



## Spokane Arts Commission

April 24th, 2018

4:30 pm

Dean Davis Studios, 216 W. Pacific

	PRESENTER	ACTION	TIME
Welcome Review minutes	Dean	<b>Vote Needed</b>	4:30 pm
Guest: Mark Anderson, Spokane Poet Laureate		Informational	4:35 pm
Chase Gallery Update	Remelisa	Informational	4:45 pm
Programming Updates	Melissa/Mika	Participatory	4:55 pm
Updates from Commissioners Design Review Board ArtsWA Others TBA at meeting	All	Participatory	5:15 pm
New Business/Good of the Commission	All		5:25
Close of meeting			5:30 pm

<b>2018 ARTS FUND BOARD MEETINGS</b> ALL HELD 4:30PM AT VISIT SPOKANE	<b>2018 ARTS COMMISSION MEETINGS</b> ALL HELD 4:30PM
<b>Wednesday, May 2</b>	<b>Tuesday, May 22</b>
<b>Wednesday, June 6</b>	<b>Tuesday, June 26</b>
	<b>Tuesday, July 24</b>

## **SAC FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING| APRIL 24, 2018**

DEAN DAVID STUDIOS, 216 W PACIFIC

**Meeting Open:** 4:30 PM

Notes taken by Katie Patterson Larson

**Board Members Present:** Dean Davis, Ginger Ewing, E.J. Iannelli, Denny Carmen, Chuck Horgan, Katie Patterson Larson, Chase Ogden, Karli Ingersoll, Garrett Daggett, Jim Kolva

**Staff Members Present:** Melissa Huggins, Remelisa Cullitan, Mika Maloney

**Visitors:** Mark Anderson

**Absent:** Elisabeth Mermann-Jozwiak, Dave Buescher, Rebekah Wilkins-Pepiton, Derrick Oliver, Jean Klundt, Melissa Parker

### **Opening**

- Dean welcomed and opened meeting, Mika distributed agenda and minutes.
- **MOTION 4:35** Garrett moved to approve meeting minutes, E.J. seconded. Unanimous approval, no discussion.

### **Guest: Mark Anderson**

-Mark in his role as Spokane Poet Laureate has been meeting with poets and writers groups to share his visions. Mark's goal is to unite various groups and build infrastructure (for example, a central website) to aid as a meeting place for poets. He has put out a survey, met with representatives of groups of many groups in Spokane and the surrounding areas.

-Mark is collaborating with Spokane Arts to form a series of Poetry Lit Crawl events in the summer

-Mark has been leading workshops

-He recited his poem: "How to ride a bicycle"

-Question: How receptive are the different groups to collaborating? Mark answered that they are very receptive and no resistance so far.

-Dean Davis project to photograph poets, WA "centric." Will have pictures of poets website and traveling exhibit, exhibit at MAC in fall of 2019

### **Chase Gallery Update: Remelisa Cullitan (Gallery Curator)**

-Benches now in gallery

-Will be installing a monitor, to display slide show with information on current & upcoming shows, promote SAGA, Spokane Arts in general, etc

-Artist reception for "Flourish" Friday, May 4th and artist talk May 5th 11 am-12 pm

-Weavers' Guild 70th anniversary show, summer exhibit

-All Media Juried Show (fall), selection process just ended, emails sent out soon to accepted, might need volunteers to help install works in September.

-May 11th at 5:30pm, Mark Anderson "ekphrastic poetry workshop"

### **Programming/ Staff Updates**

-Cleaning from the Corridor, this Saturday, Peaceful Valley park mural on columns. Ellen Picken designed mural and will paint with Middle school art students from the Community School. Friday need volunteers, midday to help paint & work with students

-Mural maintenance. Touch-ups on most murals (Post, Wall, Cedar, Howard, Lincoln) has happened. Today Benson Brothers mural at 2nd and Maple was cleaned and will be painted on Saturday.

Some graffiti reported recently on other sites (Stevens underpass) and mural committee has these noted but no plan yet for maintenance.

-Question: how are artists paid to touch up/ paint? Stipend of \$150 + supplies, then hourly rate for work that goes beyond 3 hours. Mural budget only has \$2000 and the committee doesn't want to cut into budget for new mural projects for the upfront cost of varnish or other graffiti deterrents. If murals have varnish then theoretically DSP clean team could clean off graffiti with soap and water and no need to pay artist for touch up.

-Dean brought up that murals have long lifespan, is it better to protect the murals now vs keep the momentum going by having new mural projects. Mural committee is already addressing this question and it's an ongoing question. Goal to pursue larger grant or funding to be able to coat existing murals and support future murals.

-Question from Jim: Can each mural have a steward? Neighborhood connection helps with maintenance.

-Ginger suggested asking individuals or businesses to sponsor specific murals for anti-graffiti coating & maintenance.

--Signal boxes. Call will go out in May for artists submissions; STCU will continue to fund, not sure how many boxes yet as material & install costs have gone up. Spokane Arts will write up proposal for STCU.

-Ginger brought up that in cities like Toronto they have site-specific art on signal boxes. These are particularly impactful to culture and history of that street, corner or crosswalk. This could be challenging logistically but might work on a bit more general sense if STCU wants to hit one neighborhood, fund a group of boxes in one area and include call to respond to neighborhood history/culture with call for artists. Staff says they will consider the idea and perhaps phrase the call to give artists the option (but not require) the art to be related to the site.

-\$150 artist stipend raised to \$300 for 2018.

-Signal boxes have anti graffiti coating already; graffiti can be scrubbed with acetone.

-Arts Awards/Arts Month. Discussion on dates and type of celebration for the Arts Awards event. Possible dates either on October 26th or 27th or September 28th 29th as a kick off event for the beginning of arts month. Earlier date could be challenging for a few artists/organizers getting ready for events, but later in the month there is more general burn-out after attending tons of events all month. Most commissioners prefer idea of a kick-off event.

-Discussion about type of dress and celebration seems to lean towards a more formal event that highlights the awards and artists; not a costume event.

-Committee: Denny, Karli, Dean, Garrett

-Riverfront Park Site selection happening this week, will finalize site. Work will be installed next summer.

## **Updates**

Melissa H: Dave will have design review board updates at next meeting, planning for Maple/Jefferson gateway. Dave has pushed for art (sculpture, paint, light) and will have more updates next month; possible presentation by the city.

Karli, Communications committee report: Jean and Karli are creating new brand guidelines. Marketing plans based on what budget allows, increase brand awareness, connect Chase Gallery with overall brand.

Interpretive signs, project specific (ie signal boxes)

Denny: Proposed that the commission write one layout (2 pages) for each Art Chowder issue, space donated by magazine. Each feature written by a commissioner and submitted to Art Chowder, can include photos and text about Spokane Arts. Magazine reaches 25-30,000 online. Melissa will coordinate between Spokane Arts and Art Chowder. Ginger & Karli interested in potentially writing pieces if E.J. and Melissa will help edit.

### **New Business/ Good of the Commission**

- Katie: Art Salvage opens tomorrow at 1925 N Ash St
- Jim: Upcoming show at Kolva-Sullivan and First Friday reception
- Karli: Collaboration between the Bartlett, Spokane film, Spokane Arts, and CMT to create sister event to 50 hour slam for music videos. Will be announced at 50 hours slam screening in May. August event.
- May 4th 50 hour slam screening; films this year featured work of local artists; those art works will be auctioned off to benefit Spokane Arts via an online auction that will run while the work is displayed at MAC (after event the screening; through the end of June.) See videos of artists online now.
- Melissa: Pivot storytelling series, Thursday May 3rd 7pm, "Mayday", Cracker Building
- Get Lit! Festival is this week; Spokane Arts tabling on Saturday, Melissa on a panel
- Mika and Melissa reading poems tonight at Spark as part of workshop led by Mark Anderson.
- Ginger: Bazaar call currently open, closes May 7th; please share & promote.
- Denny: Teen Closet event was a success. More shoes painted by artists still available.

### **Closing**

- Motion to close, 5:37. Unanimous approval without discussion.
- **Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 22th, 4:30pm**