

Sammamish Arts Commission – Minutes – May 21, 2018
Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, Sammamish, Washington

Attendees:

Commissioners: Chair Ramu Iyer, Margaret Rosenow, Claradell Shedd, Priti Joshi. Staff: Chris Jordan, Recreation Manager; Annelise Diers, Office Assistant.

Absent: Commissioners: Barbara Jirsa, Lou Gopal. Staff: Angie Feser, Parks and Recreation Director

Call to Order:

Chair Ramu Iyer

The meeting was called to order by Chair Iyer at 6:33 p.m.

Approval of April Meeting Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Iyer moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Rosenow. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval of March Meeting Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Iyer moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Rosenow. Motion passed 3-1.

Commissioner Shedd dissented on the approval of these minutes.

Commissioner Rosenow requested that the have future minutes be written and distributed within a week of the SAC's meetings. That way, everything is still fresh in everyone's mind.

Budget and Financial Report

Chris Jordan

- 2018 Budget: **\$175,750**
- 2018 Expenditures to date: **\$15,535**
- 2018 Balance to date: **\$160,215**

Staff Report Out

Chris Jordan

Application deadline for new commissioners was April 30th; three applications were received for the open positions. City Council will interview applicants on July 9th. If applicants are approved, they will be appointed on July 17th. The commission discussed the possibility of creating a policy for Art Commissioner interviews. This would include the chair being able to communicate with applicants.

The Commission members stated they would like to be informed in adequate time (in this case, right away) the names of the 2018 candidates to insure present Commission members were knowledgeable of those candidates. There was specific Arts Commission discussion mentioning that its present membership wanted the Commission's Chair, Ramu Iyer, to have the opportunity to communicate, whether electronically, telephonically, or in person, with the potential 2018 applicants before the paperwork for those applicants is submitted to the City Council for the interviews with the potential candidates. Ramu Iyer stated that process had occurred (personally meeting with the Arts Commission's Chair) when Ramu Iyer was being considered for appointment to the Arts Commission. Chris Jordan said he would

get the copies of the potential candidates' paperwork to Ramu Iyer so Ramu could personally perform that timely communication. Several Arts Commissioners suggested the Arts Commissioners receive the list of 2018 candidates' names. Chris Jordan stated that he would send the present Arts Commissioners a list of names of the candidates being considered for interview (July 9, 2018) and appointment (July 17, 2018) by this City Council. Arts Commissioner Shedd stated that consistently City Council members request comments and recommendations of present Arts Commission membership as to proposed candidate appointment to the existing Arts Commission.

Permanent Art / Sculpture Project Update

Margaret Rosenow

The location for permanent art is being switched back to the first roundabout that was originally considered. This roundabout is located on SE 4th and 225th. This major part of this sculpture will be facing towards 228th. The second choice is the next roundabout which is located on 224th street. The green spine that was originally discussed is no longer being considered as an option right now for this specific project because it would take too long. Currently, Commissioner Rosenow is talking to an architect who will put in a bid, estimated to be about \$2,500. This bid would include the architect and structural engineer under one contract. Commissioner Rosenow is also working with an artist who is making a smaller sculpture that will serve as a mockup for the permanent art. The next step in this project is to get the contract signed.

Sammamish Arts Fair Planning Update

Chris Jordan

Chris Jordan and Commissioner Jirsa were able to tour the facility. CWU Ellensburg has approved the dates for the upcoming 2019 Arts Fair which will take place on September 20th, 21st & 22nd. These dates are locked and times will be confirmed. As mentioned, 2018 will be a "gap year" which has been posted on Facebook and will also be posted in the Newsletter and on the Arts Commission's website.

Upcoming Events

Ramu Iyer/ Claradell Shedd

LAYERS Exhibit – Artist Reception on May 24

This is the next Opening Artists Reception at City Hall. This event takes place on Thursday, May 24th.

Audubon Photography Awards Show on June 8

Commissioner Shedd reviewed with CWU the invitations that had been sent for the June 7, 2018 VIP Reception of the CWU/Audubon Society 2017 Photo Awards Exhibit which the Sammamish Arts Commission had agreed to sponsor with a \$250.00 donation and Arts Commission attendance and coordination. CWU and Shedd determined additional electronic invitations that should be sent out for the VIP Reception. The email that everyone received had an RSVP for opening night but did not reference the details on the back of the flyer, so Commissioner Shedd sent out emails with that information. Commissioner Shedd has also posted the flyer at local businesses including Starbucks, Safeway, the Boys and Girls Club, Metropolitan Market, and Papa Murphy's. The current RSVP list includes about 60-70 people. Volunteers are still needed for this event.

Discuss SAC Presentation to City Council

Ramu Iyer

The presentation to Council is on Tuesday, June 19th. The deadline for this presentation to be finalized and delivered to Chris Jordan by June 7th. Chair Iyer presented a rough draft of the presentation. There is a time slot of 20 minutes

allotted for this presentation. Chris recommends focusing on the content first and design second. Chris also recommended including photos in the presentation to show the commission's work. Commissioner Iyer mentioned that this should be presented in a way that it is an experience of the commission for the council. The commission discussed the importance of including upcoming 2018 projects as well.

Arts Programming Proposal – ORCA Concert

Ramu Iyer

Sean Osborne emailed Commissioner Iyer about their program in Seattle. The upcoming concert is May 25th. Sean proposed the idea of a program next year. That program will feature artists from the National Symphony, Oregon Symphony, Seattle Symphony and pianist Byron Schenkman. The possible location discussed if moving forward with this program is the Presbyterian Church that has been used in the past.

Bollywood Dance Event

Priti Joshi

Commissioner Joshi met with the CWU staff regarding this event. This event will take place at CWU Sammamish in the gymnasium on September 29th from 8pm – 11pm. The CWU staff member asked about security during the event. The rental rates mentioned during the meeting were: \$40/hour for the gym and \$200/hour for the room. Only the gym is needed for this event.

Citizen Comment Time

Nancy Grossi and Frances Garcia from Spotlight Repertory Northwest presented. Spotlight Repertory Northwest asked the commission to donate \$931 to cover the second installment of venue costs for summer camp at the Beaver Lake Lodge. The city has donated 50% of the rental time at the Lodge. The commission discussed that the main consideration is if this will go along with the commission's mission statement of creating artistic experiences to build community. The commission will discuss this at the next meeting.

Adjourn – 8:35 pm.

Next regular SAC meeting – Monday, June 25th, 2018 – 6:30 pm