

City of Sammamish Arts Commission – Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 21, 2014
Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, Sammamish, Washington

Attendees

Commissioners: Chair Anne Schaefer, Claradell Shedd, Margaret Rosenow, Steve Wright, Barbara Jirsa; Lin Garretson.

Absent Priti Joshi, Ramu Iyer and Kelli Ron.

Staff: Colleen Rupke, Administrative Assistant

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Note Approval of March 17, 2014 Minutes - Commission Meeting Minutes approved via email.

Budget and Financial Report YTD 2014

- 2013 Carry forward \$1,519
- 2013 4Culture Grant \$6,500
- 2014 Budget \$25,800
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2014 TOTAL Budget \$ 40,319

2014 YTD Expenditures \$ 6,196.47

2014 YTD Available Funds \$ 34,122.53

Community Garden Gate/Margaret Rosenow – Commissioner Margaret Rosenow has received an email Ann Precup and Stephanie Hibner. She gave a report from their discussions. The City will commit to a basic hinge installation. As a Committee, we could have a standard gate with art on the sides, we need to be culturally sensitive and stay within our budget. Commissioner Rosenow will email a list of potential artists and you can add to that any suggestions you have. Then we will have a call to artists and narrow it down. The gate, according to Lin, will likely cost around \$3,500. Rosenow will email some websites with art options to consider.

May – July/August Exhibit/Barbara Jirsa – Commissioner Barbara Jirsa reported – May 9 will install next exhibit. The artist is Dave Barfield. The exhibit will be called “Kinfolk” and will feature photographs displayed as enamel on steel. The City will contribute some photographs as well that will be displayed on the upper level of the staircase and in the vitrine.

Theatre Meeting Update/Steven Wright – Building Block Event will be May 16 at the Teen Center. He has a young student working on the poster for the event. If it works out, the Commission may have found its graphic artist. The shows will be dependent on the participants. Margaret Rosenow will help with the advertising the schools. Advertising needs to state that this program is open to all ages. They will do canvassing and advertising in the newspapers. Claradell suggested that Steve drop an email to Councilmember John James since he was instrumental in bringing this type of program to the forefront.

Sammamish Youth Writing Club Request/Anne Schaefer – Everyone approved this. \$1,000 has been allocated for the event. The leader of this event is currently soliciting for prizes to award for the writing winners (her original price quote had included the awarding of cash funds from the price quote for the winners. Since City funds cannot be used for this, she will find prizes.). The event is June 9.

Public Art in Sammamish/Margaret Rosenow – Margaret reported the inventory of Sammamish’s art. She would like the City to start moving in the direction of art that is permanent. Margaret briefly discussed the Arts Funding Matrix handout. Margaret feels it is important to get some kind of wording in the Comprehensive Plan that makes a statement about the importance of art in the City, its permanence, its cultural diversity, the vision for the future. Margaret presented the handout on an example of City of Bellevue’s “Cultural Compass” strategic vision. There was discussion of

speaking to Jessi Bon about speaking to the Council about getting some wording in the Comp Plan about art in Sammamish. Margaret and Anne will work on the wording of a proposed vision statement for the Comp Plan.

Update on Comp Plan/Anne Schaefer – Emily Arteché will be coming next month to speak to the Commission about the Comprehensive Plan Update.

Upcoming Programs/Anne Schaefer –

- Special Arts Sammamish this coming Saturday, April 26. Volunteers are needed from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Talk to Lin G. Event is from 1 – 3 p.m.
- 55+ Art classes start May 8 – currently have 5 people signed up and need more

Open discussion

City newsletter is May 6. This Wednesday is the deadline for submission. Will include something on Steve's Building Block event.

Presidential Service Awards – Gold Award went to Daphne; Silver award – Lin; Bronze awards – Claradell and Barbara

Magazine Plateau Living has an article coming out on the Arts Commission soon.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next regular SAC meeting – Monday, May 19, 2014