

Hailey Arts Commission
May 7, 2009
Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Mark Johnstone; Andy Lewis, Jessica Miller, Jim Spinelli

Commissioners Absent: Joe Castle, Pat Robinson, Kelli Young

City Staff Absent: Tracy Anderson, Heather Dawson

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m.

Minutes

Approval of the April 2, 2009 minutes was deferred to June, as a quorum was not present.

Item 4 was pulled by Johnstone to the front of the agenda, and Jessica Miller was welcomed as a new commissioner.

Old Business

Update on Public Art Projects - Fox Building Mural and Welcome to Hailey Sign

Johnstone updated the commission on the pending public art projects. For the Fox Building Mural, grant applications have either been submitted, or will soon be submitted to Idaho Power and the National Endowment for the Arts. There have been no responses from solicitations made to local foundations. The Welcome to Hailey sign needs about \$3700 to begin the process.

Month of Art and Night of Music

Spinelli reported that an e-blast had gone out from the Chamber to businesses regarding participation in the Month of Art. Johnstone passed out copies of the Wood River Arts Alliance timeline and application form for artists. Johnstone also reported about meeting with Dana DuGan, with about 50% of the musical performers matched with restaurants or bars for the Night of Music, which has been rescheduled to Monday, July 13. Lewis will contact DuGan about involving classical music in the event.

Month of Art Declaration and Press

Johnstone reported that he will work with DuGan to craft a press release for the Night of Music, and the WRAA for the Month of Art. He will also seek to have the City and WRAA list these events on their websites, in addition to the Chamber. 40 radio spots have been arranged with KECH.

New Business

Sawtooth Botanical Garden invitation

The invitation from the SVG to participate in this summer's Living Botanical Art Contest was discussed. It was decided that the Arts Commission would not participate, due to several factors: it was not budgeted; the commission has many time commitments during the summer, and; it is outside the Area of Impact for the City.

Tom Archie, Words and Music, was continued to June 4.

Jon McGowan – invitation for exhibition or performance space

Johnstone described his conversations with Jon McGowan regarding his interest in possibly developing an exhibition space that would be maintained and/or sponsored by the commission in his properties (“The Village”), as well as his interest in developing a workshop or festival of writers and film. Spinelli described Tammi Eaton’s success in projecting movies outdoors during the summer in Bellevue. It was concluded that any further discussions should probably involve CSI, as they might be in the best position to develop such a project.

Items not on the Agenda

Arts Advocate for the Year nomination

Johnstone informed the commission that they had been nominated for the 2009 Arts Advocate of the Year in the Wood River Valley Community Awards by the Sun Valley/Ketchum CVB & Hailey Chamber Boards.

Public Art Workshop

The Commission is sponsoring a free public art workshop for developers, architects and contractors on May 19 at 6:30 in the City Hall meeting chambers. It is being given by Johnstone in his role as Regional Arts Advisor for the Idaho Commission on the Arts.

Northern Rockies Folk Festival

Lewis and Johnstone will discuss with DuGan the possibility of the commission manning a food booth at the NRFF for fund raising.

Calendar

Johnstone has been getting calls from artists regarding local events. It was decided that it would be beneficial to maintain a calendar of these on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05.