

Sammamish Arts Commission – Minutes – August 24, 2020
Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, Sammamish, Washington

Attendees:

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

Absent: No one

Call to Order:

Ashley Arrington

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

Approval of July Meeting Minutes:

All

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

Public Comment

Sue Byron, Sammamish resident and Board President of the Issaquah Philharmonic Orchestra presented to the Commission about their organization. This organization is interested in learning about the Arts Commission's grant program. All members are volunteers and range from high school students to people in their 90's. The Issaquah Philharmonic Orchestra provides three free concerts each season; they believe it is important to ensure that everyone is able to experience live orchestra performances regardless of their circumstance. At the end of the season, this orchestra does a fundraiser concert for the food and clothing bank. The fundraiser this year was done virtually. This group launched the Young Composer competition. This orchestra prides themselves on representing diversity in the community.

Budget and Financial Report

Chris Jordan

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

Arts Grant Program

All

Categories

- **Neighborhood & Community Focus** – projects that support art programs, events and services that include direct Sammamish community participation.

- **CityArtist Focus** – projects that demonstrate high artistic quality, innovation, creativity in programming and artist selection and demonstrated ability by the artist that directly serve the Sammamish community.
- **Educational Focus** – projects that support art programs, events and services that include direct Sammamish community educational projects.
- **Cultural Focus** - projects that support art programs, events and services that include Sammamish’s diverse culture and values, including capacity to support the City’s underserved communities.

Eligibility

- **Neighborhood & Community Focus:-** program, event or service must serve Sammamish residents and take place within City limits. Perform services within a twelve-month period. Organization, Individual or Youth can apply.
- **CityArtist Focus-** artist’s project, program and service must serve Sammamish residents Perform services within a twelve-month period. Individual or Youth can apply.
- **Educational Focus-** program, event or service must serve Sammamish residents and take place within City limits. Perform services within a twelve-month period. Organization, Individual or Youth can apply.
- **Cultural Focus** - program, event or service must serve Sammamish residents and take place within City limits. Perform services within a twelve-month period. Organization, Individual or Youth can apply.

Grant Amount

Sammamish Arts Commission has a total allocation of \$10,000 for grant funding to be dispersed to qualified applicants. Funding level - Applicants may request the following set amounts: \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500 or \$2,000.

After discussing budget, Chris will include the total amount for grant funding rather than increments.

Chris Jordan will be presenting this grant process to council on September 8th or 15th.

The payment schedule is 50% of payment upfront and 50% upon completion.

Selected Grantee Contractual Agreement

If a grant request is approved and granted by the Sammamish Arts Commission, in return for our endorsement and award, we expect/require a mid- progress report and final completion report.

The mid progress report needs to be a 1-page report summarizing the progress of your project, program and/ or service. Also, provide how this award for funding is helping to achieve your goals. Please include photos, videos or any social media links. 1st payment will be dispersed after the report is turned in.

Final completion report needs to be a 1-page report summarizing the success of your project, program and/ or service. How the funds were appropriated, and the benefits achieved by the City of Sammamish with this award. Please include photos, videos or any social media links. Final Payment will be made after this report is turned in.

Artwork – Representing Civil Liberties & Racial/Social Justice

All

Scope of Work

Artwork will focus on 4 interrelated principles of Social Justice which encompasses all.

- **Participation** - Enable people to participate in decisions which affect their lives.
- **Access** - Ensure all people have access to goods and services regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, etc....

- **Equity** - To ensure fair distribution of available resources across society.
- **Rights** - To protect individual liberties to information about circumstances and decisions affecting them and to appeal decisions to people feel are unfair.

These 4 principles will shape the scope of work and allow artist to provide great concepts of work to decide from.

Options

1. Labyrinth Concept with Murals and Centerpiece Sculpture
2. Labyrinth Concept with Centerpiece Sculpture
3. Sculpture or Permanent Structure

Commissioner Dixit recommended allowing the artist to choose what goes into the Labyrinth.

Chris Jordan mentioned the possibility of using one artists or multiple artists to design the Labyrinth.

Due to events being cancelled this year, Recreation budget is able to allocate funds from Professional Services towards the project.

Motion: Commissioner Shedd moved to allocate \$50,000 to this project. Seconded by Commissioner Rosenow. Motion passed 7-0.

Budget

2020 Arts Commission - \$50,000

2020 Recreation Division - \$50,000 pending approval

Recommendation Budget for each option needs to be decided.

Location

Within Sammamish Commons area - individual sites will be vetted out by the City and Commission after the presentation.

Timeline

Present to PowerPoint and Agenda Bill to Council. Receive feedback and decision from the Council.

Depending on Council decision and recommendation could have a lot more work through the end of the year.

SE 4th Street Sculpture Naming

All

Commissioner Rosenow addressed the next step of moving forward towards community involvement for naming the (meeting cut out during this portion). Chris suggested methods for sharing this to get community feedback. Connect Sammamish page will be launched in September.

Meeting adjourned 8:32 pm.

Next regular SAC meeting – September 28, 2020 – 6:30 pm.