

**Sammamish Arts Commission – Minutes – January 27, 2020**  
Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, Sammamish, Washington

**Attendees:**

Commissioners: Barbara Jirsa, Claradell Shedd, Margaret Rosenow, Ashley Arrington, Jillian Born, Sudeshna Dixit.  
Staff: Chris Jordan, Recreation Manager; Annelise Diers, Office Assistant

Absent: Chair Iyer, Vice-Chair Rubinstein

**Call to Order:**

**Chair Ramu Iyer**

Commissioner Shedd called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Approval of November Meeting Minutes:**

**All**

Commissioner Arrington moved to approve the November meeting minutes as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Born. Motion passed 6-0. Com

**Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Budget and Financial Report**

**Chris Jordan**

- 2020 Budget: **\$224,233**
- 2020 Expenditures to date: **\$0**
- 2020 Balance to date: **\$224,233**

**Girl Scouts Proposed Project**

**Troop 45370**

Girl Scout Troop #45370 presented to the Commission on the *You Do You* art mural. This girl scout troop is made up of 11 fifth graders from Mead and Blackwell Elementary School. The girl scouts are hoping to be able to do this mural to complete their Bronze Award.

The location in mind for this mural is the Upper Sammamish Commons on the wall behind the play structure adjacent to the skate park.

The troop chose this design because they shine bright and the saying means “Believe in yourself”. All of the colors together represent the idea of letting your true colors shine through and all fitting together of community.

Discussion included listing the troop number and year on a plaque or on the painting. The design was chosen through a vote by the troop.

Paint used will be Sherwin Williams PRO-PARK Waterborne Traffic Marking Paint. This paint is marketed for parking lots and is specifically purposed to be long lasting, to weather well and is fade resistant. The girl scout troop will be doing the painting themselves with supervision from the troop leaders. If the full width of the 42' wall can be used, all of the girl scouts can work on the mural at the same time. The troop is hoping to work on the project in June.

Motion: Commissioner Rosenow moved to approve the Girl Scouts proposed project design and size to proceed with the proposed mural and size. Seconded by Commissioner Dixit. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion: Commissioner Jirsa moved to approve \$500 for funding for the mural. Seconded by Commissioner Shedd. Motion passed 6-0.

### **Art Sculpture – Update**

**Margaret Rosenow**

Flagger quotes reflecting a total of up to \$24,000. This process will take up to 2 weeks at the cost of \$1500 per day. The grand total is \$74,095 which is about \$4,000 over what had been budgeted previously. The installation requires a two-week window because part of the process is building the sculpture inside of the roundabout rather than building the sculpture offsite and installing it already built. As discussed prior, the Parks Department is giving up to \$15,000 towards the plinth for the sculpture. The Commission discussed allocating funds higher than estimated in order to proceed as quickly as possible and not have to come back and allocate more funds.

Motion: Commissioner Jirsa moves to take \$10,000 from the allocated funds towards this piece of public art. Seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Motion passed 6-0.

### **Arbor Orca Project**

**Margaret Rosenow**

The Arbor School offered to donate this Orca project to the Commission. The project was started at the Arbor School but the person in charge moved away and they do not have someone to finish this. This project is a steel frame with chicken wire in the shape of an Orca whale. Bottles have been filled with black and white bubble plastic and attached to the Orca frame, to create the shape and design of the orca. This is a project that could be done with kids in the community. After discussion, the Commission decided not to take on this project. However, the Commission talked about helping the Arbor School connect with groups who may want this. Chris Jordan will check with a Boys Scout group to take over the project.

### **Shifting Viewpoints Exhibit - Update**

**Barbara Jirsa**

The new exhibit by Anna McRae is up. This is the artist who puts the artwork up at the Maintenance and Operations Center. Anna has artwork up at the Seattle Art Museum rental gallery as well. The Opening Reception will be Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

The previous artist did a great job of showcasing and promoting her work by bringing her network to the reception which was themed *Celebrating the Northwest*. She sold a few pieces at the reception.

### **Build It Sammamish Lego Event – Update**

**Claradell Shedd**

The event will take place on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Sammamish Teen Center. Commissioner Shedd asked the organizers to bring the large Lego pieces to display at the event.

### **Workplan – Project Updates**

**All**

Commissioner Born reached out to Sue McGrew to ask what options were available for smaller projects rather than one large sculpture.

Commissioner Born will be scheduling a meeting with the principal at the school her kids attend. This would be a start for the Rain Art project. The location in mind is the sidewalks on school property, away from the main roads and public sidewalks because safety is the main priority. Ideas include a positive message or including the school mascot.

Commissioner Born presented the idea of hiring a graffiti artist at the Skate Park. This would be in place of the cellophane art discussed prior by the Commission; cellophane is not an earth-friendly product.

Commissioner Jirsa told the Commission about the upcoming City Hall exhibit that will follow Anna McRae. The next exhibit will include the photos from the Parks public photo contest. There will be an estimated 20 photos with a good variety of photos.

Commissioner Dixit is working on the Special Arts Sammamish event for February at the Boys & Girls Club. The artist she is working with is one who does projects created out of recycled products. Once details are confirmed, Commissioner Dixit will send the information to the Commission.

### **Future General Items**

**All**

#### **New Commissioners**

There will be a Commission group photo at the next meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

#### **Long Term Agenda Calendar**

Chris Jordan will bring this item to the next meeting for the commission to discuss.

#### **Arts Commission Booklets**

Chris Jordan is working on these booklets. These booklets will contain the following topics: Permanent Art, History of the Arts Commission, Agenda Calendar, Budget.

**By Laws – Discussion & Vote**

Will be discussed at the next meeting with the new Commissioners.

**Meeting Time – Discussion**

Will be discussed at the next meeting with the new Commissioners.

**Chair & Vice Chair Voting**

Will be discussed at the next meeting with the new Commissioners.

**Meeting adjourned 8:02 pm.**

**Next regular SAC meeting – February 24, 2020 – 6:30 pm.**