

REVISED
SANDPOINT ARTS COMMISSION
AGENDA
March 8, 2005 – 4:00 P.M.
City Hall Conference Room

- I. Call to Order.
- II. Approval of Minutes.
- III. New Business:
 - A. Discussion of Current City Projects – Parks/Public Works
 - B. Arts Commission on City Web Page
 - C. Strategic Planning Session Agenda
- IV. Old Business:
 - A. “Art by the Inch” Update
 - B. ICA Clocktower selection committee and RFP
 - C. Review of Draft Mural Application
- V. Other Business:
- VI. Next Month’s Agenda.
- VII. Adjournment.

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SANDPOINT ARTS COMMISSION
MARCH 8, 2005
City Hall Conference Room

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Krister Allen, Karen Bowers, Cindy Elliott, Lizzy Hughes, Steve Neuder, Stephen Schultz, and Dyno Wahl

CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Parks and Recreation Director Kim Woodruff and Joan Bramblee.

GUESTS PRESENT: Tammy Farmin.

Chairwoman Hughes called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

It was **moved by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Allen**, to approve the minutes from November 9, 2004. The motion carried.

It was **moved by Commissioner Neuder, seconded by Commissioner Allen**, to approve the remainder of the minutes as presented (December 14, 2004, January, 11, 2005, and February 9, 2005).

Commissioner Allen noted the spelling on his first name should be corrected from “or” to “er” in several of the minutes. Mrs. Bramblee indicated she would make that correction as needed.

Discussion of Current City Projects – Parks/Public Works

It was noted that Public Works Director Kody Van Dyk was in Boise and unable to attend. Chairwoman Hughes said the Commission had previously discussed incorporation of public art in the pedestrian bridge planned for Bridge Street. Councilwoman Elliott stated it is her understanding that that project is currently on hold for budgetary reasons.

Mr. Woodruff stated he is currently working on a long-range comprehensive plan for the City’s park system. Once that is done, he would like to have the Commission visit the parks and make recommendations on where they would like to see art incorporated. Councilwoman Elliott said art could be incorporated in any size project, and could be functional (bike racks, benches, etc.) as well as purely artistic. Chairwoman Hughes suggested it would be good for the long-range plan to include language regarding the incorporation of art.

Mr. Woodruff indicated he is very much in favor of having art incorporated in the City Parks. Current projects in the works include the clock tower at Farmin Park and new bathrooms at City Beach. Other projects could include the skate park and such things as updating signs in all of the parks and replacing the lights at City Beach. Some of what can be done is limited by budget restraints and whether grant funding is received for a project. Discussion followed on ways art

could be incorporated into projects. Several Commission members suggested Mr. Woodruff watch the Jack Mackie video for ideas of what has been done elsewhere.

Mr. Woodruff stated he gets a lot of phone calls from people wanting to donate trees, benches, etc., in memory of someone to put in one of the parks. Currently when he gets this type of phone call, he's just finding somewhere for the donation to go. His department is currently working on an inventory of the parks. Discussion followed on having a catalog of samples of the functional artistic items (benches, fountains, tree grates, etc.) that someone could purchase with their donation. Chairwoman Hughes expressed concern about the process involved in having such a catalog; currently the Arts Commission is to make recommendations to City Council for placement of public art, and she would like to have feedback from artists for projects. Councilwoman Elliott said such a catalog could include artists' names, samples of their work, and a price range that the artist agreed to for production. She added it might be possible to shorten the process with Council for an approved list of things.

Introduction

Tammy Farmin, a local artist who created the metal artistic animals on posts in downtown Sandpoint was introduced to the Commission. She indicated she had just happened by and decided to sit in on the meeting. She gave a brief history of herself and her interest in public art. Ms. Farmin said she was interested in participating in future meetings

Arts Commission on the Web

It was noted the question of whether the Arts Commission could be included on the City's web site at last month's meeting. Mrs. Bramblee said she's not sure if that is a matter that would need to be approved by City Council. Councilwoman Elliott indicated she would check with the Mayor, adding there may be some money available to create a page as was done for the Bonner Business Center. Mrs. Bramblee said there are some templates available on the City's current web site and that each department typically makes updates on their own page. The consensus of the Commission was that a web page should include the Commission's mission statement, the list of members, updates on the "Art by the Inch," an explanation and examples of public art, and contact information. It was noted that Kami Blood might be able to help, since she works on the Parks and Recreation Department's web page and is also an artist

Strategic Plan Meeting

The strategic planning session scheduled at the last meeting for Friday, March 11, was discussed. Mrs. Bramblee indicated she would be unable to attend that date because of meeting preparations for the following week. Following discussion of everyone's agenda, it was agreed to reschedule it to Thursday, April 14 at Commissioner Schultz's house (915 Poplar Street) from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The agenda for the planning session will be set at the regular April 12 meeting.

“Art by the Inch” Update

Mrs. Bramblee noted that, as of March 4, \$4,285 had been pledged and \$1,345 had been received. Commissioner Wahl indicated she was still working on the “thank-you” letter and would e-mail it out when it was drafted.

ICA Clocktower Selection Committee and RFP

It was agreed there was not enough time remaining to discuss this item.

Review of Draft Mural Application

Mrs. Bramblee said there had been discussion during the review of the application of the procedures that had previously been approved. One of the issues was the inclusion of the term “hoarding.” The consensus was the definition of that term should be included in the application. Discussion followed on when graphics in a sign became signage. It was agreed the first paragraph in the application procedures should read, “...and shall contain no words or images used for the intent of advertising.”

Next meeting date: April 14 at 4 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairwoman Hughes adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

/s/
Joan Bramblee, Associate Planner