



## **PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE**

Parks and Recreation Conference Room, 33 East Broadway Avenue Meridian, Idaho

Tuesday, August 02, 2022 at 3:30 PM

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### **MINUTES**

#### **ROLL-CALL ATTENDANCE**

Lizzie Taylor      Vacant  
 Jessica Peters  
 Bobby Gaytan, Chair

Meridian Arts Commission Chair, Bonnie Zahnn Griffith, was present as well. City staff present were Arts and Culture Coordinator, Cassandra Schiffler, Arts and Culture Intern, Lindsey Arnold, and Parks Director, Mike Barton (until 4pm).

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES [ACTION ITEM]**

1. Approve Public Art Committee Meeting Minutes from 6-21-22  
L. Taylor made motion to approve minutes, seconded by J. Peters. All ayes.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. Brainstorming: Discovery Park Public Art Project

Mike Barton discussed the Discovery Park II project that is underway (phase 1 is completed of Discovery Park). M. Barton reviewed the drawings for the Discovery park phase 1 and phase 2. He discussed the possibility of the committee identifying possible public art projects in Discovery Park and for any infrastructure art project possibilities, this will need to be identified as soon as possible.

M. Barton discussed the theme of learning, exploration, and "discover" of Discovery Park and the possibility of an art project that could tie in with this. The committee discussed the budget for an Art project as \$150,000 with a call advertising a \$120,000 project and a contingency budget of \$30,000.

The committee discussed ideas for three standing sculptures at Discovery Park. B. Gaytan suggested art on the floor in a basketball court as an idea (non-sculpture) for Discovery Park and art opportunities for the skate park (murals).

J. Peters suggested an art project of an interactive art in Discovery Park (for example, something that can play music or light up in response to interaction). B. Gaytan suggested a discovery space theme for the art in Discovery Park. Mike discussed that an interactive solar system display could be purchased as a kit at the park, which had been brought in some initial planning ideas. Lizzie brought up the idea of an ocean theme for the Art project and the committee discussed the ideas of shells, running water, etc. within the ocean theme.

Bonnie suggested an idea of windows made of tiles filled with information about the area, to tie in with Historical preservation. Bobby suggested a monarch butterfly theme (the monarch butterfly is the Idaho state insect).

Mike Barton had to leave at approximately 4:03 PM. The committee suggested possibilities for where the Art can be located within Discovery Park (like the Community Garden in the Park, the teen area with hammock posts) and discussed art that could be integrated into the landscape and posts that make sounds when people walk by. The committee discussed a charging station in the teen area where teens can pedal a bike to power the charging station for their phone, a selfie spot for teens, etc. The committee discussed the possibility of doing multiple art projects (one in the teen area of the park, another one in another area of the park, etc.). The committee also discussed functional art in conjunction with a recreation work out spot (i.e. the outdoor gyms).

Bobby suggested an abstract landscape shape art that could be located near the baseball fields. Lizzie talked about abstract art that included sports paintings, etc. Jessica talked about an idea of a musical themed art area in conjunction with performance areas in the park.

The commission discussed the process of sending out an RFQ and then an RFP. J. Peters asked about public involvement in this project. C. Schiffler said that after a proposal stage and we had suggested project, there could be of a public input stage.

The committee discussed homework to go to tour around the Discovery Park separately, and to continue to think about the site and to process the ideas suggested.

C. Schiffler reviewed the discussion by recapping

- the recommended budget for the project is \$150,000
- the committee is leaning towards an interactive and educationally focus projects, following the theme of “discovery”
- the artist proposals can do 1-3 art pieces in the park

C. Schiffler suggested for the committee to select three possible sites within Discovery Park for art and for the artist. The committee reviewed possibilities, and landed on the ideas that it would be either 1 art project in the bike park or in a visible area in the park (near concessions). L. Taylor expressed that the artwork should not go near the bathrooms. Three sites suggested for multiple public art projects in areas were: community garden area, teen area, and along the pathway.

C. Schiffler would like to put out an RFQ for this project this winter, after the Holidays.

## **REPORTS**

3. Updates on Public Art Projects in Progress: Mural Series at unBound Library and Pool, Five Mile Creek Pathway Trailhub, Tully Skate Park Mural Project, Traffic Box Series.

Cassandra gave an update on the above reports and for the Tully Skate Park Mural Project, Jessica discussed the design panel review recommendations for the Tully Skate Park Mural Project and Cassandra showed the Commission the design options pictures. Cassandra discussed locations for the traffic boxes, which are planned for some downtown in the urban renewal area, at five of the fire stations, and that due to the aging and conditiona of some of the traffic boxes, two older boxes were selected for replacement.

**NEXT MEETING - September 20, 2022**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

L. Taylor made motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 4:50 PM. J. Peters seconded. All ayes.