



Spokane Arts Commission

January 23, 2018

4:30 pm

Dean Davis Studios, 216 W. Pacific

	PRESENTER	ACTION	TIME
Welcome Review minutes	Dean	Vote Needed	4:30pm
Guest: Sister Cities Garden Group planning a Sister Cities sculpture garden; sharing early plans with SAC	Karen	Informational	4:35pm
Welcome Mika!	Melissa	Informational	4:50 pm
Spiff update	Chase	Informational	5:00 pm
Update on selection of new SAC members Interviews conducted by committee of 4 current commissioners	Dean	Informational	5:05 pm
Programming/Staff updates Arts & Heritage Day: 2/7/18 Riverfront Park STA CCL Next SAGA deadline: 2/1/18 Saturate	Melissa	Participatory	5:15 pm
Updates from Commissioners Design Review Board ArtsWA Others TBA at meeting	All	Participatory	5:25 pm
Thank you, Arts Commissioners!	Melissa	Participatory	5:30 pm

New Business/Good of the Commission

- **Service for Harold Balazs: 10:30 a.m., Saturday, January 27 at St. Charles Church. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to organizations supporting visual arts.**

2017 ARTS FUND BOARD MEETINGS ALL HELD 4:30PM AT VISIT SPOKANE	2017 ARTS COMMISSION MEETINGS ALL HELD 4:30PM
Wednesday, February 14 (date changed)	Tuesday, February 27
Wednesday, March 7	Tuesday, March 27

Wednesday, April 4

Tuesday, April 24

SAC JANUARY BOARD MEETING | JAN 23, 2018

DEAN DAVIS STUDIOS, 216 W PACIFIC

Meeting Open: 4:30 PM

notes taken by Mika Maloney

Board Members Present: Dave Buescher, Dean Davis, Chase Ogden, Ginger Ewing, Melissa Parker, Kathy Swehla, Rebekah Wilkins-Pepiton, EJ Iannelli, Derrick Oliver

Staff Members Present: Melissa Huggins, Karen Mobley, Mika Maloney

Visitors: Margo Buckle, Jennifer Priest, Chuck Horgan

Absent: Elisabeth Mermann-Jozwiak, Garret Daggett, Jim Kolva, Karli Ingersoll, Jean Klundt

Opening

- Dean welcomed and opened meeting; Melissa distributed agenda & minutes.
- **MOTION 4:35** DO moved to approve meeting minutes, Chase seconded. Unanimous approval without discussion.

Sister Cities Garden Group

Karen shared information on Sister Cities Garden past, introduced Margo & Jennifer

-SAC approved design (2012)

-Margo shared map and design of SCG (at intersection of Havermale promenade and Howard promenade); design from Kathy/Land Expressions was previous to the current RFP bond & update plan which kept the original; will be in the location of the Japanese expo pavilion.)

-Received updated installation date to 2019 from 2020; meeting with RFP next month. Install beginning March 2019; install and statue dedication in Sept 2019

-Discussion included remaining fundraising to be done, previous review process of the art work, and concerns about integration of the SCG project & the Park's current development project. Kathy confirmed the appropriate stakeholders (engineers, parks dept) are involved the process; Margo met with Meejin Yoon at the beginning of her process about embracing the incongruous nature of the parks various design elements.

SA new Program Manager introduction

Melissa introduced Mika Maloney, new Program Manager for SA

SpIFF update

Chase gave SPIFF update including highlights & recommendations

-request for people to help promote; will email everyone highlights to push

-personal rec: The Endless

-request for everyone to attend opening parties (free)

Update on new SAC members

Dean gave update on new SAC nominees:

Chuck Horgan (will be next appointed person to design review board seat)

Dennis Karmen

Katie Patterson-Larsen

Selection committee has put names to the city, mayor will do interviews upcoming prior to public announcement. Nominees are invited to begin attending SAC meetings as guests prior to official approval.

All current board members that requested renewal are approved.

Programming/Staff updates

Melissa:

Arts & Heritage Day Wed 2/7, Melissa, Ginger, & Mika will be attending; Karen asked about list of (works at EWU?) and will write a letter to send along; Ginger also specifically requested list at the state level
Ginger: ArtsWA does a bulleted informational leave behind; Mika will organize gifts
Cultural Congress, last weekend in April in Ellensburg (to prepare for 2019 budget year); will want SAC/Spokane presence

Riverfront Park: Mel will send link to video from Meejin Yoon last visit to preview;

Parks board got a bit nervous after initial numbers so Melissa will email bullet points on project for Commissioners to share with community members to send emails/letters of support to the Parks board;
Discussion on the process so far; need to get ahead of further issues and reaction to budget issues

Central City Line: Need to form a steering committee that will include 2-3 commissioners to work with STA; Dave, Ginger, and Chuck volunteered (Ginger noted if someone else is found, she's happy to be replaced)
SAGA

3 rounds this year instead of 4; to work towards giving out larger grants

2018: \$90,000 to give out: 40k/40k/10k (as single final award)

Ginger requested: the total amount of money requested last year, would be helpful bargaining total
SA is smoothing out the amount of funds knowing the \$ collected in 2016 is lower, 2017 is higher.

-Melissa to meet with Breean, Ben, and Kate about possibility of eventually bumping up total funds

Poetry Out Loud: Thur Feb 1st, 7 pm

need judges & scorers to volunteer: Dean and Kathy volunteered to judge, Ginger may be able to if schedule permits.

Mural: Staff wants direction from SAC on what 2018 major mural project should be; reviewing the doc from 2014 -DO & Rebekah volunteered to serve on committee

Meet the Makers:

Chase has students doing a documentary project and might be interested in one group being shepherded to use for a Meet the Makers video (featuring local comedian). Raised questions of including comedians as part of Meet the Makers project & if the commission supports using student work for creating a MtM film.

-Dean, Ginger and others agree that comedy is performance art and should

-Rebekah & others agreed that we should be open to using student work for creating these films

-Chase suggested that we might use professionals at the end of the process for final edits to finish the student work.

Updates from Commissioners

Dave: Design Review Board hasn't met in 1 ½ months, meeting next Wed

Ginger: nothing additional to share from Melissa on upcoming A&H day

Thank you Melissa led thank you to Kathy for her years of service to the commission.

New Business/Good of the Commission

*Ginger: Window Dressing will be working with Get Lit's 20th anniversary (headline artist: Anne Lamont) & will be putting out a call for installation artist, \$1000 stipend, working with theme of 20 birds

*Lilac City Fairytales, Feb 14th at The Bing

*Pivot at Washington Cracker Co Bldg, Feb 8th (theme: love hurts)

*Karen: DSP put out call in their newsletter for people to write essays about their experiences downtown offering a small stipend for artists; might be a good place for SAC to submit

Closing

- **Motion 5:30** Dean moved to close meeting; Mika seconded. Unanimous approval without discussion.
- **Next meeting: Tuesday Feb 27th, 4:30 pm**

ARTS & HERITAGE DAY 2018:

- Ginger, Mika, Melissa, and Wes Jessup will be attending. Possibly Elisabeth M-J, too.
- Mika is putting together the gift bags
- Anyone is welcome to join
- Short legislative session, so legislative priorities are mainly related to:
 - o Reminding them that arts funds are well-managed, well-spent, etc.
 - o HuWA is requesting supplemental funding for the Speakers Bureau; request is to return HuWA to previous funding level from pre-recession
 - o ArtsWA needs funding for a Folk & Traditional Arts Job Stimulation program, one of the two main programs that the Center for Washington Cultural Traditions will launch with (partnership between ArtsWA and HuWA)
 - o Maintenance of the state Public Art Collection
 - o Heritage Capital Projects around the state (need SAC committee to dig into)

RIVERFRONT PARK:

- Next JAC meeting in February, date TBD
- Waiting for bids back on scaled-down versions of the StepWell and Earth Ring
- Lauren created a video, with Ginger's help—sent to Parks, waiting for feedback on edits
- I'd like to ask the SAC to write letters in support of the art project before the next Park Board meeting but need to send them information

STA Central City Line:

- Submitted a proposal to STA in December; adding a section to it after meeting this wk
- Want to form a steering committee for the art/identification elements. Need 2-3 commissioners willing to participate in that over the course of about 6 months or so.

SAGA:

- Upcoming Round 1 deadline is 2/1/18 (at 11:59 p.m. that night)
- Three rounds this year instead of four, designed to increase grant amounts per application
- New group of selection panelists; one SAF board member, one SAC member, community members from different arts backgrounds.
- \$ increase: we have \$90,000 to give away this year. \$40K in Round 1, \$40K in Round 2, \$10K in Round 3.
- Changing the way we give feedback on grant proposals; we will provide numerical scores in addition to basic narrative feedback.

POETRY OUT LOUD

- Regional finals at Downtown Spokane Public Library on Thursday 2/1, 7 p.m., free to attend
- Need judges and scorers, if anyone wants to volunteer for a couple of hours to help score

OTHER VOLUNTEER NEEDS:

- Taking down mobile murals
- Removing Dial A Story booths (temporarily)
- Ad hoc, on-the-spot maintenance needs: touching up murals, scrubbing signal boxes, etc.