

**Sammamish Arts Commission – Minutes – February 22, 2021**  
Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, Sammamish, Washington

**Attendees:**

Commissioners: Ashley Arrington, Barbara Jirsa, Claradell Shedd, Margaret Rosenow, Sudeshna Dixit, Barbara Krauss, Megan Selitrennikoff, Sandra Pearce. Staff: Chris Jordan, Recreation Manager

Absent: Janet Hild

**Call to Order:**

**Ashley Arrington**

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

**Approval of February Meeting Agenda**

Motion: Commissioner Krauss moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Pearce. Motion passed 9-0.

**Approval of January Meeting Minutes:**

**All**

Motion: Commissioner Dixit moved to approve the January meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Jirsa. Motion passed 8-0.

**Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Budget and Financial Report**

**Chris Jordan**

- 2020 Budget: **\$218,098**
- 2020 Expenditures to date: **\$105,500**
- 2020 Balance to date: **\$112,598**

**Staff Updates**

**Staff**

- Two New Commissioners - Megan and Barbara
- Voting for Chair and Co-Chair will happen in March meeting
- Rules of Procedure will be reviewed and voted on in March meeting

- Rules of Engagement will be reviewed and voted on in March meeting
- Reminder - Social Justice Meeting this Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

## **Virtual Photo Op**

**All**

One format the Commission discussed was doing a screenshot of the virtual meeting to include everyone in a group photo. The other format included everyone sending in a photo of themselves to create a collage of photos of commissioners. Commissioner Rosenow offered to put the collage together once everyone sends her a photo.

## **Online Exhibit**

**Barbara Jirsa**

A year ago there was a photo contest that was publicized broadly in the city newsletter. Many submissions came in digitally and the Commission had them printed to hang as an exhibit at City Hall. Since City Hall has been closed since that time, the exhibit will be displayed virtually. This online exhibit will go around April 1<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Jirsa is hoping to do more exhibits virtually following this.

## **Possible Donation of a Sculpture**

**Barbara Jirsa**

Swedish Hospital's art committee contacted Commissioner Jirsa to offer a sculpture to the City of Sammamish. This is a piece by local Seattle artist, Katie Stone. The sculpture is about 14 feet tall, weighs about 2,000 pounds and comes in three pieces. This piece does need some painting/repairs. There are many factors involved with accepting art/sculpture donations. Questions that Commissioner Jirsa asked were: How much does it weigh? What would it cost to move the piece? What is the annual upkeep? Another consideration includes what it would take to install this/if a plinth is required. The Commission discussed going to see the piece and getting more information with the possibility of using this piece to start a sculpture park.

## **Arts Grant Discussion**

**All**

Chris Jordan went over the process of grading submissions. Chris mentioned if there are any additional questions to ask, the Commission must ask the same questions to all applicants. The first part of the process is to narrow down the applicants. Next, the Commission will meet and discuss which individuals/groups they want to move forward with. The Commission will discuss the rubric at the next meeting.

**Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm.**

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