

**Sammamish Arts Commission – Minutes – July 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, Rental & Systems Coordinator

Absent: Janet Hild, Sandra Pearce

**Call to Order:**

**Ashley Arrington**

Chair Arrington called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Approval of June Meeting Minutes:**

**All**

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

**Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Budget and Financial Report**

**Chris Jordan**

- 2020 Budget: **\$218,098**
- 2020 Expenditures to date: **\$49,429**
- 2020 Balance to date: **\$168,669**

**Sammamish Arts Showcase**

**Barbara Jirsa**

Commissioner Jirsa and Mireille have discussed this event multiple times. Now is the timeframe that would be the deadline to let artists know if this event is going to happen. Commissioner Jirsa and Mireille are recommending the 2020 show be cancelled; discussion summary included that without the band with or knowledge to do this event virtually, it would be better to wait until it is safe to gather and do the event right rather than filling in with a virtual event.

Motion: Commissioner Jirsa moved to cancel the 2020 event and postpone until 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Born. Motion passed 6-0.

## **Arts Sculpture Update**

**Margaret Rosenow**

Commissioner Rosenow has a black veil that will go over the sculpture. This will be taken off for the unveiling. The Commission talked about washing and donating the fabric to a good cause after the event; either to a quilting group or a group that can use it to make masks. After the unveiling, community involvement will be needed to help come up with a name for the piece. Community input will include name submittals and the Commission and the artist will have the final decision in which name is chosen.

Commissioner Shedd recommended putting a plaque at the sculpture acknowledge Lin Garretson as the designer. Commissioner Rosenow recommended having flowers for Lin on the day of the unveiling.

The Ribbon Cutting will be on Facebook live on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

- Final fabrication work begins July 29<sup>th</sup>
- Ribbon Cutting event combined with 4th Street – Tentative date is August 13<sup>th</sup>

## **Arts Grant Program**

**Chris Jordan**

Chris Jordan will be working on a PowerPoint presentation for council, most likely the presentation will take place on the second Tuesday in September. Commissioner Jirsa recommended giving funds upfront to the artist rather than having artist submitting for reimbursement; the general layout would include some startup money and different benchmarks along the way until the end of the project. The Confluence piece can be referred to for commissioners/staff to see how funds were benchmarked to give to the artist.

Additional resources: Commissioner Shedd recommended looking at the Human Services grant process. Commissioner Jirsa recommended looking at City of Bellevue's grant process for artists.

In order to be eligible for an Arts grant, the applicant must:

- Sammamish Community Focus: This applies to organizations. Program and service must serve Sammamish residents and take place within City limits. Perform services within a twelve-month period.
- Individual Artist Focus: Artist must reside within Sammamish City limits. Perform services within a twelve-month period.
- Educational Focus: Program and service must serve Sammamish residents and take place within City limits. Perform services within a twelvemonth period.
- Cultural Focus: Program and service must serve Sammamish residents and take place within City limits. Perform services within a twelve-month period.

## **Artwork – Civil Liberties & Racial/Social Justice**

**All**

The proposal for this piece will be shown to council through an agenda bill and presentation at the September meeting. Chris Jordan mentioned Parks & Recreation will have money from the Recreation budget to put towards the piece if it is done this year.

The Connect Sammamish site is live (<https://connect.sammamish.us/social-justice-artwork-survey>) The survey will be open until August 3 as of right now; this date can be extended.

Meetings will be setup the Commission in the middle of August to go over the following:

- Locations listed and narrowed
- Budget Proposal Range
- Scope Narrowed

### **Art Mural – Skate Park**

**Jillian Born**

Commissioner Born discussed the Sand Sculpture’s temporary nature and what our next steps for a piece of art with community, diversity and racial justice inclusion. Commissioner Born shared photos for a location near the skate park to paint this mural. Commissioner Born is requesting \$10,000 and if approved, the next steps would be a Call for Artists going out. She also mentioned the importance of timing for this and using our platform to be a part of the current movement. Commissioner Born

Diversity Mural: Request to reserve \$10,000 for diversity mural to be painted on the low wall along the skate park and playground area. If approved, will develop scope of work for Call of Mural Artist.

Commission decided to table idea for the moment and focus on the artwork representing Civil Liberties & Racial/Social Justice

**Meeting adjourned 8:07 pm.**

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