



## **ARTS, CULTURE, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**September 10, 2024 at 8:30 AM**

**Council Chambers at City Hall - 1123 W. Lake St. Sandpoint, Idaho**

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### **Call to Order**

The meeting of the Sandpoint Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 8:30am on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, by Chair Elle Susnis in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1123 W. Lake St., Sandpoint, Idaho.

### **Roll Call**

#### **PRESENT**

Chair Ellen Susnis  
Commissioner Hannah Combs  
Commissioner Kate McAlister  
Commissioner Katelyn Shook  
Commissioner Keely Gray  
Commissioner Mike Lithgow  
Commissioner Rick Decker

#### **ABSENT**

Commissioner Barry Burgess  
Commissioner Karin Wedemeyer

### **Meeting Minutes Approval**

The Aug 13, 2024, meeting minutes were approved as presented by unanimous vote of Commissioners present.

Motion made by Commissioner McAlister, seconded by Commissioner Gray.

Voting Yea: Chair Susnis, Commissioner Combs, Commissioner Shook, Commissioner Gray, Commissioner Lithgow, Commissioner Decker, Commissioner McAlister.

### **Financial Report**

The latest financial information from the Sandpoint Urban Renewal Agency reflects the following for Art fund balances:

Downtown: \$191,163.81

Northern: \$103,996.40

Silver Box Project: \$1,684.68 (\$18,315.22 advanced to date)

## **Commission Business - Arts**

Arts 1: The first item under Arts Business was an update on the Silver Box Art on Loan Program.

Ms. Upton will be reaching out to the three currently participating artists to schedule deinstallation by Sept 21st, 2024. Commissioners discussed starting a new Silver Box Cycle for a period of six months. The call for art would utilize a new template approved by leadership and run for two weeks. The call would be distributed through the city's social media networks. The artist stipend for the six-month cycle would be \$500.

Motion made by Commissioner McAlister to approve a new six-month Silver Box cycle with the new template format. Seconded by Commissioner Decker.

Voting Yea: Chair Susnis, Commissioner Combs, Commissioner Shook, Commissioner Gray, Commissioner Lithgow, Commissioner Decker, Commissioner McAlister.

Arts 2: The next item under Arts Business was an update on the Paint the Plow Community Art Project.

Commissioner Susnis displayed the "Name the Plow" informational display and ballots for the, "Paint the Plows," community driven art project and asked all commissioners to fill out a ballot on their way out. The public is also invited to participate in naming the plows by casting a ballot at either Sandpoint City Hall (1123 Lake St) or Miller Paint (714 Pine St).

Arts 3: The final item under Arts business was an update on placemaking in the downtown parking lot.

Ms. Upton shared that project details will continue to get hashed out over the winter. Current project timeline is aiming for a Spring installation.

## **Commission Business - Culture**

Culture 1: Community Character Hour Radio Show topic.

Ms. Upton and Commissioner Combs have decided on, "The Long Bridge," as a topic for the September Community Character Hour Radio Show which airs every fourth Monday of the month.

## **Commission Business - Historic Preservation**

HP 1: Ms. Upton gave an update on the August Historic Walking Tour.

The tour takes place the fourth Friday of the month June - September. LPO Rep actor Michael Bigly has led every tour this summer but is unavailable for the final September tour. The ACHP is looking for an alternate local historic storyteller for the Sept 27th tour.

HP 2: The final item under Historic Preservation was a discussion about outreach for the Historic Residential 'Call for Information'.

Commissioner Susnis designed a door hanger for the Historic Residential Call for Information. Commissioner Gray volunteered to organize a small group to prep the hangers for distribution, schedule distribution and maintain a record of addresses that have already received a hanger.

### General Announcements and Comments

Commissioner Shook shared that tickets for the "Shook Twins Thanksgiving Show," go on sale today. Show takes place on November 30, 2024 at the Panida Theatre. Tickets available online.

Commissioner Gray shared that LPO Rep tickets for Steel Magnolias are currently available for shows in October, and that registration is open for Youth & Teen Drama Classes.

Commissioner Combs shared that the Bonner County Historical Society and Museum is bringing Jack Nisbet to the Heartwood, in Sandpoint, on September 15<sup>th</sup>, for a presentation on "David Thompson, Explorations in the Inland Northwest." Tickets are available online.

Commissioner Lithgow shared that members of the Kalispel culture program and Bonner County Historical Society met recently to brainstorm ideas to refresh the exhibit at the museum documenting Kalispel history and culture.

Commissioner Decker shared that the Pend Oreille Peddlers have a new Executive Director: Emily Strizich. Strizich, will be reaching out to the ACHP Commission to discuss trail histories.

### Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 9:09am.

I presided over the meeting and can confirm that minutes, prepared by the Board Clerk and City Staff Liaison, were approved by the Arts, Culture, and Historic Preservation Commission during their regular meeting held on 10-8, 2024.



Elle Susnis, Chair



Kami Omodt, Board Clerk