



ARTS, CULTURE, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

December 10, 2024 at 8:30 AM

Council Chambers at City Hall - 1123 W. Lake St. Sandpoint, Idaho

Call to Order

The meeting of the Sandpoint Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 8:31am on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, by Chair Elle Susnis in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1123 W. Lake St., Sandpoint, ID.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Chair Ellen Susnis
Commissioner Barry Burgess
Commissioner Hannah Combs
Commissioner Katelyn Shook
Commissioner Mike Lithgow
Commissioner Rick Decker
Commissioner Kate McAlister

ABSENT

Commissioner Karin Wedemeyer
Commissioner Keely Gray

Meeting Minutes Approval

Both the October 8th regular meeting minutes and October 23rd special meeting minutes were approved as presented by unanimous vote of Commissioners present.

Motion made by Commissioner Shook, Seconded by Commissioner Combs.

Voting Yea: Chair Susnis, Commissioner Burgess, Commissioner Combs, Commissioner Shook, Commissioner Lithgow, Commissioner Decker, Commissioner McAlister

Financial Report

The latest financial information from the Sandpoint Urban Renewal Agency reflects the following for art fund balances:

Downtown \$191,163.73

Northern \$104,076.18

Silver Box Project: \$1684.68 (advanced to date \$18,315.22)

Commission Business - Arts

Arts 1: the first item under Arts Business was an update on Silver Box Art Installation-Fall Phase.

Ms. Upton shared an update on the six-month Fall phase of the Silver Box program. All three pieces by artists Dave Gonzo, Anna Lee Harris, and Denny Henson have been installed and the procurement process for the informational plaques is underway.

Arts 2: the next item under Arts Business was an update on Paint the Plow Community Naming Event

Ms. Upton shared the names selected for the Paint the Plows Program. Names selected for the newly painted plows are Darth Blader, Hans Snowlow, Sleetwood Mac, Clearapathra, and Scoop Dog.

Arts 3: the final item under Arts Business was an update on Sandpoint Murals.

Ms. Upton reminded commissioners that they approved two mural applications in 2024 and informed them that painting for both will commence next Spring 2025.

Commission Business - Culture

Culture 1: Presentation on James E. Russell Sports Complex

Ms. Upton shared various components of the work done at the James E. Russell Sports Center that align with the Arts Culture Historic Preservation Master Plan. She celebrated the placemaking elements and partnerships with local artisans, museum and Kalispel Tribe that made them possible. A special acknowledgement went out to Elle Susnis, who as a volunteer, contributed her time and skills to support the project. Discussion was had about the dedication of the JER Sports Center which took place on November 26, 2024.

Commission Business - Historic Preservation

HP 1: Update on Residential Call for Info.

Ms. Upton informed commissioners of an article that recently appeared in the Sandpoint Magazine, which detailed the commissions residential call for information. Ms. Upton will be following up with the work team for this project to coordinate distribution of program information via door hangers.

HP 2: Update on Historic Walking Tour Brochure

Ms. Upton advised commissioners that the work team for the historic walking tour brochure will be reconvened in January to wrap up the project.

Announcements & Commissioners' Roundtable

Ms. Upton reviewed the projects completed by the ACHP Commission during 2024, and commended commissioners for their achievements.

Ms. Upton celebrated outgoing ACHP commissioners Hannah Combs and Karin Wedemeyer and advised the commission of newly appointed members Will Valentine, and Carol Deaner. She also shared that commissioner Elle Susnis had been reappointed for another three-year term.

Commissioners Shook and Decker shared that tickets are available online for "A Christmas Carol," at the Panida Theatre. The play will take place on December 2022, 2024. Commissioner Combs shared the Museum would be hosting an open house, "Merriment at the Museum," from 4-6:30pm, Thursday, December 12, 2024. The event will offer a festive evening of holiday cheer and local history.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 9:27am.

I presided over the meeting and can confirm that minutes, prepared by the Board Clerk and City Staff Liaison, were approved by the Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation Commission during their regular meeting held on _____, 2024.

Elle Susnis, Chair

Kami Omodt, Board Clerk