

**ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting:**

**Wednesday:**

**November 18, 2015:**

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

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

Present: Arlette Preston, Cassandra Maland, Chelsea Thorson, David Bertolini, Dayna Del Val, Deb Williams, Michael Olsen

Absent: Jessica Jung

Also Present: Maria Olson, Nicole Crutchfield, Dan Mahli

Chair Bertolini called the meeting to order and welcomed Members to the meeting.

**Item 1: Minutes: Regular Meeting of October 21, 2015**

Mr. Olsen moved the minutes of the October 21, 2015 Arts and Culture Commission meeting be approved. Second by Ms. Del Val. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

**Item 2: Public Art Master Plan Consultant Recommendation**

Assistant Planner Maria Olson discussed the Public Art Master Plan consultant recommendation, noting staff received four proposals from the following firms: 1) Designing Local, 2) Forecast Public Art, HKgi, and Karis Thompson, 3) Public Art & Practice and SRF Consulting, and 4) Peter J. Smith & Co. She stated the proposals were reviewed based on qualifications and experience, proposed approach, consultant availability, and budget proposal. She stated the proposal submitted by Forecast Public Art, HKgi, and Karis Thompson was selected.

Board Members discussed contract negotiation for the Public Art Master Plan consultant including the scope of work.

Ms. Preston moved 1) to recommend to City Commission that the proposal for public art master planning services submitted by Forecast Public Art, HKgi, and Karis Thompson be accepted, and 2) to authorize staff to negotiate a contract with said consultant. Second by Ms. Maland. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

**Item 3: Public Art Projects in Fargo Proposal Recommendations**

Ms. Olson presented a summary of the proposals for public art projects in Fargo which included: 1) Community Signs Project, 2) International Market Plaza Paintings, 3) Madison Park Sculpture, 4) Shakespearefest, 5) Welcome Benches, and 6) Public Art Murals in

Fargo. She reviewed the criteria each proposal was based upon and noted it was recommended by subcommittee review that \$5,000 be allocated to the Shakespearefest and \$10,000 be allocated to the Madison Park Sculpture.

Ms. Del Val declared a conflict of interest on this item and was excused from voting.

Mr. Olsen moved to recommend to City Commission approval of funding for the Shakespearefest and Madison Park Sculpture proposals. Second by Ms. Williams. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

**Item 4: Call for Curators Review and Recommendation**

Ms. Olson presented the above item noting the Arts and Culture Commission members are being asked to review these responses and recommend a qualified curator at today's meeting. She added proposals were submitted from the following: 1) Tania Blanich, 2) Anthony Faris, 3) Eric Johnson, and 4) Jill M. Johnson. She added staff has developed a temporary exhibit policy to provide a guideline for future exhibits in City Hall which will be presented to City Commission for approval along with the recommended curator.

Ms. Del Val declared a conflict of interest on this item and was excused from voting.

Ms. Maland moved 1) to accept Tania Blanich's proposal to be the curator for the temporary exhibit at City Hall and 2) to accept the Temporary Exhibits in City Hall Policy as written. Second by Ms. Preston. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

**Item 5: Arts Partnership Presentation**

Dayna Del Val, Executive Director for The Arts Partnership (TAP), gave a presentation on the background pertaining to the relationship between the City of Fargo and The Arts Partnership, including the grant process. She noted TAP received \$90,000 in the past two years from the City of Fargo and stated The Arts Partnership is requesting the Arts and Culture Commission consider a \$10,000 increase from \$90,000 to \$100,000, which would allow TAP to re-grant \$70,000 from the City of Fargo, increasing TAP's overall funding.

Ms. Preston stated she believes it would be helpful for TAP to specify the services that are to be provided and how they benefit taxpayers.

**Item 6: 2016 Arts Funds Recommendation**

Community Development Administrator Dan Mahli introduced the 2016 Arts Fund recommendation noting \$110,000 is available in the City's Arts Fund which the Arts and Culture Commission oversees.

Discussion was held regarding the allocation of these funds between The Arts Partnership and the Arts and Culture Commission.

Ms. Del Val declared a conflict of interest on this item and was excused from voting.

Ms. Maland moved to allocate the Arts Fund with \$90,000 going to The Arts Partnership and \$20,000 going to specific public art projects, which the Arts and Culture Commission will oversee. Second by Ms. Preston. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

**Item 7: Public Comment/Announcements**

No public comments/announcements were made.

**Item 8: Adjournment**

Mr. Olsen moved the meeting be adjourned. Second by Ms. Preston. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

The time at adjournment was 5:28 p.m.