

City of Sammamish Arts Commission – Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 14, 2014
Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, Sammamish, Washington

Attendees

Commissioners: Chair Anne Schaefer, Claradell Shedd, Margaret Rosenow, Steve Wright, Barbara Jirsa, Priti Joshi, Ramu Iyer.

Absent: Lin Garretson, Kelli Ron

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

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Note Approval of May 19, 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 \$ 10,523.32

2014 YTD Available Funds \$ 29,795.68

Community Garden Gate – Commissioner Rosenow reported that the proposal has been sent to eight artists. We have received one submission.

Ladies Musical Club – an organization in Seattle with a mission to foster classical music among its members and in communities in the State of Washington through education, performance and awards. They approached the Sammamish Arts Commission with a request to host a concert of the Frances Walton competition winners. This concert will be held at Pine Lake Covenant Church on September 14.

Youth Writing Club Event (re-cap) – This was a very well attended and organized event. The EX3 Teen Center was overwhelmed by the attendance, and pleased to have so many families in our community involved. Categories were broken down by age, and the sponsorship of the judges who provided technical expertise was covered within the \$1,000 Arts Commission donation for this event. All participants were provided either an award or a certificate for their effort in this event. The Youth Writing Club was very appreciative of the support provided by the Sammamish Arts Commission.

City Hall Exhibits - David Berfield Reception, August 21, the artist has extended an invitation to the enameling society, announcements have been sent to numerous list including artEAST, as well as our e-blast announcements. The artist has agreed to leave his exhibit up until 9/15. The next installation will be the middle of October, titled *A Cut Above*, was originally curated by June Sekiguchi. A portion of that exhibit will be installed in the Commons Gallery. Amanda Devine, a local artist will be creating some work to exhibit in the spring of 2015. For the fall of 2015, the work of Michelle Van Slyke is planned.

2014 Planning

Wooden O'/Shakespeare in Pine Lake Park is a partnered sponsorship between the Parks Department and the Sammamish Arts Commission. There are two concerts scheduled, "The Two Gentlemen of Verona" & "Julius Caesar".

Senior Art Classes – Chair Schaefer is looking into offering a fall (October) fused art glass class in the evening. There will be one additional 55+ class in the fall, in addition to the fused art glass class. We have had several inquiries from seniors who are working and attending a class during the day does not work for them.

Special Arts Sammamish – two classes will be offered in the fall of 2014. Subject and dates are forth coming.

Arts Fair – The King County Sammamish Library has had a few scheduling issues for the encounters portion of the Art Fair. Chair Schaefer is addressing. We are also considering using Mary Queen of Peace or the Arbor School as venue options for the Encounters. Once ironed out, the plan is to use the same program as last year and see which artists are available.

Theatre Program – Commissioner Wright has been working on cost for a large production, dance; singing & acting classes as part of the preparation for the large production. The theme of this production has not been determined. The Commission overall recommended having a younger-family friendly production for the initial show. The targeted period is for early December 2014. Preparation for this production requires a commitment from participants and a reserved venue to practice for 22 nights prior to the opening night.

Flash mobs are in the works, and Commissioner Wright is coordinating with the Parks Department on appropriate engagement at various City of Sammamish Park sponsored events such as Wooden O' and Nightmare at Beaver Lake. The purpose of the flash mob is to encourage people to participate in the theatre production.

***Action – Commissioner Wright to provide a proposal for the theatre production to the Commission**

2014-15 Planning – Local Arts Agency Collaborative Projects 4Culture Grant proposal by artEAST for the Arts Commission to collectively apply for this grant. This funding would allow an opportunity to build relationships with the East Indian communities. Two events would be coordinated bringing the leaders of these communities to provide appropriate engaging programming with the awarded funding. The Sammamish Arts Commission will serve as an umbrella, very little action required from our organization. An optional venue would be Blakely Hall in the Issaquah Highlands. The Issaquah Highlands Counsel and Downtown Issaquah Association are supportive of this effort. Per this grant, the events have to occur between September 1, 2014 - December 31, 2015. The Sammamish Arts Commission is in favor of moving forward with applying.

2015 Planning – Commissioners were asked to bring formal proposals of times and budget for recommended programming & events.

***Action** – Chair Schaefer to send out a simple outline as a template for Commissioners to use for their proposal.

Theatre – possibly adding 4 shows in 2015 and bring in performance workshops, singing & dancing classes as part of the practice. Commissioner Wright has Choreographer connections to recommend for these classes. Fundraising is not an option, as the Sammamish Arts Commission is not a 5013c.

Permanent Art and Culture - Permanent cultural sculptures suggested as an Arts Commission purchase. Possibly placing them in roundabout or somewhere on 228th or another location with high visibility. The Commission prefers the idea of some type of flower art. Consideration is needed for installation, maintenance, insurance and safety before an actual piece of artwork is selected.

***Action** – Chair Schaefer to inquire about this suggestion to City Council for approval prior to any action from the Commission.

Donated artwork - to the city. The Arts Commission established a policy several years ago, that public donated art would be accepted. It becomes very complicated deciding whose art to accept, along with the installation, insurance and maintenance required.

The Cultural Section of the City of Sammamish PROPlan now has a Link on the Arts Commission Webpage - <http://www.sammamish.us/files/document/12998.pdf>

Open discussion

Mary Louie, member of the Snoqualmie Tribe's cultural history will be featured at Meadowbrook Farm in North Bend on 9/27 in conjunction with a previously scheduled festival. The Snoqualmie Tribe created a seasonal movement not nomad but they followed the growth of their food. There are two artists scheduled to create vertical artwork, which will use the sun as an indicator to determine when crops are ready for harvesting. There will be knowledgeable, approachable people at this festival to ask questions. The coordinating part of this cultural excursion will be coming to Sammamish in 2015. Don Fels, a North Bend artist will be involved with the Sammamish portion of this project.

Arcadia Book – approached the Arts Commission and is seeking out proposals for historical or other information on Sammamish. Commissioner Shedd offered to reach out to her connections with the Sammamish Historical Society.

Public Art – The Commission would like to discuss implementation of a piece of artwork purchased by the Commission for installation in a very visible location.

Website Update – Commissioner Rosenow requested a link be added to the Arts Commission page, which references the Art & Cultural section of the City of Sammamish Parks & Recreation PROPlan. This has been implemented.

Additionally, for the website the Commission would like to have professional photographs taken of the city owned artwork for posting.

***Action** – *Director of Financial & Technology Services Guinasso to follow up with the City Hall Facilities Manager on the status of the Arts Commission purchasing a lobby table for the purpose of Arts Commission marketing material.*

***Action-** *Commissioner Wright to contact photographer friend for taking photos in exchange for credit of the photos on the website. Commissioner Rosenow will follow up with the prospective photographer and City Hall.*

***Action** -*Photos of Arts Commission events are currently uploaded to SmugMug. Commissioner Rosenow will be gleaning the photos and determining which photos to link to events posted on the website.*

Action-Commissioner Shedd to send out to the Commission standards specifications on photographs taken at events to be used for posting on website and Facebook.*

Adjourned 8:35 P.M.

Next regular SAC meeting – Monday, August 18, 2014 – 6:30 pm