



MEMORANDUM

TO: Arts and Culture Commission
FROM: Maggie Squyer, Assistant Planner *ms*
DATE: May 17, 2021
RE: Arts and Culture Commission Meeting

The next meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission will held on Wednesday, May 19 at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at Fargo City Hall. If you are not able to participate, please contact staff at 701.241.1474 or Planning@FargoND.gov. Thank you.

**ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
Wednesday, May 19, 2021, 5:00 p.m.
Commission Chambers**

AGENDA

1. Approve or Amend Order of Agenda.....Action Item
2. Approve or Amend Minutes – April 21, 2021.....Action Item
3. Subcommittee Updates and Reports
 - a. Neighborhood Art GrantAction Item
4. Staff Updates
 - a. Call for Artists grant round discussion
5. Public Comment
6. Other Business
 - a. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting June 16, 2021

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People with disabilities who plan to attend the meeting and need special accommodations should contact the Planning Office at 701.241.1474 or TDD at 701.241.8258. Please contact us at least 48 hours before the meeting to give our staff adequate time to make arrangements.



Individuals wishing to address the commission virtually during public comment must contact the Planning Department in advance at 701-241-1474 for instructions.

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, was held in the Commission Chambers at City Hall at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 21, 2021.

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

Present: Deb Williams, Tracy Jordre, Jon Offutt, Tracy Walvatne, Monika Browne-Ecker, Ann Arbor Miller, Brad Bachmeier

Absent: Denise Kolpack, Joe Williams,

Chair D. Williams called the meeting to order and welcomed Members to the meeting.

Item 1: Order of Agenda

Member Bachmeier moved to approve the Order of Agenda. Second by Member Browne-Ecker. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Item 2: Minutes: Regular Meeting of February 17, 2021

Member Jordre moved the Minutes of the February 17, 2021 Arts and Culture Commission meeting be approved. Second by Member Bachmeier. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Item 3: Public Art Beyond Downtown (DCP, BID & TAP)

Chris Schlepp of the Business Improvement District presented an overview of the Public Art Beyond Downtown project, which would create an online catalog of artwork that citizens could use to wrap traffic signal boxes and benches outside of the Downtown area. Discussion was held regarding how artwork was selected and how frequently new art pieces would be added to the online catalog.

Member Bachmeier moved to recommend approval of the art proposed by the DCP, BID and TAP for the Public Art Beyond Downtown program. Second by Member Jordre. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Item 4: Staff Updates

Planning Coordinator Maegin Elshaug provided an update on the Core Neighborhoods Plan and Land Development Code Diagnostic, which are tentatively scheduled for the May 17th City Commission meeting. Ms. Elshaug also informed the Arts and Culture Commission that the *Spirit of the Sandbagger* sculpture was accepted as a gift at the April 19th City Commission meeting.

Item 5: Subcommittee Updates and Reports

The subcommittee chairs provided the following updates:

- a. Capacity Building subcommittee: No update.
- b. Neighborhood subcommittee: Chair D. Williams stated that the Neighborhood subcommittee is interested in creating a grant program that would provide funds for community members who are interested in the Public Art Beyond Downtown program.
- c. Development subcommittee: Member Jordre provided an update of the existing communication channels available to the Arts and Culture Commission.

Planning and Development Director Nicole Crutchfield reviewed the goal of the subcommittee work as a means of creating a department work plan that would be adopted by the City Commission.

Item 6: Public Comment

Christopher Cohen provided virtual public comment regarding the design and selection of art on the 7th Avenue North water tower.

Item 7: Other Business

- a. The next regularly scheduled meeting is May 19, 2021.

The time at adjournment was 5:46 pm.

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Neighborhood Art Grant

At the April 21st Arts and Culture Commission meeting, the Neighborhood Subcommittee presented the idea of creating a grant that would work in tandem with the DCP, BID and TAP Public Art Beyond Downtown art wrap program. Community members interested in participating in the Public Art Beyond Downtown program would be able to apply for a portion of the grant to cover the cost of wrapping a utility box in their neighborhood. The application process, along with the criteria for approval, will be established by the Neighborhood Subcommittee and brought to the full board for review and approval. The goal of the grant is to provide a \$10,000 pool of money to bring 10 new art projects to 10 different neighborhoods by the end of 2022.

Recommended Motion: *“To dedicate \$10,000 for the creation of a neighborhood art grant that would provide funding for neighborhood art projects, such as the Public Art Beyond Downtown program.”*