

Sammamish Arts Commission – Minutes – January 25, 2021
Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, Sammamish, Washington

Attendees:

Commissioners: Ashley Arrington, Jillian Born, Barbara Jirsa, Claradell Shedd, Margaret Rosenow, Sudeshna Dixit, Sandra Pearce, & Chris Jordan, Recreation Manager.

Absent: Janet Hild (E), Jillian Born

Call to Order:

Ashley Arrington

Chair Arrington called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Approval of November Meeting Agenda:

Motion: Commissioner Jirsa moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Dixit. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of October Meeting Minutes:

All

Motion: Commissioner Dixit moved to approve the January meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Rosenow. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Budget and Financial Report:

Chris Jordan

- 2020 Budget: **\$215,050**
- 2020 Expenditures to date: **\$0**
- 2020 Balance to date: **\$215,050**

Discussion on Voting for Excused and Unexcused Absents:

Staff

Commission will begin to each meeting to discussion and vote on a commissioners absent from current meeting. Commissioners who know they will miss a meeting need to notify the Chair and Vice-Chair prior to the meeting. The Commission voted for Janet to have an excused absent because she notified the Chair. The Commission voted for Sandra to have an unexcused absent due to no notification.

Note: Sandra joined the meeting at 7:15pm.

Music Art Program – Commissioner Rosenow would like to bring this program back that was done few years ago, but with COVID and not knowing the situation this year, this program will be tabled until we get a more clarity on the landscape.

City Hall Exhibits – Commissioner Jirsa states the program will take place in the second quarter and \$2,000 is a good amount allocated for this program. Online exhibit can take place in second quarter on ConnectSammamish and will work with Belle to work on photography exhibit submissions from last year’s call. Commissioner Jirsa would like to give recognition to Anna for the exhibit display in City Hall, as well as, being accommodating by allowing the work to be up during the entire pandemic. Chair Arrington can notify the Council about our great appreciation for the work Anna has done for the display.

Sand Sculpture – Chair Arrington will be taking over for Commissioner Born to coordinate the Sand Sculpture Project.

Music in the Park – Chair Arrington stated to table Music in the Park.

Arts/Craft Kits - Chair Arrington will be taking over for Commissioner Born. She will be looking into expanding the program with Commissioner Dixit and will discuss opportunities and options later.

Fairy Houses - Chair Arrington will be moving forward with this project and looking at 2nd quarter between spring and summer. This project will allow the community to create fairy houses and then they will bring them to City Hall to allow us to display them at a park, like Beaver Lake or Pine Lake. The rules will be made for submissions with houses to be made and fully covered in natural material, such as like grass leaf sticks, moss, etc...

Girls Scout Mural Project – Chris Jordan states the project is still scheduled for this summer and has been in contact with troop leader.

Tour of Public Art – Commissioner Rosenow states there is quite a bit of public art in the City, but a lot of people don’t know about it. Tour of Public Art would be a particular day with volunteers and/or Commissioners at each piece of art giving background on the art piece. We would advertise it and create a map of all the locations. This could include a passport with QR code.

Kids Art Show/Gallery – Program will be tabled and possibly one of the new commissioners can take on this project.

Arts Grant Program – Allocation of \$10,000 is set aside for the Grants Program.

Shakespeare in the Park – Item is tabled due to uncertainty of in-person events this summer.

Mural Idea – Commissioner Rosenow suggested this project of painted butterfly/eagle wings. The community can take their photos in front of the mural. This project wouldn’t be that expensive. It is temporary work that can be on restroom building or wall with a piece of wood. There is a variety of locations where this can happen. Chris Jordan stated any mural or temporary project like this would need Council approval before moving forward

Community Art Project – Commissioner Dixit stated this project would bring the community together to build art piece together. Now, there are no specific ideas, but Commissioner Dixit will be coming up with a few ideas and bringing them back to the group.

Local Artist Directory – Provide and create list of artists in the community to display on the Arts Commissioner page. Commissioners stated 4Culture has a similar list and we can use that one. While other commissioners stated some artist won't be on the list and we need to start a new one. Jotform can easily build a list directory to include the Arts Commission, City and artists. Would just do a Call to the Community.

Utility Box Wraps – Commissioner Shedd - Keep suggested amount and wait to involve new commissioners with Workplan discussion.

Roundabout – Commissioner Shedd - Keep suggested amount and wait to involve new commissioners with Workplan discussion.

Sculpture Park – Chair Arrington is very interested in this project and wanted to get opinion from the Commissioners. There is a lot of work to get this up and running. Looking at a concept of outdoor exhibit with sculpture being loaned and in place for a year or two. Chair Arrington will reach out to local jurisdictions to see how they do their sculpture or outdoor display park.

Recycle Art in the Park – Commissioner Dixit brought up idea on recycle art in the park would be items donated and/or through a collection drive. Then the items received would be used to create art.

Arts Commission - 2021 Work Plan Suggestions and Ideas Worksheet - Continued

2021 Operating Budget - \$65,050

2021 Permanent Public Art Fund - \$150,000

Continued Discussion

Name	Description	Desired Amount	Notes / Timeline	Vote
City Art Exhibits (4-5) (Barbara)	Online and/or at City Hall	\$ 2,000	2nd Quarter	
Sand Sculpture (Ashley)	Temporary Art	\$ 10,000		
Arts/Craft Kits (Ashley)	Seasonal and/or Holiday	\$ 3,600		
Fairy Houses (Ashley)		\$ -	2nd Quarter - Spring into Summer	
Girl Scouts Project	Mural at the Play ground on Commons	\$ 300		
Tour of Public Art (Margaret)	Art Day	\$ 500	Passport book - QR code	
Kids Art Show/Gallery	Virtual	\$ -		
Arts Grant Program		\$ 10,000		
Mural Idea (Margaret)	Butterfly/eagle wings for picture taking	\$ 2,000		
Community Art Project (Sudeshna)	Community to create art together	\$ -		
Local Artist Directory	Categorized into performing, visual, literary, etc.	\$ -	4Culture - permission - Jot Form	
Utility Box Wraps (Claradell)		\$ 50,000		
Roundabout (Claradell)		\$ 7,000		
Social Justice Project		\$ 50,000	Approved by Council & Funds will come from Carry forward	
Sculpture Park (Ashley)	Plinths built - rotating artist works			
Recycle Art in the Park	Donate and collection drive - creat artwork		Summer	
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Festival of Trees (Janet)		\$ -		
Garden Project (Janet)	Project in conjunction with SBGS and PLGC	\$ -		
Virtual Studio Tour (Barbara, Margaret)	Tour of studio art in Sammamish	\$ -		
Arts Showcase		\$ -		
Mural Project		\$ -		
Forest Sculpture (Ashley)	Permanent or Temporary art	\$ -		
Kids Summer Art in the Park (Ashley)		\$ -		
Performing Arts Program (Margaret, Ashley)		\$ -		
Virtual Teaching Classes	Music, painting, clay and much more	\$ -		
Music Program (Margaret)		\$ -		
Music in the Park (Jillian)		\$ -		
Lego Event (Claradell)		\$ 1,200		
Shakespeare in the Park		\$ 2,000		

Sammamish Arts Grant:

Staff

Grant Applications are due February 14.

Grant Applications will be sent to each Arts Commissioner to review in February.

February meeting will consist of grading, voting, and allocating funds to selected grantees.

Civil Liberties and Racial/Social Justice Project:

Staff

Partnership website is up running and has been advertised to the community. Will be setting-up meeting to discuss next steps for partnerships and possible locations for this art piece.

Commissioner Updates:

All

Commissioner Rosenow updated the group on write-up published on artist Lin Garretson, who did SE 4th Street Sculpture “Synergy Rising”. Commissioners will be presenting a plaque to her for her accomplishments while on

the Commission and community member. Also, plaques will be installed on SE 4th Street Sculpture and working on a sidewalk sign that displays on it the history and detailed information about the sculpture.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

Next regular SAC meeting – February 22, 2021 – 6:30 pm.