

Sammamish Arts Commission Meeting
November 19, 2012
Minutes

Attendees:

Commissioners – Chair, Daphne Robinson, Claradell Shedd, Max Montrey, Bharath Sankaranarayan, Anne Schaefer, Barbara Jirsa, Lin Garretson

City Staff – Joe Guinasso, Allison Gubata

Absent with regrets – Mary Lynn Vance

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

Note Approval of October 15, 2012 Minutes - Commission Meeting Minutes approved via email.

2012 Budget and Financial Report YTD - Expenditures YTD: \$23,535.36. Current 2012 expenditure forecast projection is on track. Approved city budget contribution for 2013 - \$25,800.

Arts Education Month - Guest Chair, Elena Blume, provided a handout of a school list for the Sammamish Arts Commission, which included contacts information of the Art Leaders within the local Sammamish schools.

The month of May has been identified as “Arts Education Month” here in Sammamish. Elena will be spearheading the collaborative opportunity between the Art Leaders and the Arts Commission in promoting awareness to students in our schools. No formal idea yet on the program for 2013 in celebration of Arts Education Month. Daphne will follow up with Elena on next steps.

Jet City Improv – Review The Teen Center was a great venue with very helpful staff. Performers were outstanding, very in tune to the Sammamish group, lots of interaction. Jet City performers were very easy to work with. Attendance was roughly 100 people. The audience set-up was like a comedy club which made it really fun. The Teen Center could easily accommodate another 50-60 people very easily. For the Arts Commission records, it would be helpful to have an event report to include who; what; where and cost. This is a great tool to have on hand year after year. Jet City Improv performers are a good value for the money. The Arts Commission recommends having this event again next year.

Display cases – Arts Commissioner Barbara Jirsa meet with Carrie Ross & David Ellison to discuss options for a vitrine to display art work. The suggestion was to build a 6’ long case which would sit under the stairs (triangular space). The base comes up 21” deep and is 18” high. The material suggested was a blackened walnut for \$4,860 or MDF \$3,900. This cost is before adding any lighting.

Quarterly Meeting recap - Daphne met with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor & City Manager to present the Arts Commission activities as well as their plans for 2013. Council is very excited with everything that has been accomplished this year with the Commission. The 2013 Arts Commission budget was presented and they were pleased with how ambitious the Arts Commission is. Daphne will continue to pop up in the Council meetings with updates, as well as meet with Council on a quarterly basis.

Photo Storage - What are the Arts Commissions options for storing photos? Currently, we are using “Flickr” which is great for immediately uploading and sharing photos however limits usage of good quality photos for marketing. Max & Bharath will do a comparison with Smug Mug & Photo Shelter to determine functionality, cost and transferability.

Utility Box project - Claradell spoke with the City of Bellevue on their process for installation of art on utility boxes. It is handled by the transportation group; the Arts Commission is involved by overseeing the project. Artwork is designed by their in-house graphic artist then transferred to a material like contact paper and is wrapped around the boxes. We should make sure the boxes are going to stay in place for a few years. Process from beginning to end was 4-6 mths. The cost is between \$1200 - \$1700 for wrapping city owned boxes. Wrapping is not the only technique to apply artwork, having someone paint the box is an option too. The Sammamish Heritage Society would like to hear from the SAC about locations they would like to have artwork on utility boxes and what photos would tie into the location.

Chinese Exhibit – Commissioner Barbara Jirsa has applied for grant funding for this exhibit event which will include three visiting Chinese Misty Poets in addition to exhibition of work by Cheryl Leo Gwin. Time frame to be early July 2013 with a culminating event in September.

2013 Programs Events and Projects Planning Calendar/Budget

Community Theatre – is not something that the Arts Commission is planning in 2013.

Architecture Program – Max Montrey – March 23rd – Boys and Girls Teen Center – 15 participants @ a cost of \$15 pp.

2013 expense budget was reviewed and adjustments were made. Revised expense budget will be presented at SAC December meeting for final review and approval.

Adjourn

Next regular SAC meeting – Monday, December 17, 2013 – 6:30 pm

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