

Sammamish Arts Commission – Minutes – February 24, 2020
Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, Sammamish, Washington

Attendees:

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

Absent: Sandra Pearce

Call to Order:

Claradell Shedd

Commissioner Shedd called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Approval of January Meeting Minutes:

All

Commissioner Rosenow moved to approve the January meeting minutes as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Jirsa. Motion passed 6-0.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Budget and Financial Report

Chris Jordan

- 2020 Budget: **\$188,200**
- 2020 Expenditures to date: **\$28,167**
- 2020 Balance to date: **\$160,033**

Welcome New Commissioners

All

Commissioners took turns introducing themselves.

Arts Commission Booklets

Chris Jordan

The Arts Commission Booklets include topics such as: City Government, Zoning Map, City Budget, Parks and Recreation. The booklet gives an overview of how the government commissions work and includes copies of budgets related to the Arts Commission.

The Commission agreed on moving the May 2020 meeting to May 18th. The Commission agreed on having no December meeting.

Updates to Rules of Procedures include:

IV: Include Vice-Chair

IX: Act as a Body: The Commission shall act as a body in making its decisions and announcing them. No member shall speak or act for the Commission without prior authorization.

XI: Update to three minutes (formerly four minutes)

XII: Update to Recreation Manager (formerly City Clerk)

XVII: “Raised”

Updates to Rules of Engagement:

IV: Update verbiage from co-chair to vice chair.

Commission Discussion and Voting

All

Commissioner Shedd nominated Commissioner Arrington for chair of the commission. Commissioner Born nominated herself for Vice-Chair.

Motion: Commissioner Shedd moved to approve Commissioner Arrington as Chair and Commissioner Born as Vice-Chair. Motion passed 7-0.

Art Sculpture – Update

Chris Jordan & Margaret Rosenow

The quote for the sculpture’s plinth came in; the total is \$33,000. The City will contribute \$15,000 towards that \$33,000. The remaining amount that the Commission will need to contribute is an additional \$18,000. The plinth is at least 5’ – 7’. The sculpture is estimating about 15’ high which is taller than the Confluence piece. The Confluence piece is 12’ high. If the timeline works with the current construction, the City will be able to use the flaggers that are currently working on 4th Street. Because this project is over \$50,000, this will need to go to the Council for consent. The mayor reached out to Commissioner Rosenow recently with questions about the sculpture; Commissioner Rosenow provided answers to all of the questions. Commissioner Rosenow is hoping to get a meeting setup with the mayor, Lin Garretson and herself.

Motion: Vice-Chair Born moved to allocate \$18,000 from Capital Funds to the Public Art Sculpture. Seconded by Commissioner Jirsa. Motion passed 7-0.

Shifting Viewpoints Artist Reception - Recap

All

The previous reception for Anna McRae took place on Friday, February 7th. Commissioner Jirsa was very pleased with the turnout at this event. There were new attendees that had not been at these events before. Additionally, Anna sold two pieces at the Reception.

The upcoming exhibit will go up on April 17th. This exhibit consists of the extra photos from the recent photo contest

Build It Sammamish Lego Event – Recap

Claradell Shedd

The event took place on Saturday, February 22nd. The theme for the exhibit this year was Taste of the Northwest. Commissioner Shedd reported attendance was over 600 this year. There were many new attendees that have not been at this event in the past. Commissioner Shedd emailed the photos to the participant's families with to get approval to share photos of the children.

Studio Tour

Barbara Jirsa

Commissioner Jirsa met with former Commissioner, Pam Rembole, who was one of the original Arts Commissioners. Pam has planned a studio tour previously and is willing to go out and do fact finding to help begin the planning process for the commission. Steps include researching the artists/studios, locations, meeting with the artists and going to see the studios. One important aspect includes having representation from all cultural communities. When Kirkland did this, the cost was \$6,000-\$10,000. Marketing materials required a higher budget for this project.

Commissioner Program/Event – Update

All

The next art exhibit at City Hall will go up on April 17th. The opening reception date has not been confirmed yet.

Commissioner Dixit is searching for a new person to help run her special events; the previous person who was planning to help is no longer available.

The Girl Scout art mural was approved by council at the previous meeting. The Commission discussed choosing a liaison to work with the troop on this project.

Sculpture Park

Chair Arrington

Commissioner Arrington pitched the idea of a rotating sculpture experience. She reached out to the previous Arts Commission she was on to get information on how to start this project. This sculpture park would have plinths installed that could have rotating art. This would be classified as temporary art since it would be changed out, similar to an exhibit.

Meeting adjourned 8:28 pm.

Next regular SAC meeting – March 23, 2020 – 6:30 pm.