

**Sammamish Art Commission**  
**Meeting**  
**July 19, 2010**  
**Sammamish City Hall**  
**6:30pm**

Minutes

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**Attendance**

**Commissioners**

Barbara Jirsa, Carol Ross, Rochelle Wyatt, Deb Akerstrom, Daphne Robinson,  
Alternate: Jingu Li

**Staff:** Lyman Howard, Finance Director, Allison Gubata, Finance Assistant

**Excused:** Molly Strange, Bharath Sankaranarayan, Bala Subramanian

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Commission Chair Barbara Jirsa.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Minutes of the June 21, 2010 Commission meeting were approved electronically and have been posted on the Commission website.

**2010 Budget and Financial Report**

Daphne previously e-mailed year-end projections. To date it appears that we are on budget to spend down our allocation. Some of the figures are estimates for the upcoming events. It was suggested that the Commission use 50% of any remaining money for the purchase of artwork, and set aside dollars for the planning and implementation of a skateboard park mural. Discussion was held regarding carry forwards into 2011 if the planning is begun in 2010.

**4Culture Grant**

Daphne underscored the importance of documentation and keeping original receipts, in order to be reimbursed for the 4Culture grant. The submittal for grant re-imbusement needs to be done before the end of December.

Additionally, at the Fall & Winter Exhibit receptions, live music will be included as part of the 4Culture grant. An additional performance during the Art Fair is also a possibility that Anna Macrae will look into. With talent auditions coming up the end of August, there might be some local talent that would be appropriate. The goal is to help local talent.

**October Art Fair**

Anna Macrae gave a report on Art Fair planning. The subject of need for continued and increased advertising was discussed. The budget for advertising has been doubled from previous years in an effort to give more exposure for the artists and to increase attendance. Social media communicating is also important - people need to know it's there so they seek it out i.e.: Face book etc.

Anna reported that the first Art Fair Artists meeting was held 7/14. There are 10 returning artists, the rest are new to this fair. Six additional artist slots were added this year by using the upstairs corridor space. Each of the artists has been assigned responsibilities. PR/Marketing begins now.

New this year will be family performances and children's activities that are to be held primarily in the Library.

Each Commissioner and Alternate will be asked to take 1 shift of 2-hr duration to welcome attendees and provide a link between the Art Fair and the Commission.

Art East has expressed an interest in providing volunteers for the Art Fair. Responsibilities need to be developed. Discussion followed related to ways to thank the volunteers.

### **ArtEast Contribution**

Carol Ross reported on the efforts of ArtEast to move to larger quarters and the opportunity the Arts Commission has to support this effort. Fifty percent of the members and artists connected with ArtEast have Sammamish addresses. Discussion was held regarding a contribution to ArtEast and their capital fund that has been established to build out a new space. It was determined that it was possible to make such a donation provided there is a letter from Art East stating what is offered by the organization to the citizens of Sammamish and that there is a relationship with the Sammamish Arts Commission..

**Motion:** That a \$1k donation be made to ArtEast provided there is a letter stating the benefits to the City of Sammamish and the relationship with the Sammamish Arts Commission. **MSC**

**Motion:** That the Sammamish Arts Commission become a member of ArtEast at the supporter level \$100. **MSC**

### **Request to Donate Art Work**

Barbara Jirsa reported that *Confluence* artist Debbie Young wishes to donate 5 drawings of the sculpture to the Commission. Discussion was held and it was determined that more information was needed from Debbie regarding the size and condition of the work - whether they are appropriately framed or if that would be an expense to the Commission. Barbara will follow-up with Debbie.

### **October Arts Crush Marketing Effort**

Theatre of Puget Sound has organized a marketing effort for audience participation in arts events during the month of October. They have reached out to all types of arts organizations, artists, groups, museums, galleries, etc. The Art Fair and all of our performances for the month have been included.

### **Recycled CD Project**

Jingyu Li noted that a container is needed to collect CD's for a recycling project. The outcome would be mobile with all the CD's. The more that are collected, the bigger the project can be. Suggestions were made for design and construction.

### **Talent Auditions**

Rochelle Wyatt is working on a performing artist's roster. Auditions for the roster will be held in August. The list would be used for upcoming events City-wide.

Advertising for "*Sammamish has Talent*" will be done via poster, website and media.

**Chinese Cultural Event**

Jingyu reported that there has been exploration into various performances and walls filled with art. The possibility of a tea ceremony, cooking demos, Chinese instruments, etc. are all possibilities. The event(s) will be held the end of January.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.