

Sammamish Arts Commission – Minutes – February 25, 2019
Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, Sammamish, Washington

Attendees:

Commissioners: Chair Ramu Iyer, Barbara Jirsa, Claradell Shedd, Margaret Rosenow, Jillian Born, Sudeshna Dixit, Andrew Rubinstein, Ashley Arrington, Echo Chernik. Staff: Chris Jordan, Recreation Manager; Annelise Diers, Office Assistant.

Call to Order:

Chair Ramu Iyer

The meeting was called to order by Chair Iyer at 6:37 p.m.

Approval of January Meeting Minutes

Motion: Chair Iyer moved to approve the January 2019 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Rosenow. Motion passed 6-0. 3 abstained due to absence at January meeting.

Whole Commission Vote for SAC Chair

All

Motion: Commissioner Shedd moved to nominate Commissioner Iyer as SAC Chair for an additional one-year term. Commissioner Jirsa seconded the motion, Motion approved 8-0.

Proposal / Vote for SAC Vice Chair

All

Commissioner Born moves to nominate Commissioner Rubinstein as Vice-Chair of the Arts Commission. Commissioner Jirsa seconds the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

Budget and Financial Report

Chris Jordan

- 2019 Budget: **\$64,200** (*estimated CarryForward request \$124,604 which process happens in May*)
- 2019 Expenditures to date: **Cannot calculate with Springbrook down**
- 2019 Balance to date: **\$64,200** (*if CarryForward is approved by Council – total amount \$188,804*)

Arts Showcase

Barbara Jirsa

Commissioner Jirsa is very excited about this event as pieces are coming together; the gap year and the venue change to CWU were good decisions. Commissioner Jirsa missed the last working session; Chris Jordan attended. Chris Jordan mentioned that marketing is being worked on and Submittable is up on the website. Artists, performers and other groups can submit their work through this program. All entries will be juried. Upcoming items to start working on is banners and sponsorships.

One suggestion Commissioner Rubinstein offered is callforentry.org.

Upcoming Event 'In the Abstract' Art Display & Reception on 2/28

Barbara Jirsa

This coming Thursday night 2/28 from 6pm - 8pm is the Opening Reception for “In the Abstract”. This exhibit showcases four artists that have a good following.

The next exhibit “Metamorphosis”. This is work from a group called the Vital Palette which is a group of artists with disabilities. This group has history in putting exhibits together with an experienced director. Originally, the idea was to partner with the Human Services Commission. However, this commission does not do programming but does grants instead. This reception is on April 24th.

1% for Public Art

Chris Jordan

Chris Jordan has been talking to various cities. Chris plans to meet with Commissioner Rubinstein this week. The 1% refers to the Capital Budget. The commission discussed the need to start formally engaging and working on a strategic plan. If the commission goes down this road, there will be a public art plan including presentations to the council, public input and call for artists.

[Update] Permanent Art

Margaret Rosenow

Commissioner Rosenow had another meeting with the artist and the city. The contract has not yet been signed. Instead of the artist being the main person, the engineer is being asked to be the main person. The artist will still do her work and volunteer her time. The engineer will be the contractor who has the insurance to contract other people. Commissioner Rosenow will send the philosophy of the sculpture to the new commissioners. Commissioner Rosenow will send out the philosophy of the sculpture to the commission.

Sand Art & Chalk for Farmers Market

Jillian Born

Commissioner Born connected with the Sand Art Artist, Sue McGrew. Commissioner Born will meet with Sue at City Hall next Monday, March 4th at 1:30pm which will include a walk-through of the Commons Plaza to look at the location and learn about what’s involved. At the meeting, discussion will include design process and location. Looking at examples, the one in the Commission’s price range is 6’ tall with a footprint of 16’ x 8’. This size piece takes 3 days to carve.

Commissioner Born brought up the idea of bringing chalk to the Farmers Market. This will help to provide an

activity/experience for kids and bring awareness of the Commission to the community. Items can be stored in the storage room downstairs. The commission should choose dates they want to provide the activities; the earlier the date is chosen, the more it can be promoted. The time for these Farmers Market shifts is 4:00 – 8:00pm. Having a volunteer onsite is an option if a commissioner cannot be present.

Arts Programming Ideas for 2019

Margaret Rosenow

Commissioner Rosenow went to the Human Services Commission meeting and discussed the importance of art for human well-being. If the Arts Commission has any programs going on, the Human Services Commission should be informed about these programs. Commissioner Rosenow also discussed the importance of programs for the elderly. Loneliness is a problem here on the plateau for the elderly. Commissioner Dixit has reached out to Bellewood numerous times without responses and is working to brainstorm other avenues or venues to work with.

Ideas that were discussed included art displays in local businesses, pop-up shows, outdoor public art in the parks and other ways to get community outreach. During the planning process, the Commission must consider insurance requirements and city policies.

Commissioner Rosenow mentioned the need for having someone write up a procedure for groups coming to the Commission with program fund requests.

[Recap] Build It Sammamish LEGO Event

Claradell Shedd

There was a huge crowd (estimated at over 600) at the Lego event. Two issues that came up during the event were that legos were stolen from the display and people parked on the grass.

Commissioner Shedd reported vandalism had taken place on the traffic signal box installation at 228th Avenue SE and SE24th Street (Pine Lake/Discovery School) location. The vandalism has been reported (with photographs) to the Sammamish City Council who had forwarded the report on to Sammamish Interim City Manager Larry Patterson and the Sammamish Code Compliance Officer for appropriate action and enforcement regarding the Sammamish and King County Code sign vandalism ordinances. Identical vandalism (posting) occurred simultaneously at many (estimated over 30+) Sammamish and County traffic signs. Commissioner Shedd showed photographs of the traffic signal sign vandalism to the Arts Commissioners at the February meeting.

Citizen Comment

No citizen comment.

Adjourn – 8:30 pm.

Next regular SAC meeting – Monday, March 25th, 2019 – 6:30 pm