

City of Sammamish Arts Commission – Minutes - Monday, May 18, 2015

Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, Sammamish, Washington

Attendees:

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

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

Alternate: Carole Weaks

Absent: Commissioner Kelli Ron & Ramu Iyer; Alternate Commissioners Mandagere Shashidhar; Rituja Indapure

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Note Approval of April 27, 2015 Minutes - Commission Meeting Minutes approved via email.

Budget and Financial Report YTD 2015

- 2014 Carry forward \$ \$10,300 proposed to City Council in May 2015
- 2015 Budget \$32,300 (includes \$6,500 4Culture Grant)
- 2015 Additional \$1,000 4Culture Grant
- **2015 TOTAL Budget \$ 43,600**
- 2015 YTD Expenditures \$9,286.94
- 2015 YTD Available Funds \$34,313.06

Garden Gate Update – An opening ceremony with a ribbon cutting by the Mayor or City Council member, recognition of the artist and an event with entertainment and/or activities is in the planning process. The Commission is also researching an inexpensive give away such as seed packets. An entertainment option would be to have The Zambini Brothers “Chicken Man” which is a chicken costume and a man on stilts who engages with the public and roves. His fee is \$500. Additionally, the Zambini Brothers offer engaging puppet shows. The fee for both would be \$650. The majority of Commissioners thought for an event it would be best to not have entertainment that required people sit and watch at a specific time. Commissioner Shedd suggested a temporary installation of batik flags for the event, to make it festive. Marketing will determine the level of community participation for this event. Parks Commissioner Stephanie Hiber is reaching out to the Parks Commission for joint event participation.

Recommendation to have attendees register online for this event, to assist with defining the event entertainment.

Motion: Commissioner Jirsa motioned that \$800 be allocated for this ceremony/event. Commissioner Rosenow seconds the motion, all Commissioners present approved motion.

Permanent recognition of the Arts Commission and artist will be captured on an engraved metal place that will be placed adjacent to the gate as well as on both sides of the garden fencing.

NEST Building Project – “Community Environmental Art & Design” project event dates:

Saturday, September 12 from 9:00 – 12:00 in the lower commons, Arts Commissioners, Parks Commissioners and artists Karen White will be on hand to prepare sticks for the NEST build.

Saturday, September 19 from 9:00 – 12:00 in the lower commons, artist Karen White with community volunteers organized by the Parks Department will build a large NEST.

Between September 19 – October 17, Parks will transport the NEST to Big Rock Park.

Saturday, October 17 time TBD will be the NEST community event at Big Rock Park.

Marketing for this event is the responsibility of the Arts Commission, with artEAST supporting our efforts.

Sammamish Days is an opportunity to have a booth where NEST artist Karen White would be present to have an interactive art event and talk about the NEST project. Marketing material to include prior NEST project photos.

Sculptures for Roundabouts – On Saturday, June 6 at 10:00 a.m. a local Sammamish barn will be demolished. Commissioner Shedd has arranged with the owner to use wood from this barn for the purpose of artist Al Zold to create the sculptures, which will be installed in 3 identified roundabouts the later part of this calendar year.

Recent Programs Recap – “Opera Ole” proved to be a wonderful community event, engaging with the audience, entertaining and professional. Commissioner Wright was complimented for his coordination and implementation of this event. Recommendation would be to have a raised stage should the Arts Commission use this venue in the future. Attendance was tallied at 172, and through Brown Paper tickets, the count was 250. The gate at Sahalee proved to be more of an obstacle than anticipated. There were only two guards to check people in from the attendance list creating a delay in getting through the gate. A special thank you to Commissioner Shedd & Rosenow for their assistance in welcoming attendees and taking tickets as well as administrative support. Also, for their generous donation of intermission beverages and baked goods.

Ausome Artists – Between participants, volunteers, and parents attendance was close to 100 people. There was something for every artist at this event, music therapy, and print making and weaving. Thank you to Starbucks for donating coffee for the parent’s room, which has proven to be a wonderful network of sharing experiences and offering support. A special thank you to Volunteer Roseann Popa who has been hosting the parents group and helping with event organization. Many of the same participants and volunteers register for Special Arts Sammamish events, providing consistency and building friendships. This program appears to be building confidence in many of the participants, freeing them both verbally & physically.

Motion: Commissioner Garretson motioned to add an additional \$400 for the remaining 2015 Special Arts Sammamish program. Commissioner Rosenow second the motion, all Commissioners present approved the motion.

“Moments” Exhibit Reception – Was very well attended. Artist Amanda Devine has brought many of her supporters to the gallery here at city hall to view her work. Commissioner Jirsa thanked the Commissioners who attended the reception. It shows support for the artists when Commissioners attend an exhibit reception.

Marketing Volunteer – Chair Schaefer is actively recruiting for a Marketing Volunteer to help with writing Press Releases, posting of events in the local papers and maintain social media sites with Arts Commission happenings.

Twitter handle: SAMMARTS – Commission Chair Schaefer is working

Open discussion –

Local Arts Agency meeting will be hosted in Sammamish on 7/23 from 9:30 – 1:00 p.m. here in the Council Chambers. As a host, we do a re-cap of our current programs. The Mayor will be asked to welcome everyone and give a brief overview of Sammamish. Commissioner Garretson will give a Special Arts Sammamish presentation, showing other agencies how they could easily incorporate this program in their communities.

Shakespeare in the Park co-hosting with the Parks Department in Pine Lake Park

July 18 – 7:00 p.m. “Henry IV part 1”

July 25 – 7:00 p.m. “As you Like it”

Commission agreed to not meet in August

Adjourn 7:59 p.m.

Next regular SAC meeting – Monday, June 22, 2015 – 6:30 pm