

City of Sammamish Arts Commission – Minutes - Monday, October 20, 2014

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

Attendees

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

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

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

Note Approval of September 15, 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 \$ 18,453.43

2014 YTD Available Funds \$21,865.57

Including the increase in the budget to the Garden Gate and Community Theatre, we are anticipating a savings of roughly \$1,500.00 by the end of the calendar year. The Arts Commission is on pace to spend what was budgeted.

2014 additional Commission approved expenditures:

- Signage for the “A” boards the Commission approved generic signage with a plastic
- Table in the lobby – funds for the Commission. Ikea

“Nest” Sculpture Presentation - Karen Abel, Executive Director and **Karen White**, Education Director both of Art East This past summer, artEAST collaborated with the City of Issaquah and the Issaquah Highlands Council on a nest building collaborative art project, which was a huge success. artEAST would like to collaborate with the Sammamish Arts Commission for an installation in 2015.

Potential locations would be:

Sammamish Farmer’s Market, Parks or vacant lots adjacent to businesses.

Steps involved for creating an outdoor environmentally friendly sculpture with sticks; Arts Commissioners Kelli Ron and Ramu Iyer will be gathering information from the City of Sammamish Public Works department on stick gathering from trees being trimmed, and discussing options with the Sammamish Chamber of Commerce on using the Commons Plaza during the Farmer’s Markets.

The final structure(s) will be constructed in a way that it may be re-located into a park or remote area, as an unexpected art installation that will eventually disintegrate back into the natural landscape. There has been no safety issues related to this project.

This project is intended to bring community together welcoming participation from any age and ability. Construction typically takes 5 hours per structure. This could be an ongoing event, not necessarily the exact same thing each year.

Finances from the Arts Commission: The city does not do fund raising at this time. Donors & Sponsor are an acceptable way to receive funding. The Commission would also reach out to the Chamber of Commerce for business partnerships.

Marie Louis North Bend Event – The turn out for this event on 9/27 was approximately 70 people including the great grandson of Marie Louie. We learned that Marie Louie is mentioned in the Sammamish Shoreline Master Plan.

Part II of the Marie Louie project will take place in September 2015. Commissioner Barbara Jirsa has applied for a 4Culture grant to support the costs associated with this project. There is discussion of a canoe being carved out of a tree, to represent the canoe Marie Louie used. We are honored that Marie Louie's tribe head leader has asked to speak at this event.

2014 Arts Fair – Al Zold, one of the artists at this year's fair had wood sculptures that the Arts Commission may want to consider placing as art in the cities roundabouts. Reclaimed wood out of old barns or possibly from the historical Freed house would be incorporated providing a historical connection to the artwork. Commissioner Claradell Shedd is working on locating historical pieces of wood to be included.

The music provided was very well received; fair attendees paused and enjoyed the moment.

The Commission discussed if there should be changes in the Fair as well as the Encounters portion going forward. Arts Fair sub-committee Chair Mireille Kools will be meeting with the artists the early part of November reporting to the Arts Commission for alternative approaches to the 2015 Arts Fair. We may want to consider the jury process being a little different. Some Commissioners thought the artwork was challenging to judge on paper.

Garden Gate – Artist Garth Edwards from Bainbridge is interested in providing a garden gate for the community garden in the lower Sammamish Commons. Commissioners Margaret Rosenow and Barbara Jirsa will be meeting with him to discuss further and report to the commission in November. If a contract is set-up in 2014 with an artist to commission the gate, funding from the 2014 budget will be available through 2015 for the installation.

Holiday Production – "It's a Wonderful Life" live radio play auditions were very well attended and the cast has been selected. Rehearsals for the play will be held at Issaquah Highlands Integrated Rehabilitation Group, we were un-able to identify an available space on such short notice here in Sammamish. Rehearsals begin the first week in November.

There will be 2 performances at Eastlake Performing Arts Center, December 20 & 21. Costumes will be purchased from thrift stores and through donations. Commissioners Claradell Shedd and Margaret Rosenow will be assisting with final changes on costumes.

2015 Planning

The "Build It Sammamish" - LEGO event will be a little different this year. We are hosting a 45-minute class then open play from 11:00 – 3:00.

Simple Measures – has a new location this year: Pine Lake Covenant Church, Sammamish

New Poet Laureate will come to Sammamish free, will do a class (maximum of 15) will do an open reading in April for a larger group.

Open discussion – Blackwell Elementary Reflections judging – Commissioners Priti Joshi and Margaret Rosenow have volunteered to judge.

Thank you to Kelli and Allison for getting the 4Culture LAA Sustainable grant submitted.

Special Arts Sammamish – theatre of possibility will be November 8. Commissioners Margaret Rosenow and Claradell Shedd will be volunteering at this event.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next regular SAC meeting – Monday, November 17, 2014 – 6:30 pm