

## **Sammamish Arts Commission – Minutes – April 25, 2016**

Sammamish City Hall, 801 228<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Sammamish, Washington

### **Attendees:**

**Commissioners:** Chair Pro-Tem Claradell Shedd, Barbara Jirsa, Margaret Rosenow, Priti Joshi, Ramu Iyer, and Jennifer Kacsmarek. **Alternate:** Carol Weaks. Also present:

**Staff:** Colleen Rupke, Administrative Assistant.

**Absent:** Chair Anne Schaefer, Commissioners Lin Garretson, and Steve Wright and Alternate Angela Bovo.

### **Call to Order**

**Chair Pro-Tem Claradell Shedd**

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Chair Pro-Tem Claradell Shedd in the pre-arranged absence of Chair Anne Schaefer.

**Approval of March 28, 2016 Minutes** – The meeting minutes of March 28, 2016 were approved by the Commission via email.

### **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: **\$7,168.15**
- 2016 Balance: **\$36,131.85**

Administrative Assistant Colleen Rupke reported that the 2015 carry-forward amount has not yet been finalized and authorized, but is expected to be by the time of the Commission's next regular meeting.

Rupke also spoke to the Commission about assisting in devising a memorial installation for Finance Director Joe Guinasso, who passed away earlier this month. Rupke reminded the Commission of Director Guinasso's memorial service scheduled for Saturday, April 30 at 11:30 a.m. in West Seattle.

Rupke asked the Commission to assist her in devising an appropriate memorial on the Sammamish Commons Site in memory of Director Guinasso. The Commission agreed to brainstorm ideas for such a memorial.

### **Artist Reception**

**Barbara Jirsa**

Commissioner Jirsa reported 35-40 people attended the Artist's Opening reception held last Friday in honor of new exhibit artist Gail Twelves. Twelves will likely see some sales from this exhibit. Four council members attended the reception. David Allison will be the next featured artist after the Twelves exhibit. After that, Renaissance School of Sammamish will likely prepare an exhibit for the City in

October. Instead of an opening reception for the School, there will likely be some kind of alternative event to highlight the opening of the Renaissance exhibit.

### **Poetry Event**

**Lin Garretson**

In Commissioner Garretson's absence, her report was submitted via email to Chair Pro-Tem Shedd and read to the Commissioners present. The Poetry event has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 17 from 7-9pm at the Sammamish Library. The Library's graphics department is working on the flyer which will be ready this week. The event will be led by author, Tracy Koretsky and will focus on Haiku writing and sharing with a cross-generational perspective.

### **Special Arts**

**Lin Garretson**

In Commissioner Garretson's absence, her report was submitted via email to Chair Pro-Tem Shedd. The Make-It-A-Clay-Day event in March was a success and the Au-Some Artists event is slated for Saturday, April 30 from 1-3pm.

### **Theatre Production Update**

**Steven Wright**

Commissioner Wright was not present to give a report.

### **Roundabouts**

**Claradell Shedd**

Commissioner Shedd reported that the remaining roundabout sculptures are still in design stage. The artist and she are looking at some kind of artwork installation for the roundabout at Stan Chapin Way. Commissioner Shedd has reached out to the Chapin family for input on sculpture ideas and they are now waiting to hear back from the family. Commissioner Shedd shared with the Commission about the automaton art that the roundabout artist, Al Zold, has done. She discussed the possibility of having a video-taped interview of the artist and his art pieces featured somewhere. It was discussed that it would be appropriate to post a video tape of that nature on the Art Commission's webpage on the City site.

### **Cultural Event**

**Priti Joshi**

Commissioner Joshi reported that she is working on the Bollywood Dance event. She shared some YouTube videos with the Commission members, demonstrating the types of dance and music the event would feature. She indicated that it would take more allocated funds from the budget than originally planned, so that would need to be authorized by the Commission. She would like to produce the event this year in the Summer in some outdoor venue (i.e., Commons, Klahanie, Pine Lake Park, etc.). She is hoping to host the event sometime late August or first part of September. Commissioners Joshi will come with a proposed budget next month.

## **Upcoming Events:**

### **Nest / Big Rock Park Grand Opening Ceremony – May 21**

ArtEast will be involved in hosting a booth at the Park Opening where kids will be able to color rocks to be used for decorating the Nest. Staff Member Rupke will send out information on the opening schedule.

### **Open discussion**

**All**

Commissioner Shedd gave a report on the potential / planned disposition of the Chapel windows for the Lutheran Bible Institute church. Commissioner Shedd reported that this site was recently added to the endangered sites list for historical locations. The windows are the artwork of a famous French artist and is the only work of art in the United States by this artist. The State is asking for public input on retaining this building and the windows. Commissioner Shedd will send out the information on this whole subject along with the contact information on where input should be directed.

**Adjourn** – There being no further business, the Commission was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

**Next regular SAC meeting – Monday, May 23, 2016 – 6:30 pm**