Box Art:*

Qualls presented a map showing where above ground utility boxes are present and in visible locations in Sandpoint. He continued to present photos of the utility boxes that were noted on the presented map. Qualls stated that all of the above ground utility boxes that are located around stoplights are owned by the Idaho Department of Transportation (ITD) and approval would be needed to place a wrap on them.

The Arts Commission discussed which above ground utility boxes would be wrapped and whether they should be wrapped with historic images or with art pieces. They agreed that the taller above ground utility boxes would be better suited for historic images as they

would allow for more room to place a historic image along with a description of what the image was/is. They brought up the concern over whether or not the quality of an art piece would be altered or diminished when they are scanned and converted to digital form for the wrap.

The Historic Commissioners present believed historic images should be located in the Historic District. The Arts Commissioners agreed and stated that they would like to see a mix of art pieces and historic images in the Historic District.

The Arts Commission went through the utility boxes that Qualls presented and chose which ones would be the top priority to wrap and whether or not they should be wrapped with art pieces or historic images. They decided four locations, two historic images, and two artistic pieces.

Qualls stated that he would be in contact with STCU to inform them of what the Arts Commission decided.

2. *Alley Art Projects Between First and Second:*

Carol Deaner, Pend Oreille Arts Council, spoke regarding the project and gave a brief history of the Alley Art Project. She presented renderings of the potential murals. She stated the paint is being donated by the Paint Bucket and it is all environmentally friendly. She stated the life of the artwork depends on if they are tagged or not. She continued that tagging has not been as much of an issue during the past several years.

The first mural was an interpretation of a galaxy, the second mural was an abstract piece.

The Arts Commission stated that adding lights and more branding for the art alley project could be beneficial. Deaner stated that branding and lights have been discussed in the past and agrees branding and lights would be beneficial.

Patricia Walker moved and Matt Kerr seconded to approve the two murals as presented for the Alley Art Project. **Motion passes unanimously by those present.**

3. *Silver Box Project Submissions/Call:*

Qualls stated that only one submission was received for the project.

The Arts Commission discussed why only one submission was received and what they could do in order to increase the desire to participate. One issue that may be a deterrent is the cost of the material to create the art would be too great and far exceed the \$500 honorarium. Qualls stated that there is room in the budget to increase the honorarium.

The Arts Commission stated that one thing that could be done to get something on the silver boxes quickly would be to rent art work that is already available for the summer.

The AC stated that one thing that could be done to get the boxes with something on them. Possibly renting work that is already available in the City for the summer.

Carol Kulvulchuck moved and Holly Walker seconded to amend the call to say "art on loan", take away the \$10 entry fee, increase the honorarium amount from \$500 to \$1000, and remove the people's choice award. **Motion passes unanimously by those present.**

4. *Arts & Culture Plan Draft Scope:*

Qualls presented a draft of the Arts and Culture Plan. The Arts Commission reviewed and made revisions to the draft.

New Business:

1. *Meeting Time:*

The Arts Commission discussed different times locations that could accommodate future Arts Commission meetings. One potential location is the Little Panida Theater.

Matters from the Commission/Staff:

1. *Roundabout Art Update:*

Qualls stated things are moving along smoothly and is still on schedule to be installed in June, however, an exact date has not been set.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.