

City of Sammamish Arts Commission – Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 28, 2013

Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE

Sammamish, Washington

Attendees

Commissioners: Chair Anne Schaefer, Daphne Robinson, Claradell Shedd, Lin Garretson, Mary Lynn Vance, Amy Lam, Barbara Jirsa

Staff: Joe Guinasso, Director of Financial & Technology Services; Allison Gubata, Administrative Assistant

Absent with regrets: Margaret Rosenow

Absent: Max Montrey

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.

Note Approval of September 16, 2013 Minutes - Commission Meeting Minutes approved via email.

Budget and Financial Report YTD (2013)

- \$32,800 total budget
- \$18,688.34 expenditure YTD
- \$12,278.15 balance
- \$31,449.93 year end estimate

Review 2013 Budget for Events – overview of actual expenditures for each 2013 event

Introduction to Guests

City Council Candidates Kathy Huckabay, Bob Keller

City Council Candidate Larry White had a conflict and could not attend.

Art Fair Wrap-up: The originally scheduled musicians cancelled at the last minute. The harpist and flutist were very well received. We had several first time events at the Encounters in the Library; “String”; “Zambini Brothers” and “Studio H” all of which were very engaging with the audience. Performance attendance was equal on both Saturday and Sunday with average attendance at 40. There was a disconnect between the Arts Fair and Encounters, attendance was not necessarily at both events it was one or the other. The “Junk Chime” was a hit and a creative idea to tie the two areas together however; other options should be considered for 2014. Anna Macrae is transitioning out her role as Arts Fair Chair after serving in this capacity for the past three Arts Fairs. Mireille Koenders-Kools has accepted the role of Arts Fair Chair for 2014.

55+ Art Classes: artEAST has committed to collaborate with the Sammamish Arts Commission in 2014 for art classes. All classes in 2013 were to full capacity and very well received. Students and instructors have requested that the 2014 classes be 3hrs each in length instead of 2hrs each. Classes are currently scheduled for a summer term May 8 – 29, 2014 and a fall term Sept. 18 – Oct 29, 2014. Both sessions will be held at the Ex3 Sammamish Teen Center. Concerns were expressed on how outreach and marketing is being done to the seniors in Sammamish.

Special Arts Sammamish: The focus of this program is to continue reaching out to all populations that are underserved in our community. “Life Stories” was moved from the 2013 to 2014 calendar, as a few of the partners for this program were no available. The program will be a partnership across generations to share “Life Stories”.

“Creative Characters” on 10/19 was a huge success. The focus was on creating characters and becoming someone outside of you. We have received a lot of interest in this program, and had to cut registration off. Parents have commented on how much they themselves have enjoyed this connected experience. We are looking at planning a little

more structure for the parents in 2014. A large part of the student volunteers is from “Athletes for Kids”, and they have been fabulous to work with.

2014 Planning:

Working Events and Exhibits for 2014

- Life Stories – Michael Dylan Welch has expressed interest in participating with this event
- Build it Sammamish/LEGO event – February 1, 2014
- Special Arts Sammamish – Summer and Fall
- Simple Measures – March 18, 2014
- 55+ Art Program – Has an increase in class time from 2hrs. each class to 3hrs.
- Community Garden Gate – Margaret Rosenow to take the lead and Commissioner Jirsa & Shed will support
- Utility Box – Chair Schaefer to coordinate with Commissioner Shedd to get in front of City Council for vetting historical skins on utility boxes prior to an installation. A request from the Parks Department came in to have a utility box at Beaver Lake Park painted; this might be a good option for a historical skin.
- Haiku in the Woods – Possibly hosting the last weekend in March as an entry to poetry month which is in April
- Architecture/Model Class
- ACT Theatre - Would like to come back to Sammamish. Commissioner Robinson will look into a date to have them come to Sammamish. Most likely May or sometime in the fall.
- Wooden O - Would work with the Parks and Recreation Department to provide
- Sammamish Nights - Arts Commission would provide sponsorship
- Arts Fair – October 9 & 10
- Arts Encounters – October 9 & 10
- Valley Center Stage – Are looking into an appropriate venue here in Sammamish; possibly offering a matinee and evening showing over a weekend. This would be a full production of a play and an Arts Commission sponsored event, so free to the public.
- Exhibits – Will continue to be quarterly

Pop up play suggested event in 2014 for kids. Anyone interested would have a part & costume, there could be many characters involving a diverse group of people and building community.

Historical Society: Commissioner Shedd is building the relationship with the Historical Society to collaborate with shared resources for the Arts Commission in the future. A potential project for 2014 would be for the Arts Commission to provide vitrines for the artifacts found in the Freed house.

2014 Open Commission Positions: There are three positions, one vacant, one vacating spot, and one seeking re-appointment. We are currently recruiting to fill the vacant positions.

3C Partnership/Creative Children for Charity: This local grass roots organization of teenagers has conducted 15 workshops in 2 years. They have reached out to the Arts Commission for support in hosting a workshop in Sammamish. Their website has a video, which explains their mission and successes to date: <http://meylah.com/chirag>. 3C met with the Parks Department and Chair Schaefer to ask for assistance in identifying a venue to host an interactive art event. Specific details as to what the event would include are being worked out by 3C including a budget. The group needs to flesh out the specifics, would like to display the community art project for up to 6 months. Supplies would be provided by 3C i.e.: canvas, paints and brushes.

Commissioners have these questions, which Chair Schaefer will ask 3C:

1. How does it build community?
2. Will there be a narrative, presentation of the artwork?

Suggestion for a venue was the Sammamish Vedic Temple who is interested in hosting community events.

2014 January & February SAC Monthly Meetings: Both of the regularly scheduled monthly Arts Commission meetings fall on City of Sammamish holidays. The Arts Commission unanimously approved to move the meeting dates to the last Monday in both months. The new meeting dates are – January 27 and February 24, 2014.

Open Discussion: The Arts Commission would like to have a dedicated table to accompany the quarterly exhibits in City Hall. Commissioner Jirsa and Commissioner Garretson are researching options and obtaining estimates.

Signage: Commissioners discussed options for permanent signage on city owned artwork.

ACTION: Exact samples will be provided for Commissioners to view before placing an order.

Photos from Arts Commission Events: At this time, the Arts Commission does not have a dedicated photographer. Photos taken on behalf of the Arts Commission will be uploaded to their SMUG MUG account.

4Culture Grant: Commissioner Jirsa on behalf of the Arts Commission has applied for a Sustained Support for an event honoring historic figure Marie Louie from Sammamish. Marie Louie was a Native American medicine woman who traveled by canoe healing people on her journey through Sammamish. To provide a more permanent part to this event, there is consideration for a historical view finder to be installed where you would see historical renditions of what this area looked like for Marie Louie and to replant some of the Wapato.

(Sagittaria is a genus of about 30 species of aquatic plants whose members go by a variety of common names, including arrowhead, duck potato, iz-ze-kn, katniss, kuwai, swan potato, tule potato, and wapato)

This event may be tied into the release of the kokanee salmon that occurs each year.

WYCA Director, Judy Smith has expressed an interest in collaborating with the Sammamish Arts Commission in 2014.

Adjourn 8:28 p.m.

Next regular SAC meeting – Monday, November 18, 2013 – 6:30 pm