



*To develop, advance and nurture all facets of the arts  
to enhance the quality of life for Meridian residents and its visitors*

**SPECIAL MEETING • MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, May 4, 2016, 2:00 p.m.**

City Council Conference Room – Meridian City Hall • 33 East Broadway Ave., Meridian, Idaho

**1. Roll Call: 2:04 p.m.**

<u>by phone</u>	Stephanie Barnes	<u>x – 3:07</u>	Gretchen Caserotti
<u>x</u>	Michelle Glaze	<u>x</u>	Ellen DeAngelis
<u>x</u>	Mary Jensen, Chair	<u>by phone</u>	Claudia Weathermon Tester
<u>o</u>	Leslie Mauldin, Vice Chair	<u>x – 3:32</u>	Bonnie Zahn Griffith
<u>o</u>	Cheyenne Quilter	<u>x</u>	Genesis Milam, ex-officio
		<u>o</u>	Keith Bird, interim ex-officio

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

*Motion by Ellen; second by Gretchen to adopt the agenda – all ayes – motion carried.*

**3. Public Art at Fairview and Main Discussion**

**a. City Council’s Feedback**

*Hillary Bodnar, Robert Simison, Genesis Milam updated the commission on feedback from City Council.*

**b. C.J. Rench Proposal**

*Hillary Bodnar updated the commission on what she heard back from artist, C.J. Rench. Rench was initially concerned that \$40,000 budget may not be adequate, but he was willing to make a site visit during a trip in mid-May to confirm if the project could be completed the project under budget.*

**c. Recommendation or Next Steps**

*Motion by Gretchen to accept the commission with C.J. Rench for “Natives” under the premise that he can complete the project as originally proposed - allowing MAC to select the three designs for fabrication - in his response to the Call to Artists for the Main and Fairview Public Art Project for a non-negotiable, NTE of \$40,000; second by Ellen – all ayes – motion carried.*

**4. Meridian Art in Public Spaces Ordinance Implementation Planning**

Commissioners discussed the template that Hillary Bodnar prepared for funds planning. Commissioners expressed an interest in keeping the planning document fairly general and use percentages to demonstrate how funds will be distributed rather than specific dollar amounts. Hillary Bodnar can update the document to better reflect this.

**5. Public Request for Support Discussion**

Mary introduced a project that was brought to her by Cheyenne: a local student seeks help fundraising. Commissioners discussed that they should fall back on their strategic plan and fund projects that they originate. Commissioners discussed that the Commission has other resources to share and offer – outside of monetary resources. Bonnie referenced many successful artist-in-residence programs and suggested an annual opportunity to receive artist proposals. If the commission wants to develop a new means of offering support to artists they should continue to discuss and formalize a program that they can plan on and implement from year to year.

**6. Adjourn**

Motion by Stephanie; second by Ellen to adjourn – all ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

(AUDIO RECORDING ON FILE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS)

APPROVED

  
MARY JENSEN – CHAIR



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DATE APPROVED

ATTEST:  
JACY JONES, CITY CLERK

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, May 12, 2016, 3:30 p.m.**  
City Council Chambers, Meridian City Hall, 33 E. Broadway, Meridian, Idaho