

CITY OF KETCHUM, IDAHO

KETCHUM ARTS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, March 17, 2022, 12:00 p.m.

OPENING OF MEETING, CALL TO ORDER: By Chair Caleb Spangenberg.

ATTENDEES: Caleb Spangenberg, Hilarie Neely, Carter Hedberg, Claudia McCain, Meredith Skillman, Elizabeth Youmans, Victor Vandenberg, L'Anne Gilman, Genoa Beiser.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Adoption of February, 2022 Minutes with amendment: Claudia requested that we amend February agenda item # 5 New Business to include the heading Sidewalk Stencil Project.
Motion to adopt: Claudia McCain
Motion to Second: Hilarie Neely
Minutes Approved with above addition.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Rotary Park Peace Pole: Genoa told the commissioners that the city of Ketchum was contacted by Rotary District 5400 to express their interest in installing a Peace Pole in Rotary Park, which the latter would fully fund. This would be part of a broader Rotary Club initiative to install Peace Poles in various locations around the world. Genoa put up on the screen a photo of the proposed Peace Pole, sent by the Rotary District. It has an obelisk shape and is inscribed. According to Genoa, the Rotary District contacted the Ketchum Parks & Rec Commission initially, and said that they would like to plan a peace walk to accompany the installation of the pole. Caleb said it would be nice to let artists create their own designs, which could then be juried by the KAC. After Googling the Rotary Peace Poles, he noted that there is some variety in the designs, but that most of the poles have an obelisk shape. He added that some of the Peace Poles include landscape designs and plazas to encourage gathering. While many commissioners expressed their support for a peace pole, Claudia also noted that the KAC might have to put money toward landscaping, or moving other installations already in Rotary Park, since the park is small, and it may get crowded. She said the KAC would have to visit the site and carefully consider placement of the pole. Genoa said that the Rotary Conference is in May, but that the Mayor does not want to do the Peace Pole project this year. Caleb encouraged the KAC commissioners to do some Peace Pole research on their own time.
3. Utility Box Wrapping
 - a. Locations: Claudia reminded the KAC that we have two utility boxes on Highway 75 for which we have juried the cover art, but not installed. It was noted that the utility boxes on Lewis Street are in bad repair, and need to be rewrapped. Caleb asked if we could contact the artist we selected for the boxes on Hwy 75 and see if we could obtain permission to use the art on Lewis Street. Claudia noted that the artist made art for a location with high visibility, and expected it to be installed on the boxes on the highway. Caleb pointed out that Lewis Street gets a lot of activity due to its proximity to the Y, the Fire Station and the Light Industrial and said

that a strong argument could be made that the visibility is similar. Hilarie suggested we ask the artist for approval to wrap the Lewis Street boxes. Claudia noted that Sun Valley Company has said that two of the art-wrapped gondolas are starting to look worn, and the SV Company wants to remove the wrapping. She said that the gondola art is funded by private donation, since KAC funds can only be used for public art in Ketchum. Therefore, none of the Cover Art funds will be used to replace the worn gondola wrappings.

- b. Call release date: Genoa said that Calls for Utility Boxes are generally put out in the second half of the year. Claudia noted that the boxes cannot be wrapped when the weather is cold. Caleb tabled the discussion of the Calls to the April KAC meeting.

4. Updates

- a. Art on Fourth Call to Artists: Genoa said that a Call has been posted on two websites, and requested suggestions for other sites on which to post. The applications for Art on Fourth projects are due April 8. No applications have been received yet. Caleb noted that sometimes there is a flood of applications right before the deadline.
- b. City Hall Sculpture & Call - Update: Genoa said she was hoping to get the sculpture that was chosen installed by mid-April, but that the artist informed her he was running into supply issues and that fabrication is therefore taking longer than anticipated. She said she was hoping to have a Call on other City Hall projects issued before the April KAC meeting. She said she would send it to L'Anne and Meredith for review before posting it. Claudia and Carter also said they would like to look it over before it is issued. Caleb said it will be sent to all the commissioners for comment before it is posted.

5. New Business

- a. Sidewalk Stencils – Caleb said a contractor picked up the stencil and took it to his workshop in Fairfield where he will make a concrete sample.
- b. Airport Art – Claudia said that the airport is closed for a month, which will affect the timing of the new art installation. Caleb complimented her on the ad in the Mountain Express and Claudia said all the advertising is created and paid for by the airport, which also pays for the Call for Artists. Caleb asked Genoa if the City of Ketchum would pay for advertising for Art in City Hall. He said we should at least issue a Public Notice. Genoa said she agreed that would be a good idea and would look into it.

UPCOMING DATES

- 6. Thursday, April 21, 2022, 12:00 noon.

Motion to adjourn: Hilarie

Second: Meredith

ADJOURNMENT

