

Arts & Culture Board of Trustees: October 25, 2023

Meeting Called to Order at 5:30pm.

Attendees

- **Board:** Michele Carter – Chair, Betsy Varland, Shea Burke, Richard Burke, Chevy Meyer
- **Absent Board:** Amanda Smylie, Karma
- **City:** Clara
- **Guests:** None.

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

- **Motion:** Chevy
- **Second:** Richard
- **Discussion:** None
- **Vote:** 5/0

Approval of September 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes

- **Motion:** Shea
- **Second:** Betsy
- **Discussion:** None.
- **Vote:** 5/0

Voting of Officers

- Vice Chair
 - Motion: Richard Burke motioned for Betsy Varland as Vice Chair.
 - Second: Shea Burke
 - Discussion: None
 - Vote: 5/0
- Secretary
 - Motion: Shea Burke motioned for Chevy Meyer as Secretary.
 - Second: Betsy Varland
 - Discussion: None.
 - Vote: 5/0
- Treasurer
 - Motion: Shea Burke motioned Richard Burke as Treasurer.
 - Second: Chevy Meyer
 - Discussion: None.
 - Vote: 5/0

Review of City of Douglas Strategic Doing 2023-2025 and Resolution

Michele Carter reviewed the Resolution. She noted the requirement for both a fiscal year plan and a long-term 5-year plan.

Michele Carter and Clara Chaffin reviewed Strategic Doing and KPI's. Discussions regarding partnerships and building up all entities together was noted.

Action Item

- **Clara:** Add SD document to Arts & Culture SharePoint.

Continuation of Jackalope Statue Conversation

Michele Carter reviewed discussions from the previous meeting regarding placement of the new Jackalope statue and placement.

The idea of students at the school painting a mural every year or two as a senior art project was discussed.

Locations were discussed including the Walnut Street parking lot, the railroad corner, the railroad museum, and entrances into the community.

Planning should consider a second jackalope, "Harriet", to be donated by Converse County Tourism.

The location next to the railroad tracks did raise concerns with the safety of the railroad tracks and access. The Board felt the corner could be a good project for welded art from the school – transition with industrial.

The Walnut Street parking lot was considered noting the activities that happen on 2nd Street and Walnut Street. Should be considered with the seating area concept the City identified during discussions with business owners on North 2nd Street.

Murals on the building could replicate what the building originally looked like.

Consider making a bronze out of the foam. Richard mentioned the cost would be around \$6-8k.

Action Items

- **Michele:** Contact schoolteachers and request they bring ideas with them regarding the rice-paper murals.
- **JD:** Recommendation to the Converse County Tourism Board to consider getting quotes for a bronze "Harriett" given the vandalism the City is experiencing.
- **Clara:** Bring Walnut Street parking lot concept drawing to the next meeting.

Development of Visual Arts & Cultural Programming

Brainstorming Ideas

- Metal structure in the gravel area next to the Depot parking lot. (Chevy)
- Beautifying electrical boxes. Start with the ones near schools and see if schools would take on the project. (Shea)
- Stabilize Murphy's wall and install a community garden using native plants that would be ADA accessible. Add murals to the side walls. Utilize the existing cement to create a stage for live music or other activities. Allow fundraisers in the space. Add some sort of wall with quick-growing landscaping to the West side to block wind. Label all the plants to educate. Potential grants available. Involve 4H, FFA, schools, Boy and Girl Scouts, Boys & Girls Club. (Shea)

- Refresh Christmas decorations. (Betsy)
- Encourage corner-musicians (troubadours). Goal to have live music at every outdoor event. Tap into local resources (local musicians, school kids, community choir, etc.). (Shea)
- Invite community choir to Jackalope Square Lighting.
- Wyoming Arts Alliance does a program called MAP meeting with artist and groups to gather information and help direct arts and culture in a community. Will develop an Action Plan. (Richard)
- Invite Casper Art Coop to visit and discuss how they developed. (Betsy)
- Art on the Green (Green River) brought in 40 artists into the Community Center and were given 24 hours to create art. Art pieces were judged, and prizes were given (sponsored by the community). Hosted an awards banquet to give out awards. Most of the artists came from Wyoming, some came from neighboring states. Would need to schedule strategically with the Green River event. (Richard)

Action Items

- **Richard:** Request Wyoming Arts Alliance schedule the MAP program; possibly for January with the idea of putting a FY25 plan and five-year plan together.
- **Shea:** Request the Community Choir for the Jackalope Square Lighting on December 1.

Long-Term Planning

Tabled for next meeting.

Next Meeting Date: November 29 at 5:30

December 13 at 5:30

Action Item

- **Clara:** Request Heidi to attend to discuss interactive feature at Jackalope Square.
- **Board:** Set this year's fiscal year plan by the December 13 meeting.

Adjourn

- Motion to Adjourn: Shea Burke
- Second: Richard Burke
- Vote: 5/0

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.