

**Sammamish Arts Commission Meeting  
November 21, 2011  
Minutes**

**Attendees:** Daphne Robinson, Chair, Barbara Jirsa, Bala Subramanian, Bharath Sankaranarayan.

**City Staff:** Joe Guinasso, Allison Gubata

**Absent:** Rochelle Wyatt, Molly Strange, Jingyu Li

**Guests:** Michael J. O'Connell, Jason Rhinevault

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. Arts Commission Chair, Daphne Robinson, welcomed guests.

**Note Approval of October 17, 2011 Minutes:** Commission Meeting Minutes approved via email.

**2011 Budget and Financial Report YTD:** Current balance is \$2,300. There are still expense receipts to be submitted following the Turkish Cultural event.

**Guest-Jason Rhinevault** – Sammamish sculptor, Jason Rhinevault, presented a proposal for a 15' metal/steel sculpture that he would design and create specifically for the City Commons. The presentation included photos of Mr. Rhinevault's current work, a drawing of the proposed design and description of potential materials for the final project. The proposed sculpture would be on loan to the city. As a component of the proposal, Mr. Rhinevault is requesting the city provide transportation and installation of the work. The arts commission suggested that Mr. Rhinevault proceed with a thorough proposal process with the goal of making a final presentation to City Council. This should include:

- Exploration of the location for installation
- All costs, including but not limited to; transportation, installation, insurance, lighting, maintenance
- Consulting with 4Culture on the best process and possible grant funding

**Arts Fair event report** – Anna Macrae, Chair, Sammamish Arts Fair, presented a post event report.

- This year approximately 2000 visitors, up slightly from 2010
- Library activities were well coordinated by Arts Commission – increase visuals in 2012 to direct visitors to Library
- Final cost of event \$6,311.72
- Total reported artist sales - \$12,000
- Key planning positions are filled for Arts Fair 2012

Ms. Macrae also proposed an Artist in Action event for consideration on the 2012 Arts Commission event calendar. Complete proposal to follow.

**2012 Exhibit schedule** – Commissioner, Barbara Jirsa, has scheduled the following exhibits for the Commons Gallery:

- "Trees in Art" – 12/13/2011 – 3/8/2012 – SAC and Art East will collaborate to host a salon evening with the artists to discuss the work. Date TBD.
- "Come Sit Awhile" – 3/12/2012 – 6/8/2012 – fine art of paper cut portraits and scenes of Sammamish.
- Summer – 9/8/2012 Sammamish artists Anna Macrae and Carol Ross will exhibit their work.

Ms. Jirsa is exploring activities related to each exhibit in lieu of a reception. Ideas could include: brown bag artist talk at city hall.

Guest- Michael J. O'Connell - Sammamish photographer – will be having an exhibit of photographs at Starbucks. Information and details to follow. Mr. O'Connell also suggested to the SAC hosting an Irish Cultural event.

**Open discussion:** Chair, Daphne Robinson, asked that the SAC consider the difference between the definitions of Cultural Arts vs. Multi Culturalism. The various multi-cultural events have been well received by the community. The events are labor intensive and costly. They may also include an excess of vendors. The definition of Cultural Arts is “the fine and performing arts of a society living in an area including visual art, dance, music, theatre, film and literature”. Going forward, can the SAC recognize the diversity of cultures in our community and build community using the model of a smaller, more intimate program or event? For larger scale events SAC could collaborate with the parks department as they have the experience and resources to manage these events and include vendors.

### **Adjourn**

Next regular SAC meeting – Monday, January 23, 2011 - 7:00 PM  
Sammamish City Hall

***“When action is led by thoughtfulness and driven by passion people can do great things.”***