

**Sammamish Arts Commission – Minutes – July 23, 2018**  
Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, Sammamish, Washington

**Attendees:**

Commissioners: Chair Ramu Iyer, Margaret Rosenow, Claradell Shedd, Priti Joshi, Barbara Jirsa, Andrew Rubinstein, Jillian Born, Sudenshna Dixit. Staff: Chris Jordan, Recreation Manager; Annelise Diers, Office Assistant.

Absent: Commissioners: Lou Gopal

**Call to Order:**

**Chair Ramu Iyer**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Iyer at 6:30 p.m.

**Approval of June Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Commissioner Rosenow moved to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Jirsa. Motion passed 8-0

**Budget and Financial Report**

**Chris Jordan**

- 2018 Budget: \$175,750
- 2018 Expenditures to date: \$18,674
- 2018 Balance to date: **\$157,076**

**Permanent Art / Sculpture Project Update**

**Margaret Rosenow**

The commission has the funds, artist lined up and location. However, the art is not yet started. Commissioner Rosenow, Parks and Recreation Director Angie Feser and Accounting Manager Jennifer Dille met to discuss options. Lin Garretson has taken the responsibilities as the business contact for the main contractor. Commissioner Rosenow is waiting to hear from Director Angie Feser and Project Manager Shelby Perrault if this current plan is going to work. Commissioner Rubinstein highly recommends Artech for installation.

**Sammamish Peace Pole Update**

**Margaret Rosenow**

As mentioned previously, Commissioner Rosenow was approached by the Rotary. The location the Rotary had in mind to connect with is Macau, China. Ramiro Valderrama is the head of the Peace Pole board. The commission would like to get artists involvement in the process of installing the pole. The idea is to choose a venue then call for artists. Commissioner Shedd has some wood left from Norbert's Red Barn as well as some from the Cooper Barn

that had to be restored. There is not enough wood to do the whole pole. However, even a fragment would be a way to introduce history back into the design.

### **Sammamish Arts Fair Update**

**Barbara Jirsa**

With this being a gap year, the next fair will take place in September of 2019 at CWU. Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, Commissioner Jirsa, Chair Iyer, Commissioner Gopal and Mireille Koenders-Kools will be visiting CWU to see the what the facility looks like and what it will be able to handle. The Art Fair will be a two-day event with the possibility of having a special event on Friday. The commission is working towards the right centering of this to see how this can be an arts fair and a celebration of the arts.

### **Upcoming Events**

**All**

Commissioner Jirsa talked about the exhibits at City Hall. There is a reception on the evening of Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> for the opening of the Urban Forestry exhibit. This exhibit is scheduled to be up until September 20<sup>th</sup>. This exhibit includes photographs from the community; these came from a photo contest. There were approximately 250 submissions, followed by a jury and voting. The commission worked with people from the City's Department of Community Development as well as the Communications team. The next exhibit will go up in the beginning of October and stay up through the first week in January; this exhibit will display Katherine Wright's work. Commissioner Shedd and Chair Iyer mentioned the ability to display art work at the Maintenance and Operations Center as well.

Commissioner Joshi mentioned that Bollywood is coming up on September 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm – 11:00pm. Learning technique will be taught from 7:00pm – 8:00pm. Food will be available for purchase.

### **4Culture – Study & Report on the Cultural Health of King County**

**Margaret Rosenow**

4Culture contacted Commissioner Rosenow. 4Culture is looking to have a study of cultural health of each city in King County and are starting with Sammamish. Commissioner Rosenow put together a list of people to be invited; 15-20 people. Invitations have gone out. This will take place on August 6<sup>th</sup> in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

### **Citizen Comment**

No citizen comment.

**Adjourn – 8:39 pm.**

**Next regular SAC meeting – Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – 6:30 pm**