

City of Sammamish Arts Commission – Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 17, 2014
Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, Sammamish, Washington

Attendees

Commissioners: Chair Anne Schaefer, Claradell Shedd, Margaret Rosenow, Priti Joshi, Ramu Iyer, Steve Wright, Kelli Ron, Barbara Jirsa; Lin Garretson

Staff: Lyman Howard, Deputy City Manager; Allison Gubata, Administrative Assistant

Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Note Approval of February 24 2014 Minutes - Commission Meeting Minutes approved via email.

Budget and Financial Report YTD 2014

- 2013 Carry forward \$1,264
- 2013 4Culture Grant \$6,500
- 2014 Budget \$25,800
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2014 TOTAL Budget \$40,064

2014 YTD Expenditures \$3,069.98

2014 YTD Available Funds \$36,994.02

Community Garden Gate –

Significant input and suggestions were offered by the Commissioners to Ann Precop and Stephanie Hibner on the design, practicality. The Commissioners provided a myriad of impressive design suggestions and options.

Action Items:

The Arts Commission has a budget of \$3,500 to use for this gate, and have asked that Sammamish Parks Commissioner Ann Precop ask the Parks Department if they would fund installation.

Commissioner Shedd, Jirsa and Rosenow will lead this project including scheduling meetings with the Parks Department for proper vetting of the design and materials.

Any ideas from the Commission may be sent to Commissioner Rosenow.

Comp Plan RFP – Distribution of the RFP, Call to Artist memo from Emily Arteche, Senior Planner was distributed for the Arts Commission to review and provide feedback to Administrative Assistant Gubata before the April 21 meeting.

Update on 2014 Events

Special Arts Sammamish – Make it a Clay Day was a great success, the event is growing. We had 34 students and 40 volunteers at this event. The EX3 Teen Center is working out well as a venue for this event.

A request came to Commissioner Garretson from a Sammamish resident who volunteers at the Echo Glen detention center. Her request was to have a clay artist go to the center to look at the equipment that the center owns and help someone (volunteer) learn to use it. Commissioner Garretson brought this request to the Commission as an opportunity for potential funding. With this facility being outside the city limits, and not necessarily supporting Sammamish residents it was determined that funding from the Arts Commission would not be available.

“Haiku in the Woods” with Sammamish Walks event is April 12. All Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

Act Theatre's - "The Price" event is May 8. Past Arts Commissioner Robinson will be running this program. All Commissioners are encouraged to attend. Registration is required for this event.

Art Fair - New Chair for 2014 Mireille Kools. Commissioner Iyer and Joshi have volunteered to liaison with the Art Fair Committee to be in charge of the "Encounters" program. This involves selecting and scheduling the performers for the library and/or plaza area. Working with Mireille to construct an idea for connecting the Art Fair at City Hall to the Encounters events.

Action Item:

Chair Schaefer to work with Commissioners Iyer and Joshi on next steps.

Open discussion:

Congressional Art Competition – The Commission received a letter from representative Dave Reicherts asking the Commission to reach out to our local schools for an art competition. Commissioner Rosenow offered to distribute the letter to our local schools and Chair Schaefer will send to the Tri-awareness organization for distribution as well.

Commissioners were asked that if they are hosting an Arts Commission event and a news reporter is at the event, to be sure that the Arts Commission be mentioned in the report/article.

4Culture Grants –Commissioner Ron is interested in working with Daphne to train on taking over grant writing and looking for grant monies on behalf of the Arts Commission.

Reception & Conversation for the current exhibit "Crossing Boundaries" – will take place on April 1. Commissioners are encouraged to attend this event.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Next regular SAC meeting – Monday, April 21 2014