

Sammamish Arts Commission Meeting

Minutes

December 17, 2012

Attendees:

Commissioners – Chair Daphne Robinson, Claradell Shedd, Lin Garretson, Barbara Jirsa, Bharath Sankaranarayan , Mary Lynn Vance, Anne Schaefer, Barbara Jirsa, Lin Garretson

Staff - Joe Guinasso, Janie Jackson

Absent without regrets - Max Montrey, Anne Schaefer

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 6:36

Note Approval of November 17, 2012 Minutes - Commission Meeting Minutes approved via email.

Guest, Negat Kedir spoke to the Commission about her efforts to complete an intercultural mosaic mural project. Last year, as a senior in High School, and as part of an international foundation, she received a 10K grant to carry out the project. After the school holiday break, she plans to recruit 10 to 12 Sammamish teens to complete the project with the help of local artist Cheryl Smith. She hopes to begin working on the mosaic in February and expects the project to last 6 months. She asked the Commission for help locating a space to house the project. It needs to hold 25 to 30 people and must allow for the security of materials after each weekly work session. Commissioners brainstormed possible meeting locations. Joe will speak to the Facilities department regarding possible City facility meeting locations. Final design as not yet been determined, nor where the piece will reside.

Budget and Financial Report YTD

- \$28,400 to date spent
- Display case – electrical outlet to be installed
- Vitrine - \$4,489
- 10 Plexiglas signage pieces at \$225
- \$400 installation cost
- \$1200 for new Arts Fair banner

Photo storage

Bharath provided a written report of his review of online photo sharing sites. He prefers “Smug Mug Power” at \$60 or \$150 per year as this site will retain hi-resolution photos. He will send a recommendation via email.

Community Center public art/Public Art selection and funding process overview

Commissioners felt a discussion about public art at the proposed Community/Aquatic Center was timely since the public advisory vote passed and city council recommended the project go forward. They would like to speak to the Parks department during the planning process to see where public art could be located. Commissioners discussed the installation of **Confluence** during the planning of the City Hall building and the process of a ‘call for art’. Since there are no funds for public art in the project budget, they discussed donations and fundraising. They plan to continue this conversation in 2013.

Finalize 2013 Calendar Budget

A revised budget was distributed and reviewed.

Selection of New Chair

Daphne asked for nominations for Commission Chair. No nominations were submitted. Daphne cannot continue as Chair in 2013 as she has served the 2 year maximum term as stipulated by the SAC Rules of Procedure. This subject will be revisited at the January meeting. Commissioners discussed the possibility of restructuring or redefining the scope of the Commission to divide duties differently. A more equitable division of duties was suggested by Chair, Daphne Robinson

Open discussion

Recruitment for Arts Commissioner vacancies has not produced any new candidates. It was suggested that applications from last year be reviewed.

Patty Wilma from the City of Bellevue has been asked to speak at the January meeting regarding utility boxes.

Adjourn: 8:38 Next regular SAC meeting – January 14, 2013 – 6:30 pm