

CITY OF KETCHUM, IDAHO

KETCHUM ARTS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, February 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, Jill Lear, Genoa Beiser.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Adoption of January, 2022 Minutes

Motion to adopt: Claudia McCain

Motion to Second : Caleb Spangenberg

Minutes Approved

2. Approval of Art on 4th Call to Artists

Caleb noted that he's gotten some feedback that the KAC should focus on local artists. He said we want to make sure in our messaging that we are reaching local artists. Claudia pointed out that it is very important that all artists know that the jurying process is blind; if it is perceived that we give preference to local artists, it could discourage other artists from applying. Caleb agreed with this, and said that in the past, there were some years where we had very few applicants for Art on 4th. Claudia added that the stipend was increased to attract more applicants.

Motion to approve the Call to Artists for Art on 4th : Caleb

Motion to Second: Claudia

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. New City Hall Art Discussion and Staff Direction

Caleb suggested that the KAC not try to make the initial Call something that addresses the entire Art in City Hall project and spends our entire budget. He recommended that the Commission focus on the bigger spaces where public art would make an impact – such as the walls in the Council Chambers. He also recommended we ask Meredith and L'Anne to apply their expertise to the chosen spots, and determine what they think would work best; and then figure out what the size, medium and budget would be. Genoa noted that the Mayor and the City Administration have expressed a desire to have some historical photography displayed. Claudia said that there is a large, local photography club in town and she would support exhibiting some of their photographs. She added that an exhibition with a variety of media would be appealing. Carter said he would be in favor of that, as long as all the pieces went together nicely. He agreed that the KAC should take a step-by-step approach by making the higher impact areas a priority, then doing more projects as funds permit. Caleb said that once we installed some pieces, those would serve as a framework for choosing others. He noted that our

current budget would not be the only funds ever available for Art in City Hall. Meredith suggested having a wall or area designated for artwork by local schoolchildren.

Genoa noted that the City had hired an interior designer, Nicole Snyder, to redo the color palette on the walls, as many employees found the current palette too gray.

4. 2022 Budget

a. Allocation of rollover amount

There was some discussion of the \$2,500 that was rolled over from the owl sculpture in Town Square that was never paid to the artist, due to the defective condition of the sculpture. Hilarie said the KAC needed to decide whether to add the money to the \$5,000 Art on 4th budget, or allocate it elsewhere. After some discussion, it was decided to move the \$2,500 to the Cover Art budget, to wrap the utility boxes that are showing significant wear and tear.

Motion to move the \$2,500 to Cover Art: Hilarie

Motion to Second: Caleb

Motion carried.

5. New Business

Caleb said that one of the local contractors who has the ability to do sandblasting has agreed to get a piece of concrete brought to his shop, where he will do the stencil sample. This would expedite the process so we do not have to wait till spring. This would give us a proof of concept now.

Genoa told the Commission that she has submitted the application for the ICA Entry Track Grant, and that we will be notified in June if we have received the grant.

Upcoming Dates – Thursday, March 17th, 2022, 12:00 noon.

Motion to adjourn: Elizabeth

Second: Carter

ADJOURNMENT