



## MERIDIAN ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

City Council Chambers, 33 East Broadway Avenue Meridian, Idaho

Thursday, December 09, 2021 at 3:30 PM

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### MINUTES

#### VIRTUAL MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

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#### ROLL-CALL ATTENDANCE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lizzie Taylor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maria Tzompa
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jessica Peters, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jenifer Cavaness-Williams
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Natalie Schofield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Thomas Vannucci
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bonnie Zahn Griffith, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Raeya Wardle
<input type="checkbox"/>	Leslie Mauldin (arrived at 3:36pm)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Joe Borton, Ex-Officio

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

J. Cavaness-Williams made motion to adopt agenda; seconded by T. Vannucci.

All ayes

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES [ACTION ITEM]

1. Minutes from October 14, 2021 Regular Meeting

J. Peters made motion to approve minutes; seconded by N. Schofield.

All ayes

#### APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS [ACTION ITEM]

2. Monthly Financial Statement for October 2021

L. Taylor made motion to approve monthly financial statements; seconded by J. Cavaness-Williams.

All ayes

#### REPORTS [ACTION ITEM]

**Update: Initial Point Gallery Subcommittee**

3. Initial Point Gallery Current and Upcoming Exhibit

N. Schofield reported that the new gallery exhibit opened last week and will be up for December and January. B. Zahn Griffith (gallery opening reception host) explained who the gallery artists are, and that the displayed pieces are a variety of art mediums, and reported great turnout at the reception (approximately 64 people).

N. Schofield reported that Subcommittee is confirming the last few open dates for the gallery calendar and resolving one calendar conflict for 2022. A. Belnap stated she is still working to see if she can switch November 2022 and December 2022 exhibitors and expects to report on this at the next Subcommittee meeting.

**Update: Events & Outreach Subcommittee**

L. Mauldin stated Subcommittee will now be meeting the third Thursday of every month at 5pm and the next Subcommittee meeting will be December 16<sup>th</sup>. L. Mauldin stated she is actively researching bands for the next Concerts on Broadway series and will propose groups at next Subcommittee meeting. L. Mauldin stated that the Subcommittee needs to start looking at dates for Concerts on Broadway and begin band booking process.

4. Christmas in Meridian Ornament Drop, December 11-12

A. Belnap reviewed the 2021 Ornament Drop event and stated that the benefit of collaborating with Special Events in the Meridian Parks and Recreation Department is a far-reaching marketing campaign which advertises the Ornament Drop along with all the Christmas in Meridian activities. L. Mauldin stated future Subcommittee meetings will include discussing through concepts for holiday events. B. Zahn Griffith requested clarification on how ornaments are to be left around Downtown Meridian. A. Belnap stated there is no requirement to leave ornaments in plastic bags but tags are provided to write down the artist's name, if desired, and that this information is provided on the website.

L. Mauldin requested a Christmas parade update from A. Belnap. A. Belnap stated the parade and tree lighting ceremony was the same night as the recent Initial Point Gallery opening reception so after the reception A. Belnap did walk around for a bit. A. Belnap noted the parade was smaller than in previous years but still very successful and well attended.

**Update: Public Art Subcommittee**

5. Meridian Mural Series: Finding Two Remaining Properties

J. Peters thanked everyone for coming to the mural dedication in November and stated her appreciation of Mayor Simison's support of the Commission and more art in Meridian.

A. Belnap stated she has sent the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the Meridian Library District and has requested to present at the upcoming Meridian Library District Board Meeting so she can explain what this proposal is and the benefits of the Library District's participation in Meridian's Mural Series. A. Belnap stated both parties would sign the MOU at the start of the mural series process to

avoid the situation that has occurred with previous two locations dropping out of the process.

A. Belnap stated she has not yet reached out to Fred Meyers about participating in Meridian's Mural Series but will do so and report back at the next Subcommittee meeting.

6. **Ten Mile Trailhead Installation: Stephanie Inman Design Adjustments and Contracting**

A. Belnap confirmed she has been in contact with Stephanie and that she and Emily have been working on the installation task order. A. Belnap stated Stephanie is not able to attend the next Subcommittee meeting but Stephanie will provide a new model and sketches for the Subcommittee to review and provide feedback on.

A. Belnap stated she and Stephanie have communicated through email about the Subcommittee's requested adjustments and Stephanie has provided an explanation of what may or may not be possible due to the budget requirements, and specifically, Stephanie is looking in to the Subcommittee's request for the piece to have more mass. A. Belnap stated that if the Subcommittee approves the new model and sketches, these will go to the Commission for review and approval in January. A. Belnap stated that once approved by the Commission, the proposal will move to the City Council for review and approval with the hopes that the fabrication process can begin February 1. A. Belnap stated that if the timeline is adhered to based on these approvals, installation should occur in June or July.

T. Vannucci requested clarification from A. Belnap on the process if the Subcommittee does not approve Stephanie's next level of design. A. Belnap stated that if the Subcommittee requests additional major adjustments, A. Belnap recommends pushing the timeline out another month to give Stephanie time to make revisions and re-present her design to the Subcommittee for approval.

A. Belnap stated that if the Subcommittee requests additional minor adjustments, A. Belnap recommends allowing Stephanie to make these adjustments and move the final design to the next level of approval which is the January Commission meeting. A. Belnap stated additional scenarios could include both the Subcommittee and Stephanie stopping the entire process altogether and then the Subcommittee would have to go with the second art piece in the Request for Proposal process. A. Belnap reminded the Commission that the install must happen by September 2022.

7. **Public Art Plan: Reviewing Draft**

J. Peters requested that A. Belnap provide an update on the Public Art Plan.

A. Belnap stated that she will provide a draft of the pieces of the Public Art Plan that she has collected prior to her departure from the Arts and Culture Coordinator position the first week of January. A. Belnap encouraged the Subcommittee to still host a Saturday workshop to work on the draft Public Art Plan though A. Belnap will not be able to be involved.

**NEXT MEETING - January 14, 2022**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

L. Mauldin made motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by J. Peters and T. Vannucci.

All ayes