

Sammamish Arts Commission – Minutes – June 25 2018
Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, Sammamish, Washington

Attendees:

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

Absent: 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 May Meeting Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Rosenow. Motion passed 6-0.

Budget and Financial Report

Chris Jordan

- 2018 Budget: **\$175,500**
- 2018 Expenditures to date: **\$15,535**
- 2018 Balance to date: **\$159,965**

Staff Report Out

Chris Jordan

Chair Iyer will have informal interviews with the 3 candidates on Wednesday, June 27th. Chris Jordan and Angie Feser will also be attending these interviews. Interviews with City Council will be on July 9th.

Motion: Commissioner Rosenow moved to add the topic of *The Process of Identifying New Projects* to the Meeting Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Shedd. Motion passed 6-0.

Presentation to City Council Update

Ramu Iyer

Chair Iyer, Commissioner Rosenow and Commissioner Shedd presented to City Council on June 19th. This presentation included 2017 achievements, a progress report on 2018 with an overview of upcoming programs. The last slide of the presentation was titled *Sammamish Arts Commission Dreams*. These dreams include more programs, more permanent art, considering the 1% budget request and having a community/ art center.

The website link to the video from this presentation is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6v4fVh3qISk&index=3&t=0s&list=PLCPDV1ofWdWNkQfMx2mS6x2ubJmcjYJmc>

Permanent Art / Sculpture Project Update

Margaret Rosenow

This process is taking a lot longer than originally planned. Commissioner Rosenow, Parks and Recreation Director Angie Feser and Lin Garretson will be meeting to discuss the project.

Commissioner Rosenow is still working on the book and is still trying to locate information on the four mosaic pieces. Commissioner Jirsa recommended Daphne as a resource for this specific project. Once the first book is finished, a second book will be created. Commissioner Rosenow has plans for an electronic version to display on the Commission's website. Commissioner Rosenow has requested that everything from the Art Commission on the hard drive be copied for the commission to have access. Commissioner Rosenow will act as the Archivist for the commission. The commission discussed the idea of assigning roles to each commissioner. The commission also discussed ideas of building a theater in Sammamish.

Audubon Photography Awards Show - Update

Claradell Shedd

Commissioner Shedd has received notes of appreciation for a refreshing and successful show. There was a variety of people in the attendance including past and current council members, legislators and Audubon Society members. CWU was very pleased and grateful of the Arts Commission and collaboration in this event, anticipating other future similar events.

Budget Decision for Spotlight Camp

Ramu Iyer

In the previous meeting, Frances Garcia came and presented the summer camp project for sponsorship from the Arts Commission. The discussion now is to align on whether it is a worthy cause. In previous meetings, the commission had discussed theater and promoting that aspect of art.

Motion: Commissioner Gopal moved to donate the donate \$931 to Spotlight Repertory NW. Commissioner Jirsa seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1. Motion dissented by Commissioner Shedd.

Sammamish Peace Pole & Peace Park

Margaret Rosenow/Claradell Shedd

Commissioner Rosenow was approached by the Rotary Group in Woodinville who currently have Peace Poles. Commissioner Iyer and Commissioner Shedd met to discuss the idea of implementing a peace pole project in Sammamish. The idea is to install a Peace Pole here in Sammamish that will connect with Peace Poles around the world. The first location around the world this Peace Pole will connect with is Macau, China. The Peace Poles are estimated to cost about \$1,000 each and will come out of the Rotary's budget, rather than the Commission's budget. The next step in the process is a meeting with CJ and the Rotary Group. Future aspects to consider are location, etc.

Sammamish Arts Fair Update

Barbara Jirsa

Recreation Manager Chris Jordan, Mireille Koenders-Kools and Commissioner Jirsa were able to tour the CWU facility. The dates have been locked in for September 2019. So far, an organized plan is in place with good parameters. The plan for the fair is not just focusing on visual art; performances will be taking place throughout the event. Commissioner Jirsa mentioned that an advisory committee is in the works and will meet this year to start the plan. The tentative date to meet is July 30th or 31st.

Forest Photo Program**Barbara Jirsa**

Professional photographer, Mike Rainwater helped jury this contest. From this contest, there were 22 pieces of art. 11 were chosen to be displayed for the contest. On July 23rd, the LAYERS exhibit will be de-installed and the new exhibit will be installed. Commissioner Jirsa owns 12 frames that can be used for this exhibit and will use funds from her budget to purchase the additional frames needed. Commissioner Jirsa proposed an opening night on the 25th of July in conjunction with the Farmers Market. Commissioner Jirsa will be meeting with the Communications Director, Kellie Stickney, to discuss options for the opening reception. The costs for this exhibit include installation and signage.

Process for Identifying New Projects**All**

Commissioner Gopal will work on new requests for financial and other support from community groups for their projects and will bring a draft to the next commission meeting.

Other**Claradell Shedd**

The Sammamish Heritage Society spent all day on Saturday, June 23, cleaning out the Reard House and its exterior property. The consideration for this house is some day considering its use as an event venue to include weddings, etc. Some of the work already accomplished is plumbing and wiring as well as installing a set of double French doors. Visions for these doors include leading out to a garden. This house will be restored according to landmark specifications.

Adjourn – 8:02 pm.**Next regular SAC meeting – Monday, July 23rd, 2018 – 6:30 pm**

Motion: Commissioner Jirsa moved to not meet in August. Seconded by Commissioner Rosenow. Motion passed 6-0.