

Arts Commission Report
Delivered to Hayden City Council
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Submitted by: Nancy Jones, Commission Chair
Membership: Five (5) current members – an increase of two members since our last report

Commission Projects:

I. Procedural/Internal

a. T-Mobile Hometown Grant

The Arts Commission has completed an application to be considered for a T-Mobile Hometown Grant. Our proposed project is a beautification project for the 4th street retaining wall. We need to procure a few more letters of support in order to apply by the March 31, 2026, quarterly application deadline.

b. Public Art Survey

Our public survey is now posted on the City website. Our hope is to gain insight from our community members on how they perceive public art, as well as what events or projects would draw support and interest from our residents.

II. Public Events and Projects

a. Community Snowman Photo Project

We are encouraging community members to submit photos of snowmen this winter that can be shared on the City website and/or social media. This project is intended to encourage some light-hearted family fun and to raise awareness of the Arts Commission.

b. Come Together Bench Program

We have completed the wording for our Call to Artists and will begin community outreach in the coming weeks. We plan to receive and review artist submissions this Spring. Finalists will be presented to the Council for consideration. Painting of the benches will be completed in late Spring or early Summer so the benches can be in place by Fall.

c. 2026 Community Arts Event

Commission members will be working this quarter on creating plans for a community-wide or youth-specific arts event. We are looking forward to planning something that creates interest around the arts in our community in a way that is both educational and fun.

d. Commission Participation in City Events

This year, commission members will be participating in Arbor Day events, Hayden Days, Friday Night Frights, and the Hayden Lights Parade, in addition to our Commission activities.

On behalf of the Arts Commission, I wish to extend our thanks to the Council for their continued support of our efforts. We value the opportunity to enhance the City of Hayden through art. We remain committed to fostering community through creative initiatives in the coming year.

Nancy Jones
Arts Commission Chair