

**Sammamish Arts Commission Meeting
September 17, 2012
Minutes**

Attendees:

Commissioners – Chair, Daphne Robinson, Claradell Shedd, Max Montrey, Mary Lynn Vance, Bharath Sankaranarayan, Anne Schaefer

City Staff - Allison Gubata

Absent with regrets – Barbara Jirsa, Lin Garretson

Call to Order - Meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

Note Approval of August 20, 2012 Minutes - Commission Meeting Minutes approved via email.

Arts Commissioner Resignation - Bala Subramanian has relocated, out of Washington State. This position will remain vacant until the next selection of Art Commissioners which will be in January 2013.

2012 Budget and Financial Report YTD - Expenditures YTD: \$16,959.40 Current 2012 expenditure forecast projection is on track.

2013 4Culture Grant – Application will be completed and submitted as of 9/26/12.

Art Fair Programs – Lin will be out of town for the Arts Fair, and Anne is on track for coordinating the programming at the Library. Max is on task for assisting with the teen volunteers. Mary Lynn, Claradell & Daphne are assisting with greeting, counting attendance, managing tables, and informing visitors about events at the Library and answering general questions.

- **Daphne** will put together a “greeter” schedule for the Arts Commissioners
- **Anne** would like to set-up a display board indicating events & times for both Saturday & Sunday

Jet City Improv – posters & flyers are in the process of printing. This is a new venue for this event; we want to be sure that this location is emphasized on any marketing material going out. Anne will check into seating, and back room area for the performers as well as stage dimensions.

Reminder that at all Arts Commission events we should be using this opportunity to get people to sign up for e-mail alerts.

Blackwell Elementary has asked Anne to be a judge in the “Reflections” art program. This is a State sponsored PTSA National program where each year the National PTSA has kids compete in their age group by following a theme and submitting their artwork to the local school where they attend. If the student’s artwork makes it thru the local level, then it goes to district, all the way up to National and they may qualify for a scholarship. Joe will get clarification regarding the role of Arts Commissioner in this event.

Arts in Education - May Proclamation, letters have been coming to Daphne from the e-blast that was sent out notifying our community that we are planning for 2013 if they would like to partner. Schools are looking to the Arts Commission for help with their programs, and in turn we are asking for them to come to our meetings and learn how we can partner.

2013 Planning Meeting

- **Hands on Art** - experiences for children on the autism spectrum - SAC is working with local professionals, specialists and art therapists to develop a series of programs for autistic children in Sammamish.

- **Harmony concert** - *Simple Measures* will be joined by the new concertmaster of the Seattle Symphony, the wonderful violinist Alexander Velinzon. He will join the Krishnaswami-Salman duo for a concert of duos and trios which will explore harmony through the centuries.
- **Artist Cheryl Leo Gwin** - exhibition of work with an emphasis on the U.S. Chinese Exclusion Act. This exhibition will be followed by an event featuring work of Chinese dissident artists telling their own story.
- **ACT Theatre** – community reading of *Assisted Living*, a delightful comedy with a bite written by Seattle native Katie Forgette, that dares to confront the issues of aging in America.
- **Seniors Making Art** – seven (7) week art sessions for senior citizens in Sammamish.
- **Life Stories** – pairing teens with seniors to record the life stories of members of our senior citizen community. Excerpts of these stories will be posted online and aired on local channel 21.
- **Swil Kanim** – NW Indian storyteller and musician will tell his story about growing up in the northwest and recalls his ancestral roots to Sammamish.
- **7th Annual Sammamish Arts Fair** – this returning favorite art event showcases work of local artists, musicians, storytellers and more.
- **Poetry in Sammamish** – celebrating April as National Poetry Month a series of poetry events will be offered throughout April.
- **Build It Sammamish** – with an emphasis on building with Lego's this day long event will encourage youngsters to create their own 3D visual expression of Sammamish.
- **Jet City Improv** – improvisational audience interactive comedy that never fails to bring joy to our audiences.
- **July 23rd, 2013.** – The Arts Commission 10th anniversary. An event/acknowledgement will be planned.
- **Sammamish Nights** – August
- **Skateboard exhibit** - June

Utility box painting - idea has been vetted through the City of Sammamish Public Works Director and there are no issues for painting the city Traffic Signal boxes. Daphne will run this idea past City Council. Anne has all of the information from the City of Seattle program, which explains finding an artist to which materials to use i.e.: process. The typical life of a painted box is between 3-5 years. We could ask that the artist provide a long-range maintenance plan. Recommendation is to start with just (3) boxes.

- *Pros* – theme could be anything from bringing the history of our community together, using a natural landscape theme i.e.: Sammamish Rhododendrons & possibly use it as a launch program for the schools to have a competition
- *Cons* – find out what it takes to get back to the original paint color. Maintenance long term is a concern. What assurance do we have that the utility company doesn't come back and determine they want to have the SAC return the boxes to their original paint color before the life of the artists painting is up.

Discussion took place regarding the aesthetic compatibility with the sub-urban environment of Sammamish.

Adjourn

Next regular SAC meeting – Monday, October 15, 2012 – 6:30 pm

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