

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting:

Wednesday:

March 18, 2015:

The Regular Meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, was held in the Fercho Conference Room at the Fargo Public Library at 4:00 o'clock p.m., Wednesday, March 18, 2015.

The Arts and Culture Commissioners present or absent were as follows:

Present: Arlette Preston, Chelsea Thorson, Colleen Sheehy, David Bertolini, Dayna Del Val, Deb Williams, Jessica Jung, Michael Olsen

Also Present: Nicole Crutchfield, Dan Mahli, Maria Olson, Cassandra Maland

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order and introductions were made.

Item 2: Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Ms. Preston moved to nominate David Bertolini as Chair of the Arts and Culture Commission, with the contingency that the Chair's term expiration date be amended from January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2017. Second by Mr. Olsen. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Mr. Olsen moved to nominate Arlette Preston as Vice Chair of the Arts and Culture Commission. Second by Ms. Del Val. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Discussion was held regarding the re-appointment month for the term expirations of the Members as well as the years under which these terms end.

Ms. Del Val moved to amend the Arts and Culture Commission Members' term expiration dates from January 1 of 2016, 2017, and 2018 to June 1 of 2017, 2018, and 2019. Second by Ms. Preston. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Item 3: Discussion and Approval of Commission By-Laws

Discussion was held regarding changes to the Arts and Culture Commission By-Laws, including appointment of sub-committees from Commission Members to perform specific duties; amendment of the month the Board shall elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson; language regarding term limits for members; special meetings; and open meeting laws.

Planning Administrator Nicole Crutchfield stated a revised, amended By-Laws document will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

Item 4: First Year Workplan Discussion

Community Development Administrator Dan Mahli discussed with the Members the possibility of creating a separate division for the portion of the Social Service and Arts budget that goes towards support of art and moving this division over to the Arts and Culture Commission. He noted this fund currently supports the arts by providing funding to the Arts Partnership's re-grant program, as well as allocating \$20,000 for the support of public art projects. Discussion was held regarding how this funding should be allocated. Mr. Mahli stated the \$20,000 that went to the Community Development Committee could be set aside for the Arts and Culture Commission to make recommendations to City Commission on the use of those funds.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed First Year Workplan including the different types of public art, maintenance, a social engagement plan, partnerships, assessment of space for music/theatrical performance, and integration of public art into City infrastructure projects.

Item 5: Adjournment

Ms. Sheehy moved the meeting be adjourned. Second by Ms. Williams. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.