

Sammamish Arts Commission

Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2006

Regrets: Kent Greene

In attendance: Joanne Elliott, Joe McConnell, Barbara Jirsa, Erica Krikorian, Daphne Robinson, Karen Mathews

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm

1. Approval of September meeting minutes
 - a. Minutes approved
2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Submitted by Joe at meeting
 - b. Report indicates all the expenses incurred by SAC
 - c. Professional services budget was rolled over
 - d. Art Tour expenses within budget
 - e. Expenses for sculpture selection with budget
 - f. Other outstanding expenses?
 - g. Request a rollover of unused funds for 2007?—we are pursuing additional opportunities
3. Sculpture Selection
 - a. Debbie Young winning entry
 - b. Presentation to city council was a success
 - c. City Council mentioned purchasing works by the other two finalists
 - d. Details related to contract with artist, moving forward on the sculpture project
 - e. September 17th for installation of the piece
4. Artist Studio Tour
 - a. Slow traffic at the community center
 - b. Library a good venue for the display of artists' work
 - c. Could have used ushers or more people hosting the event
 - d. 17 artists, 3 venues, high quality artworks
 - e. good networking, some sales, success in bringing artists together
 - f. some ideas for improvement?
 - g. Art Collective Issaquah—Thursdays/Fridays once a month artists exhibit their works
 - i. Set up something similar in Sammamish?
 - h. Annual Event—hold it at Beaver Lake and City Hall
5. Mary Pat Byrne, Arts Specialist, Bellevue Arts Commission

- a. Policies for acquisitions, loaned and donated art to municipalities
- b. Strategic plan for arts in the community—Cultural Compass
- c. Planning for long-term projects
- d. Sculpture exhibition
 - i. Artists respond to receiving honoraria, insuring artworks, professional installer, juried selection
 - ii. Interest in neighborhoods acquiring artworks, making artwork in the neighborhood
- e. How to transition from hands-on organization to more supervisory role?
 - i. Engaging participants in events
 - ii. Having events arranged and then presenting the agenda to the council in order to encourage funding
 - iii. Business partners contributing
- f. Purchasing art for the city that follows some plan instead of purchasing based on personal tastes
 - i. Commissioning art for a particular venue or space
- g. Art infrastructure—places for emerging artists
- h. Loan agreement for sculpture exhibition
- i. Art Gifts and Loans—conditions of donors
 - i. Jurors making decisions instead of commissioners
- j. Clear idea of what to do as community builders
- k. Planning session for SAC for 07—January/February

6. New business

Kathy Lambert's office, King County Council—Jim McMorris—contact person

- a. We are in the running for funds from this organization

Chair for 2007—have a co-chair to stagger the transfer of responsibilities

Open discussion

Washington state arts alliance—membership--\$50 membership

Motion made to join WSAA by Joanne; seconded by Erica

Constraints on the uses a city commission can make of the Arts Alliance noted

Motion approved

Policies for loaned art

Workshop American Assoc of Museums—Jan 12 and 13th—Barbara will be attending

Registration fee \$325—funding registration fee?

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm

