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to enhance the quality of life for Meridian residents and its visitors*

**Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 3:30 PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall
33 E. Broadway, Meridian, Idaho**

1. Roll-Call Attendance

- x_ Lizzie Taylor
- x_ Jessica Peters
- x_ Bonnie Zahn Griffith, Vice Chair
- x_ Leslie Mauldin, Chair
- ___ Vacant
- x_ Maria Tzompa joined 3:50pm
- ___ Vacant
- x_ Jenifer Cavaness-Williams joined
- ___ Logan Cloninger
- ___ Joe Borton, ex officio

2. Adoption of the Agenda

L. Mauldin commented that we forgot to include the diversity training that was requested to be on this month's agenda. The diversity training will be on August's agenda.

Motion for adoption made by B. Griffith, seconded by L. Taylor.

All ayes

3. Approval of Minutes [Action Item]

A. Minutes from June 15, 2020 Special Meeting

Motion for approval made by J. Peters, seconded by B. Griffith.

All ayes

4. New Business [Action Item]

A. Approval of Monthly Expenses [Action Item]

Motion for approval made by J. Peters, seconded by B. Griffith.

All ayes

B. Discussion: When to Bring Mural Series Project to City Council

A. Belnap asked the Commission when they would like to present the Mural Series proposal to City Council- requesting their feedback at key points in the selection process and/or requesting final approval once the specified locations and mural designs have been selected. L. Mauldin stated that in an effort to respect the City Council's time, she believed it would be best to present to City Council at the end of the selection processes. All the present commissioners unanimously agreed with no additional comments.

Leslie inquired about how to make this a standard procedure. E. Kane stated that a simple decision is sufficient for this project, however the Commission can return to the subject and write out a formalized process for presenting to City Council if they wish. E. Kane will also check the Public Art Accession/Deaccession Policy to see if this step is outlined there.

5. Reports

A. Update: Public Art Subcommittee

1. Public Art Plan Progress
2. Traffic Box Wraps

J. Peters summarized the efforts of the Public Art Subcommittee to continue with the Public Art Plan- A. Belnap, J. Peters, have been in communication with Meridith McKinley. A. Belnap will reach out to Meridith to determine next steps. J. Peters also informed the commission that the Request for Statements of Interest is open for applicants, A. Belnap stated that no applications have been received. The commission briefly discussed the possibility of pushing back the date for businesses to submit an application. The Public Art Subcommittee can discuss this further in their next meeting. L. Taylor suggested that the advertisement is sent to the Chamber of Commerce again. She also recommended that the Commission send Sean Evans a thank you card for all his help.

A. Belnap updated the Commission regarding the status of the Traffic Box Artwork project. The agreements are on City Council's agenda, however the Public Art Subcommittee needs to select two more artwork pieces for the project.

B. Update: Initial Point Gallery Subcommittee

1. New Initial Point Gallery Exhibit
2. Call to Artist Responses for Initial Point Gallery 2021 Calendar

B. Griffith reviewed the new Initial Point Gallery Exhibit and informed the Commission that the Call to Artists is still open. A. Belnap stated that she had received very enthusiastic responses from artists and organizations, however, only received 2-3 applications. The commissioners will continue to reach out to artists and organizations.

C. Update: Events & Outreach Subcommittee

1. Art Week
2. Concerts on Broadway

M. Tzompa informed the Commission that Art Week will take place Sept 9-12, focused in the Downtown Meridian area. The Subcommittee is looking into two projects that were proposed by citizens, a Tiny Art Exchange and an Art Walk. Leslie informed the Commission that Taste of Meridian will not be partnering with Concerts on Broadway anymore.

The Commission discussed the need for contingency plans for events and how to emphasize public safety. L. Mauldin and M. Tzompa acknowledged the risk of gatherings with the current rise in coronavirus cases and commented on doing things as virtually as possible.

B. Griffith asked about Tammy de Weerd's Awards in the Arts. M. Tzompa and A. Belnap stated that nothing has been planned for the awards. The Commission discussed who should select the awards- former Mayor Tammy de Weerd or current Mayor Robert Simison? No decision was made. The Events & Outreach Subcommittee will discuss further.

Since Taste of Meridian is no longer going to take part in Concerts on Broadway, the Commission discussed the necessity of finding food trucks. J. Peters suggested searching the Food Truck Roundup.

6. Next Meeting: August 13, 2020

7. Adjournment

J. Cavaness-Williams made motion to adjourn, seconded by B. Griffith.

All ayes.

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