

Sammamish Arts Commission – Minutes – October 26, 2020
Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, Sammamish, Washington

Attendees:

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

Absent: Sandra Pearce, Janet Hild

Call to Order:

Ashley Arrington

Chair Arrington called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Approval of October Meeting Agenda

Motion: Vice-Chair Born moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Jirsa. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of September Meeting Minutes:

All

Motion: Vice-Chair Born moved to approve the September meeting minutes. 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: **\$61,928**
- 2020 Balance to date: **\$156,170**

Sammamish Seniors Presentation on Public Art in Sammamish

Margaret Rosenow

Prior to covid, a program took place once a week at the Boys & Girls Club. Recently, these programs have been conducted virtually; topics include health, exercise and other types of programs. These programs are led by the Human Services Commission. The Human Services Commission asked Margaret to give an hour presentation about the Sammamish Arts Commission and public art. This will take place on Monday, November 23rd at 11am.

Art Exhibits for 2021 Proposal

Barbara Jirsa

Commissioner Jirsa put together a proposal to keep the exhibit program moving forward during this time. The proposal was submitted to Chris addressing online exhibits; this will allow the Commission to continue to share exhibits during times when City Hall is closed, and gatherings are not permitted. The technical end of this would include posting images along with information about each photo and a document that talks about the premise of the exhibit. The Commission would need to come up with a format for this and make sure to have enough interest in order for this p

Artwork Representing Civil Liberties & Racial/Social Justice

Chris Jordan

Presentation to Council on October 20th from Chris, Ashley and Jillian

- Council made a motion and voted to move forward with Option 3 concept (photo attached of the example).
- Council made a motion and voted to allow budget allowance of \$50,000 from Arts Commission Professional Services for this project.
- Council made a motion and voted to have Commission seek potential partnerships for additional funding needed for the project.
- Council made a motion and voted to have Commission work with staff on finding another location in the City outside of Sammamish Commons.
- Council discussed the theme and want it to be all encompassing. The wordage of the 4 interrelated principles of Social Justice will be removed.

Next Steps

- Develop a subcommittee. The subcommittee will reach out to the community for partnerships and additional funding and post on the website and social media. Subcommittee will include Commissioner Shedd, Commissioner Jirsa, Commissioner Dixit and Commissioner Rosenow.
- Discuss other locations in the City at November meeting. Then staff can vet locations of interest to help narrow down options.
- Council voted to move forward with [Option 3](#)

Rain Art – Discovery Elementary

Jillian Born

Commissioner Born discussed rain art and testing out the materials this week with stencils. The first location will be Discovery Elementary. The plan is to place the design tomorrow. With the forecast, it gives the paint a few days to dry before the rain comes. There are currently preschool programs going on at Discovery Elementary. Commissioner Born is planning on putting the art in the area where they enter and exit to get a feel for how this product works. Testing the paint at Discovery will allow those preschool students and teachers to enjoy it. After that, the Commission will work towards more public locations. Commissioner Born mentioned the possibility of establishing a program for schools to apply for rain art when they are reopen.

Landscape Maintenance Roundabouts

Margaret Rosenow

Commissioner Rosenow reached out to the Maintenance department about pruning plants in the roundabout for better sculpture visibility. There is one roundabout being moved in the future so a new location will be needed for the art; the timeline is approximately five years.

Naming SE 4th Street Sculpture

Margaret Rosenow

[Name the SE 4th Street Sculpture](#)

[Name SE 4th Street Sculpture - Ideas](#)

Commissioner Rosenow asked commissioners to email her their first, second and third choices from the list of name submissions prior to Saturday. The subcommittee will then review the top three choices from commissioners. Commissioner Rosenow will meet with the subcommittee and go over the list with Lin Garretson. The subcommittee includes: Commissioner Rosenow, Commissioner Jirsa, Commissioner Shedd and Lin Garretson.

Arts Grant Program

All

Dates:

- Grants Cycle: February to February
- Grant Application Portal Opens: October 2020
- Grant Applications Due: TBD
- Grant Awards or Rejections Announced Notified: TBD
- Funds Distribution Available: TBD
- Deadline to Report to City & Commission: TBD

Commission will discuss the Arts Grant Program further at the November meeting.

2021 Workplan

All

- Plan normal workplan vs workplan during COVID

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KkZrzvGy3tFXuw5xFOJ_Dqj3B1ggmorDIjtj6igqPA24/edit

Ultimate plan is to have this workplan complete for the year to get full review/approval from council at once rather than submitting for review throughout the year.

Commissioner Rosenow mentioned music programs the commission used to provide and the possibility of bringing them back. Another idea listed by Commissioner Rosenow listed was an arts contest/program and the possibility of running those programs virtually.

Vice-Chair Born mentioned that she would like the Commission to continue the sand sculpture in 2021 and book a date to make sure they get on Sue McGrew's calendar. Vice-Chair Born also talked about Music in the Park which was a program being worked on prior to covid and can hopefully be conducted in the future; performers could be high school musicians or other local musicians. Another project that Vice-Chair Born presented on is called environmental art, where an artist will use the materials in nature such as leaves or twigs, creating something small in each park serving as temporary art.

Chair Arrington talked to the commission about a mural project which could be a large piece of wood painted in the middle of the park for people to see. One idea Chair Arrington presented was having some sort of sculptures in

the middle of the woods; one example was mirror art in the park. Another program Chair Arrington presented on is Art in the park which would take place once a month where the Commission would host an event where kids can come and play and do art. The last program Chair Arrington presented on is Fairy Houses in the park where people in the community could make fairy houses and bring them to the commission. These fairy houses would be placed in the park by commissioners. One location idea was the trail at Pine Lake Park. Commissioner Shedd mentioned a similar idea to fairy houses would be bird houses which serve as art but also serve as a home for the birds.

Commissioner Rosenow talked about one idea she has seen where boards are placed outside next to one another and groups in the community can sponsor to paint or decorate. Board sizes are 4 feet x 8 feet. There is a deadline for all boards to be complete by. Once they are finished, boards become a display for the community to enjoy.

November Meeting will be heavily focused on 2021 Workplan

Traffic Signs at SE 4th Street Sculpture

Margaret Rosenow

Commissioner Rosenow informed the Commission that one sign has been moved so far. There are three signs obstructing the view of the sculpture; Commissioner Rosenow has been in contact with the City's Senior Project Engineer, Jim Grueber to work on moving these signs while making sure to follow signage rules.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm.

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