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**Arts & Culture Commission
WORK STUDY MEETING**
7501 E. Skoog Blvd., Conf. Rm. 330
5:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Minutes

1. Call to Order & Welcome

Chairperson Quisenberry called the meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission to order at 5:36p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members present: Chairperson Lindsay Quisenberry, Vice-Chairperson Nancy Smith, Commissioner Andy Sinclair, and Commissioner Edward Lira.

Absent: Commissioner F. Gibson and Commissioner Z. Moss excused

Staff present: Brian Witty, Parks & Recreation Director and Isabella Chewning, Recreation Coordinator.

3. Approval of Agenda

Chairperson Quisenberry asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none she asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Vice-Chairperson Smith made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Commissioner Lira seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those members present.

4. Art at the Center – Raymond A. Jenkins Bequest Update – N. Smith & A. Sinclair, Commissioners and Isabella Chewning, Recreation Coordinator

Coordinator Chewning – The Call to Artists which you have all been provided a copy for review was created by Staff and the Art at the Center Committee to be a public Call for a new bronze sculpture to be installed at the East corner of Lakeshore Dr. and Skoog Blvd. The bequest by the Jenkins family has made this project, and the bronze obelisk on the opposite corner of the Civic Center, possible. Hopefully you have all had an opportunity to review the Call. Staff and the Art at the Center Committee can answer any further questions you may have.

Commissioner Sinclair – This has been a very expedited process, but we are working with the time constraints. Northern Arizona is one of the bronze art capitols of the country. We are known for having wonderful bronze artists who work in the area. Hopefully we will have great applications as a result of this.

Vice-Chairperson Smith – Our initial idea for this project was to have pronghorns play an integral part in the design. We thought we should make the call broader than just pronghorns and see what kind of submissions we received. We included plant life typical of Northern Arizona into the Call as well. We are looking for a bronze sculpture that is no larger than 10 X 10 feet at the base which depicts local flora and fauna. We think the Town will like this concept.



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Commissioner Sinclair – I prefer it not be a saguaro since those are not typical in Northern AZ.

Vice-Chairperson Smith – I like the idea of a century plant instead of a saguaro because they are much more common in Northern AZ.

Commissioner Lira – Can it be glass or have other elements other than bronze?

Vice-Chairperson Smith – We are looking for predominantly bronze sculptures, but they can incorporate other materials.

Director Witty – Similar to Ed Reilly's obelisk, it is predominately bronze but is using plexiglass as well.

Chairperson Quisenberry – We had planned on using this year to raise money for the obelisk, and now that those funds are taken care of, we can spend time on new ideas and projects thanks to the bequest.

Commissioner Sinclair - Not only is the obelisk taken care of, but we also get an additional sculpture from this bequest.

Chairperson Quisenberry – I am so proud to be a part of this project and to see it through to completion.

Commissioner Lira – We can fulfill the vision that Lora Lee Nye has had for all these years.

Vice-Chairperson Smith – I still do not see the images on the website of the site, will that be resolved?

Director Witty – We have the entire posting ready to go, it has just not been made public on the website yet. With your approvals tonight, we will be ready to publish this in the morning.

Commissioner Lira – Do we need to include lighting into the Call for the artist to take care of?

Director Witty – Our intent is to have the lighting worked out in the Site Construction and to work with the Police Department on that. There is nothing prohibiting the artist from adding their own lighting to their sculpture or base.

Commissioner Lira - How are we on budget for the Site development?

Director Witty – The project budget is \$125,000 total which breaks into \$110,000 for the artwork and \$15,000 for the Site Construction which we are confident we can stay within.

Vice-Chairperson Smith - There is a lot of detail in this Call that is necessary and important, the one thing that concerns me is that within this Call they are asked to provide so much information. I made a checklist which I would like added as a supplemental document with the Call that I believe will help the artists get all the right information the first time around.

Commissioner Sinclair - I like the idea of a checklist. Should we include a line in the Call



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as to who owns the sculpture after completion? I think we should put in writing that the Town owns the sculpture and the copywrites.

Director Witty – Reference page 2, second to last paragraph of the Call. “The procurement of professional services for this Project will be governed by the provisions of A.R.S. §34-603. The contract for this Project shall be awarded based on demonstrated competence and qualifications. All applicable Federal Laws, State Laws, Municipal Codes, and other applicable rules and regulations of authorities having jurisdiction over said Project shall apply throughout.” If we stipulate in the contract that the Town owns the rights to the sculpture, we should be fine.

Coordinator Chewning – We are going through the contract process with Ed Reilly right now for the obelisk and I can assure you, those stipulations will go into both contracts.

Director Witty – As a reminder, Commissioners, members of the Selection Committee, and member of the Town Council cannot have input or participation in the development of designs or ideas with artist to avoid conflict of interest.

Coordinator Chewning – If an artist has questions or would like to visit the Site, they can contact me.

Director Witty - Kudos to Bella and the Art at the Center Committee for pulling this together so quickly.

Coordinator Chewning – I want to ensure we are all on board with the Call as it currently reads before it goes public. The verbiage of the Call is very important as it will directly influence the type of work we receive.

Chairperson Quisenberry - “The Town of Prescott Valley...seeks qualified artists or artist groups to create a unique, durable, site-specific bronze artwork at the Southeast corner of the Civic Center Campus on Lakeshore Drive and Skoog Blvd. Artists/ artist groups are encouraged to incorporate a self-contained water feature into their sculpture design whether it be a fountain, cascade, pool, or spray element. The artwork will enhance the overall character and atmosphere of the Civic Center Campus and support a welcoming environment at the core of the Town.”

I agree with the Call as written and unless anyone else has concerns I would like to ask for a motion to accept the Call.

Vice-Chairperson Smith made a motion to accept the 2020 Civic Center Bronze Sculpture Project Public Art Call for Artist(s) as presented with the addition of a supplemental “checklist” document for artists. Commissioner Lira seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those members present.

5. Resources and Opportunities - Isabella Chewning, Recreation Coordinator and B. Witty, Director

Coordinator Chewning – With the gift the Commission has been given of funds to complete these two monumental projects, Staff would like to review with Commission the best practices to utilize Staff time and functionality when it comes to new and existing projects. We would like to remind Commissioners that when engaging Staff, please bring all matters relating to existing Committees and Committee functions to myself. Please bring all matter



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relating to new Committee development or new idea development to Director Witty.

Director Witty – We want to ensure that all new ideas come forward so those ideas can be properly fleshed out, budgeted for, and allocated appropriately to staff.

Vice-Chairperson Smith – It's about putting ideas in the right bins, so it doesn't get lost.

Director Witty – Correct. We want to best utilize Staff time and get the most out of our budget and time.

6. Other

Chairperson Quisenberry – Is there an opportunity for us to do virtual tours of the Art at the Center?

Commissioner Sinclair - We are working on the QR Codes to be added to the Art at the Center which should be ready soon, maybe we could add a virtual element to that?

Coordinator Chewing – We intend to install the new QR Code system in October and we can certainly investigate adding a virtual option as well.

7. Next Meeting

- a. Work Study Meeting: Wednesday, August 12, 2020, 5:30pm, Conf. Rm 428
- b. Regular Meeting: Wednesday, August 19, 2020, 5:30pm, Auditorium

8. Adjournment

With no further questions or comments Chairperson Quisenberry said that the meeting stands adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



Chairperson Lindsay Quisenberry
VICE CHAIRPERSON

Respectively submitted by: Isabella Chewing, Recreation Coordinator
July 30, 2020