

**Sammamish Art Commission
Meeting
September 20, 2010
Sammamish City Hall
6:30pm**

Minutes

Attendees: Barbara Jirsa, Molly Strange, Daphne Robinson, Rochelle Wyatt, Anna McCrae, Jingyu Li, Bala Subramanian, Allison Gubata

Absent: Carol Ross, Deborah Akerstrom, Lyman Howard

Meeting Called to Order: Commission Chair Barbara Jirsa called the meeting to order at 6:40pm

Approval of the July, 2010 Commission Meeting Minutes via email was noted.

2010 Budget and Financial Report

Expenditures and Receipts

2011/12 Budget Request has been submitted for the same amount as last year.

Budget/balance reviewed by Daphne. Many of the expenses are yet to be turned in as the event schedule is heaviest for the month of October. The purchase of piece of art is planned, possibly a piece of fiber art from the fall exhibit.

2011/2012 4Culture Sustained Grant – Barbara, Daphne & Lyman met with Jessi Richardson, Parks & Recreation Director & Lynne Handlos, Recreation Coordinator. Parks & Recreation had approached the Art Commission discussed the application process for funding. It was agreed that the Arts Commission, as a Local Arts Agency that has attained sustained support status, would make the application noting the collaboration with Parks and Recreation on specific programs and that work was to be done to make the partnership more comprehensive going forward. All events are to be free to the public where grant monies are awarded. The Arts Commission and Parks and Rec can set the stage for other groups working in a collaborative arena.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – Mark calendars for Monday, Dec. 13th

Parks Department Food Drive Initiative

Support was given for the dropping off of canned food at City Hall and the Sammamish Library during the Art Fair and the *Meet the Artist* reception on October 25. A request was made for Arts Commission volunteers help promote the food drive with other Commissioners and City Council on September 25th at local stores.

Art Fair – Anna Macrae reported that the final meeting of artists and organizer was held to a good end. There has been a good deal of marketing by the leadership and the artists. Video interviews (being held 9/21) of the artists will be posted on Facebook, and the press will be there to talk about a feature article which should be coming out before the fair. PR committee has been great getting the word out. The addition of the Library events for a younger audience is a great bonus. There is an expectation that there will be an increase in attendance this year pushing the figure to nearly 2000. E-mail and other social networks are being used to get the message out.

Facebook currently has 100 friends and this needs to grow. Everyone needs to help in the effort. Bala can go to the sponsors & contributors. Facebook must be kept fresh, day in Sammamish related to Art etc. photos were suggestions.

Question was raised regarding the posting of the artist's video on Channel 21. Allison will inquire and follow-up with Anna regarding releases for Artists.

October Arts Crush Events – Seattle Theatre Puget Sound has done a great job in promoting the Arts Crush Arts Events effort. The initial effort will be a special section in the Seattle Weekly newspaper on 9/29 which will list the upcoming events including all of the Sammamish Art Commission events for the month.

City Council - Barbara will be make a presentation to the Council on September 21 informing Council members of all the wonderful events planned for October and inviting each one to attend.

Exhibitions – The previously planned photography exhibit did not have enough hands to carry out a juried exhibition to the professional standard that was set. A request was made by the City that the flag exhibit remain up through September 11. The work of Veronique LeMerre in an exhibit titled *Urban/Jungle*, will fill the gap between the Flag installation and the fiber show, beginning Monday, October 11. Her large, colorful paintings will fill up the walls. A *Meet the Artist* event, will be held on Monday, October 25th 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Winter Fiber Exhibit – The work of quilt maker Ellen Larimers from Whidbey Island will be the focus of the *Winter Fiber Exhibit*. Ellen's daughter will attend the opening to represent her mother. A couple weeks later the artist will give a presentation. Molly to provide date and time.

Opportunity to partner with ArtEast for a juried exhibit in collaboration with Sammi Awards. A total of 10 pieces will be chosen from art submitted to a jury. The 10 piece exhibit will tour the Eastside with City Hall Commons Gallery being the first stop. The dates will be made available later in the year.

February – Jingyu & Ann Shen have been working on the Chinese exhibit. Their planning includes a variety of offerings including an exhibit of Chinese painting and an opening weekend with performances, demonstrations and more. Feb. 5 & 6 are on hold for City Hall at this time. It will depend on how many events surface as to if both dates will be required. The focus will be on the Chinese New Year.

Talent Auditions - Talent roster of local artists has been selected. Eight jurors made the selections. Rochelle will send out a blurb and updated roster to City staff and also post it on the website.

Miscellaneous

- It was agreed that 2 old TV monitors that have been in storage will be surplus.
- Skate Board Park Project – Barbara has been researching to figure out what makes sense with the architecture and what the skateboarders feel would be appropriate. The idea of a call to artists for the project was discussed. Issues include proper materials for maintenance/wear & tear.
- The issue of selling Rwandan baskets during the *Wounded Healers* screening was discussed. It was agreed that the baskets could be displayed and signage would direct interested purchasers to the film's producers.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.