

City of Auburn Arts Commission Meeting

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Present: Kristine De Leon, Tammy Dwight, Tracy Gallaway, Trisenda Mayfield, Ann Marie Natali, Chris Olds, Tori Olsen, Dinah Rau.

Arts Commission: Tammy Dwight, Tracy Gallaway, John Harris, Anna Kear, Eydie Leighty, Kristine De Leon, Trisenda Mayfield, Ann Marie Natali, Chris Olds, Tori Olsen, Dinah Rau, Tracy Taylor-Turner.

Excused: John Harris, Anna Kear, Eydie Leighty, Tracy Taylor Turner.

Staff: Allison Hyde, Arts Program Supervisor; Amanda Jenkinson, Aidyn Dervaes, Arts Assistants; Julie Krueger, Arts & Events Manager

I. Call to Order

- a. Call to Order – Chair Natali called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM.
- b. Public comment – Chair Natali asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no public comments.
- c. Introduction – Allison Hyde introduced the City's new Arts Assistants: Amanda Jenkinson and Aidyn Dervaes. The Arts Commission took the time to briefly introduce themselves to the new staff members.
- d. Approval of Arts Commission minutes – Chair Natali asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2023 Arts Commission meeting. Commissioner Dwight moved that the minutes be accepted as written. Commissioner Mayfield seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

II. 2022-23 Downtown Sculpture Gallery

- a. Arts Program Supervisor Allison Hyde presented the results of the People's Choice Award in which sculpture "Breathe Deep: Raven Moon" by artist Jill Drilevich won with a total of 67 votes.
- b. The Arts Commission discussed the possibility of the Purchase Award. Arts Program Supervisor Allison Hyde presented the commission with information related to current theft of three bronze public art pieces, insurance deductible information, and noted that we have three sculptures in storage waiting to be sited. Hyde suggested that they Commission could consider not purchasing a piece. Discussion amongst Commission members ensued.

Chair Natali asked for a motion to approve the selection of sculpture "Breathe Deep: Raven Moon" by artist Jill Drilevich and Craig Breitbach for purchase at a cost of \$5,000, and that the remaining funds be allocated to the deductibles of the stolen property. Commissioner Rau moved that sculpture is purchased with funds. Commissioner Olds seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

III. 2024 Postmark Programming Grants

- a. Arts Program Supervisor Hyde presented the commission with the first draft of the Postmark Programming Grant. The purpose of the grant is to give the community the power to shape the programming at Auburn's new arts center.
- b. Hyde stated that the 4Culture grant money typically used for the project support grant could be awarded at the same time between both grants, based on which has more applications and needs more funding. The grant would have the same submission date as the project grant and

follow typical eligibility protocols. Commissioner Dwight made a motion to approve the new grant form. Commissioner De Leon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Public Artwork Deaccession Proposals

- a. Arts Program Supervisor Allison Hyde presented the commission with a Public Artwork Deaccession Proposal for artwork titled "You Are Here – Millennium Sundial" by artist Ries Niemi. The artwork was commissioned 23 years ago and was created with timbers that were already 100 years old. The artwork has been temporarily repaired due to safety concerns and the cost to formally repair the piece outweighs the worth of the artwork. Elements of the artwork will be repurposed by the city, and the table will be converted to a large picnic table for the people of Les Gove Park to enjoy. Commissioner Olsen made a motion to approve the deaccession of the artwork. Commissioner Rau seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Arts Program Supervisor Allison Hyde presented the commission with a second Public Artwork Deaccession Proposal for artwork titled "Centennial Mural" by artist Tom Teitge. The artwork was commissioned in 1989. The mural was painted on a wall that does not belong to the City and whose surface is no longer structurally sound and is crumbling apart. Hyde noted that many cities do not consider murals to be permanent collection artworks and assume they have a limited expected lifespan for care and maintenance responsibility. Deaccessioning this artwork would not alter the mural in any way, but rather remove the city of the responsibility of maintaining the artwork, allowing the mural's future to be the responsibility or decision of the building owners. Commissioner Mayfield motioned to approve the deaccession of the artwork. Commissioner Rau seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Updates and News

- a. Arts Program Supervisor Hyde shared updates on the city's official grand opening date for the Postmark Center for the Arts: September 16, 2023, 11:00-3:00, and invited commissioners to attend or volunteer.
- b. Hyde invited Arts Commissioners to serve on the upcoming selection jury process for the City Galleries and the Site-Specific Galleries and will follow up with details for participation.
- c. Performing arts Bravo events for the following 23-24 year were finalized, and the programming is expanding at the Postmark Center for the Arts where a few small concerts will be held starting this fall.

VI. Adjourn Arts Commission - There being no further business, Arts Commissioner Olds moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner De Leon seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Aidyn Dervaes.

Approved the ____ day of _____, _____.

(Chair Arts Commission)

(Staff)