

## **Sammamish Arts Commission Meeting**

**January 23, 2012**

### **Minutes**

#### **Attendees:**

**Commissioners** – Chair, Daphne Robinson, Barbara Jirsa, Anne Schaefer, Lin Garretson, Claradell Shedd, Max Montrey, Mary Lynn Vance, Rochelle Wyatt

**Marketing Coordinator** – Michelle Manson

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

**Absent** - Bala Subramanian, Bharath Sankaranaryan

**Guests** - Anna McCrea, Michael Dylan Welch

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

**Note Approval of November 21, 2011 Minutes:** Commission Meeting Minutes approved via email.

**2011 Budget and Financial Report YTD:** There are still expense receipts to be submitted following the Turkish Cultural event. A full report of year - end balance will be presented at the February meeting. Commissioner Claradell Shedd inquired about the handling of donations. Joe will look further into the policy and procedure of processing donated funds.

**Jet City Improv** - Rochelle Wyatt, exiting Commissioner, has offered to assist new commissioners in setting up an October performance. Anne Schaefer and Lin Garretson volunteered to work with Rochelle. Target date will be October 25, 2012. Performance to be held at the new Boys and Girls Teen Center.

**S.E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street Park Master Plan** – Parks Director Jessie Richardson provided a broad plan overview of the city land and the possible future uses. Ms. Richardson requested Arts Commission input on exterior structures and the possible arts related use of the existing home on the property. The Arts Commission will tour the property and explore effective ways to provide input to Parks and Recreation.

**Poetry event** - Guest poet Michael Dylan Welch is interested in assisting with providing a program to celebrate National Poetry Month in April. Sammamish Trails organization may want to co-host. Beaver Lake Lodge was suggested as a location for an event or program. Daphne Robinson will meet with Mr. Welch to discuss ideas.

**Art Event Proposal** – Arts Fair Chair Anna McCrae presented a proposal for an event demonstrating the process of creating art. Several local artists would set up work stations in City Hall Commons and spend a day working. Public would be able to watch the processes while asking questions and interacting with the artists. Visitors could participate in a silent auction throughout the day-long event to bid on work that is being created. The event would conclude with an auction reception to announce the highest bidders. Ms. McCrea cited strong connections of this proposed event to the annual Arts Fair; the event location is the same and the participating artists are selected from the Arts Fair list. However, the proposed event would have a different energy with music and demonstration. Funding requested: \$700.00

**Arts Fair 2012** – Chair Daphne Robinson asked for a formal proposal and request for funding for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Arts Fair. 2012 Fair dates will be October 13 & 14.

**Arts Commission Archive** – Rochelle Wyatt presented beautifully completed SAC Archive binders that she has been working on for 2 years to bring us up to date. Arts Commission needs one of its member commissioners to take over the task of maintaining the archive files. Any volunteers??

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 pm – **Simple Measures ~ Unstrung Hero** ~ Chamber music will be performed at Sammamish Presbyterian Church.
- Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 pm – **Tribute to Trees Salon Evening** – Meet the artists who created the work currently exhibited in the Commons Gallery. The artists will talk about their work – process and intent. This event will be at ArtEast in Issaquah.
- Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm – **Act Theatre ~ The Pitmen Painters** ~ Act theatre will conduct a community reading of the play followed by a moderated conversation. Sammamish Library
- Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> - Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – 10 am – 12 noon ~ **Seniors Making Art** ~ a seven week class focusing on printmaking. Gail Baker, instructor – class to be held once a week at the Sammamish Boys and Girls Teen Center. Class is free to Sammamish senior citizens.

#### **Upcoming Exhibitions:**

- Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> - Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> ~ **Come Sit Awhile** ~ Cut Paper Artist Hannah Viano will exhibit paper cut scenes inspired by nature in Sammamish. Exhibit could tie in with Earth Day related event or Sammamish Trails opening day.
- Friday, June 29 – Friday, October 12 ~ Encaustic work by Carol Ross/ acrylic paintings by Anna McCrae, both Sammamish artists.

**Michelle Manson** – SAC marketing coordinator commented that due to the active SAC calendar, all submissions to press need to be done in a timely fashion in order to make publication deadlines. Not all events will receive equal attention by press.

Daphne Robinson noted that with the SAC elevated caliber of events and programs more time is required for planning and execution. It is important to always be mining for ideas and to plan at least a year out of events.

**Planning Meeting** – Daphne Robinson suggested that the new board of Arts Commissioners should have a full-day planning meeting soon to focus on the second half of 2012 and begin work on 2013 Calendar.

#### **Art Event Proposal discussion:**

- The event seems ambiguous and needs more structure to provide a cohesive thread.
- Is this a commercial venture or an educational opportunity?
- The auction needs to be very low key with an emphasis on educating the community about process and materials.
- Strongly consider a different venue other than City Hall.
- Remove auction component altogether.

By unanimous vote of Commission, this proposal not given the approval for funding at this time. Request for redirection of project emphasis will be made.

#### **Adjourn**

Next regular SAC meeting – Monday, February 28, 2011 - 7:00 PM  
Sammamish City Hall

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