

Sammamish Arts Commission Meeting
March 19, 2012
Minutes

Attendees:

Commissioners – Chair, Daphne Robinson, Barbara Jirsa, Lin Garretson, Claradell Shedd, Max Montrey, Mary Lynn Vance, Bala Subramanian

City Staff - Joe Guinasso, Allison Gubata

Absent - Bharath Sankaranarayan, Anne Schaefer

Call to Order - Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm.

Note Approval of February 27, 2011 Minutes - Commission Meeting Minutes approved via email.

2011 Budget and Financial Report YTD - The 2011 balance of \$4k and the \$5k Skate Park funding should have City Manager approval by the first week of April. Process for the 2013/2014 budget allocation will begin in June, 2012.

Walk in the Park - Claradell Shedd delivered her findings and recommendations material to Parks and Recreation Director, Jessi Richardson. Claradell & Max had a meeting to share ideas and did not know the personality of parcel #2 & #3 to do long term planning. Someone that had visited parcel #2 indicated that from a natural standpoint is almost identical to parcel #1. Parcel #2 is where they were proposing to place the Freed house. Parcel #2 will be very natural, not too many structures. Probably no grand structures until Parcel #3. Max met with the Parks Commissioner from Buffalo New York and spoke with him about the viability of exterior structures that combine form and function. More research should be done before deciding if the current house on the Piggott property could be used for a retreat, or any type of public access space. Max feels we should investigate the viability of the space. City Council suggested the necessity of additional vehicle access to accommodate emergency vehicles.

Daphne suggested that SAC focus on the aesthetic issues that may be considered in the park plans i.e.; the opportunity for public art, call to artists, potential usage of space for any art related activities.

Archiving – Mary Lynn Vance is reviewing archive binders that Rochelle has lovingly put together and include SAC events flyers, news articles etc. She is exploring the best method of permanently storing/preserving these documents for the public, not just for the Commission, on the City website. Permanent archive meeting scheduled for 3/28 with the city Webmaster to find out what is possible to put this on the web. Included in the discovery process will be the legal questions regarding reproducing artist's images and if permission from the artist is needed in writing.

Upcoming Events:

- “Come Sit Awhile” – Paper cuts by Hannah Viano. Exhibition dates – 3/9 – 6/29. Artist program – 4/17. Gallery tour at 6pm, Commons Gallery. Artist's discussion at 7pm, Sammamish Library.
- “Seniors Making Art” – Mondays 4/9 – 5/21. Free 7 week art class open to Sammamish senior citizens 55 and older. Sammamish Teen Center. Class is currently full with a waiting list.
- “Haiku in the Woods” – 4/14 Haiku writing session inspired by nature at Beaver Lake Park. Led by Poet Michael Dylan Welch.
- ACT Theatre – The Pitmen Painters – 4/19 - 7pm Community Reading Sammamish Library.

Arts Fair 2012 – A SAC sub-committee is needed ASAP to begin planning the additional events and activities.

LAA Meeting – Allison Gubata and Lin Garretson will attend and follow up with a report in April.

Event Check List – Daphne suggested that a comprehensive event/program task checklist be created as an additional planning tool.

Open Discussion – Performance Artist Lucia Neare is working on a proposal of a site specific performance. Arts Fair weekend and the Lower Commons Park are being considered for this concept. Lucia Neare has a terrific following and the performance would be a strong draw to the Arts Fair. The work would include family appropriate interactive activities.

Local artists Carol Ross and Anna Macrae will exhibit work in Commons Gallery June 29, 2012 – mid October. It is likely that a reception for the artists will be held for this exhibit. Date TBD.

Following discussion a unanimous agreement was made to change the starting time of the SAC regular monthly meeting to begin at 6:30 pm.

2012/2013 Planning – The 2012 event/program calendar is filling in and we are down to the wire for developing additional events. Most event planning needs to begin a year out. The balance of this year should include maximizing Programs/events for Arts Fair weekend and partnering with other existing programs.

The April SAC regular meeting will focus on 2013 planning. Please bring ideas complete with concept, estimated cost and potential date.

Claradell Shedd will explore the feasibility of a car fest event “ The Art of the Car”.

Adjourn

Next regular SAC meeting – Monday, April 16, 2012 - 6:30 PM Sammamish City Hall

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