

Sammamish Arts Commission – Minutes – March 28, 2016

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

Attendees:

Commissioners: Chair Anne Schaefer, Barbara Jirsa, Claradell Shedd, Lin Garretson, Priti Joshi, Steve Wright, Ramu Iyer, and Jennifer Kacsmarek. Also present: **Staff:** Colleen Rupke, Administrative Assistant. Alternate: Carol Weaks.

Absent: Commissioners Margaret Rosenow, Ramu Iyer and Steve Wright. Alternate Angela Bovo, and Finance Director Joseph Guinasso.

Call to Order

Chair Anne Schaefer

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chair Schaefer.

Approval of February 22, 2016 Minutes – The Commission approved the February 22, 2016 meeting minutes via email.

Guest Presentation - Issaquah Schools Foundation Healthy Youth Initiative

Carla Villar, of artEAST and Barb de Michele, of Issaquah Schools Foundation, gave a presentation entitled “Incredible Partnerships”. This exhibition was previously featured at Seattle City Hall. A generous donor has made it possible to bring the exhibit to the Eastside. 30+ artists will be involved. They handed out an event schedule of upcoming workshops and activities that dovetail with the Incredible Intensity exhibit.

Budget and Financial Report Year-End 2015

Colleen Rupke

- 2015 Carry forward TBD
- 2016 Budget \$32,300.00 (includes \$6,500 4Culture Grant)
- 2016 Additional \$1,000.00 4Culture Grant
- 2015-2016 Mid-Bi Adjustment \$10,000.00
 - **2016 TOTAL BUDGET \$43,300.00**
- 2016 Expenditures to Date: **\$6,601.65**
- 2016 Balance: **\$36,698.35**

In the absence of Finance Director Joe Guinasso, Administrative Assistant Colleen Rupke reported that the 2015 carry-forward amount has not been finalized and authorized yet. That will take place sometime next month. There is likely a carry-forward amount of just under \$5,000, \$3,500 of which was unexpended roundabout art funds from last year. Because those art pieces were installed and billed this calendar year, they were subtracted from the 2016 budget allotment. Once the carry-forward amount is established and authorized by Council, the Commission can replenish the funds designated for 2016 roundabout art.

2016 Calendar

Chair Schaefer

Make It a Clay Day took place on March 19. About 100 participants – 30 students, 30 parents, 30 teachers/staff. Event was a success. There was a nice article about the event in the Sammamish

Reporter. Plateau Living will also be doing an article on the event and the Special Arts Sammamish program.

Commissioner Garretson has set a poetry event in place for May 17, 6:30pm at the Library. This will be an Haiku event run by Tracy Kurenski. The Library is on board and excited to partner on this. This will be an intergenerational event, with the library putting together the flier.

Commissioner Garretson also reported that she has been meeting with Rob from the Klahanie Transition Team. Jacquie from the Klahanie board and Lin spoke about the Art Commission offerings to integrating Klahanie into the Community. They would like to consider locating some events at their venues there. They will have further discussions.

Commissioner Jirsa: New exhibit coming – Gail Twelves Photography Exhibit April 16 – July 8, 2016 entitled “Eye-to-Eye: A Photographic Connection with Polar Bears and Mustangs”. Her Artist Reception will be Fri., April 22, 6-8pm at City Hall. This will be the very first exhibit of her work.

Commissioner Shedd: Roundabout art – Claradell has been in touch with Sue Chapin (wife of the Late Officer Stan Chapin) to talk to her about the roundabout on Stan Chapin Way and having art installed there in his honor. Claradell will work with the Chapin family to get their input for art at that roundabout. Public Works has asked for art in the Inglewood Hill / East Lake Sammamish Parkway triangle entrance to the City. They have talked about wanting some kind of fish ladder or something like that. Al Zold has agreed that he would like to do that artwork. Claradell brought photos of another artist who specializes in Kokanee Salmon bronze sculptures. Would like Commission to consider where something like this might be a possibility. Upcoming articles in the local papers will be featuring these installations.

Commissioner Wright has asked EPAC to hold space for the Holiday Show.

Public Art:

Discussion from the Commissioners about art installations throughout the City, about building some kind of permanent pedestal where rotating art could be displayed at and following a call-for-artists locally that would want to offer their art for display.

Upcoming Events:

Nest / Big Rock Park Grand Opening Ceremony – May 21

Open discussion

All

Next Monday is Anne’s presentation to the City Council, Tues. April 5, early start 5:30 PM.

Anne is not here for the next meeting. Need a chair, Monday, April 25. Claradell volunteered.

Adjourn – There being no further business, the Commission was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next regular SAC meeting – Monday, April 25, 2016 – 6:30 pm