

Sammamish Arts Commission – Minutes – September 28, 2020
Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, Sammamish, Washington

Attendees:

Commissioners: Barbara Jirsa, Claradell Shedd, Jillian Born, Margaret Rosenow, Sudeshna Dixit, Sandra Pearce, Janet Hild. Staff: Chris Jordan, Recreation Manager; Annelise Diers, Rental & Systems Coordinator.

Absent: Ashley Arrington.

Call to Order:

Ashley Arrington

Vice-chair Born called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Approval of August Meeting Minutes:

All

Motion: Commissioner Jirsa moved to approve the August meeting minutes as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Dixit. Motion passed 7-0.

Public Comment

Molly Strange is a certified Labyrinth facilitator and former Sammamish Arts Commissioner. Molly presented to the commission about building a labyrinth on the City Hall Plaza. Molly expressed that building a labyrinth would allow Sammamish to become a destination for visitors as well as offer community building in the area, explaining how both individuals and organizations that can benefit from visiting the labyrinth. Molly informed the group about the World-Wide Labyrinth Locator website which is a worldwide database of labyrinths allowing people to search by location.

Molly explained the next steps to decide how to move forward on this project are:

1. Conduct a design consultation with someone who knows about labyrinths and put together a design review for the City.
2. Installing a couple temporary labyrinths and hold an event or two to see what kind of reception the labyrinth gets. Molly mentioned she can lead a couple walk and talks then report back to the city. Temporary labyrinth ideas include drawing a labyrinth with tape onto the Plaza or spraying one onto the grass with environmentally friendly spray or another temporary material.
3. Think about natural partnerships with additional organizations within the city or surrounding the city.

Budget and Financial Report

Chris Jordan

- 2020 Budget: **\$218,098**
- 2020 Expenditures to date: **\$61,928**
- 2020 Balance to date: **\$156,170**

Name the SE 4th Street Sculpture

All

Naming entry will be open until October 22nd and results will be presented to the Commission at the October 26th meeting. If commissioners receive names directly rather than through the links below, those can be added to the list.

<https://connect.sammamish.us/name-se-4th-sculpture>

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Arts Grant Program

All

Presented to Council on September 8th and received the following feedback:

- Add COVID-19 language to application about certain activities can be affected; include safety guidelines and procedures.
- Detailed grading rubric for Arts Commission during panel review to review each application that comes in.
- Public Art and Murals are not generally conducted through grant program but can be reviewed by commission if submitted.

Agenda Bill will be on consent for October 6, 2020 for official approval from Council.

Artwork Representing Civil Liberties & Racial/Social Justice

All

New slide and option has been added for Council. The next steps could include reaching out to potential partners and looking at funding options. The presentation to Council will be on Tuesday, October 20th with Chair Ashley presenting..

4Culture – 2021 Arts Sustained Support

All

The Grant Application changed because of COVID-19. Currently, 4Culture is only asking two narrative questions: what programming you were able to do in 2020 (if any) and one about what programming you aspire to offer in 2021?

2021 Workplan

All

Discussion and thinking about future planning for 2021. Chris addressed that it is important to keep in mind about COVID-19 and flexibility for programs and events, including possible virtual events. Google Doc will be sent out to allow Commissioners to submit suggestions or ideas.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm.

Next regular SAC meeting – September 28, 2020 – 7:30 pm.