

SAC SEPT BOARD MEETING | September 24, 2019
DEAN DAVIS STUDIOS, 216 W PACIFIC

Meeting Open: 4:35 PM (Notes taken by Mika Maloney)

Board Members Present: Garrett Daggett, Dean Davis, Chuck Horgan, Melissa Parker, Derrick Oliver, Alan Chatham, Madison Bush, Andrew Whitver, EJ Iannelli, Chase Ogden, Karli Ingersoll, Rebekah Wilkins-Pepiton, Jim Kolva

Staff Members Present: Melissa Huggins, Mika Maloney

Absent: Katie Patterson-Larson, Denny Carman, Ginger Ewing

Opening

- Mika distributed agenda and minutes; Dean welcomed and opened meeting.
- **MOTION 4:35** EJ motioned to approve meeting minutes, Andrew seconded. Unanimous approval without discussion
- Melissa presented Beka with a thank you gift for her service on the commission.

Advocacy

- Melissa: Cultural Congress: early bird registration open; event in Yakima/Toppenish; panels, arts experiences; SA participating in public art session and potentially putting together SAGA panel, Melissa and Shannon Hal running a mentor speed-dating event. Great to attend if able; Melissa will send out link to tickets and information.

Program Updates

- **Arts Awards** Mika: need some volunteers for the day of the event (Andrew volunteered to help set up at 4 pm, Karli can help sell raffle tickets after dinner, EJ will help greet guests at 7, Madison can help greet guests at 5). DO: secured donations from a number of venues for the ticket prize.
- **Arts Month** Mika: still adding add't event information so send to Mika if you haven't already; Inlander ads have started and will go through mid-October with various listings
- **Poet Laureate** Melissa: Chris Cook selected, will be announced at the Arts Awards and the following Monday Poetry at the Podium; plan on doing a youth-focused project.
- **Public Art** Melissa: CSO 26 plaza scheduled to open Oct 25; Karen and artists will lead some tours following ribbon cutting; project finish is a long time coming; good to encourage the city to continue to incorporate artwork into projects.
- **Future Priorities** Melissa: The city sold a piece of property (Normandie Complex) and wants to reinvest some money into arts & culture. There may be some confusion about the amount of money because there is a misconception (based on how a newsletter from the mayor was phrased) that the grant to arts & culture would represent the full sale price of the property. Grant is actually likely going to be about \$375,000 with attached priorities/restrictions.
 - Proposed rough outline of spending priorities: SAGA \$100k, Murals \$100k, Public Art \$100k, cultural groups \$30k, film apprenticeship \$40k, \$5k public events
 - art plan/new work notes: have the goal of specifically supporting purchasing work from artists of color; the city collection is long over-due to be rotated, some pieces need to be decommissioned or repaired. This funding used to purchase a new pieces of work for the collection would commission existing work from local artists without requiring extensive staff time to administer; Melissa Parker and Dean suggested there is a need to audit the existing City collection; Karli suggested we contract with someone with curatorial experience to make recommendations about what to repair and what to decommission.
 - focus on broad neighborhood distribution with all of the funds

- staff had suggested the cultural groups support would be a way to help correct for the some of the lack of funding resources toward building infrastructure/capital funding
EJ asked for an example of a cultural group that might apply for a infrastructure grant like is being suggested; Melissa listed many that we've seen in SAGA applications and others (Queiro Flamenco, Gathering at the Falls powwow, etc.); Garrett added that the many groups that are represented at Unity in the Community might also benefit or have needs.
- One of the City's goals is for free accessible programming for the public; we're looking at supporting existing events, not creating new ones with this funding.
- Want input from commission on wish list/priorities for public art:
 - CCL - add art work to the stations
 - Urban Cultural Trail – implementation of the full trail
 - Alleyways
 - DO: alleyways are valuable projects and lighting is an important aspect; Chuck supports expanding the reach of the cultural trail and asked about the Gateways project; Karli likes listed ideas and would like to see an increase to the portable works budget, also asked about additional artwork for Riverfront Park (Melissa noted that there is some money in a separate budget for additional artwork in RFP). Dean asked about Chase Gallery needs and Chuck suggested possible upgrades to the gallery's portable walls and display cases.
- Melissa asked for input on how to support events in an equitable way. Dean suggested supporting transportation; DO suggested supporting events with marketing; Karli suggested creating a vetting process to make sure supported events are aligned with arts commission goals and priorities; Andrew and Chuck suggested purchasing tickets for events or creating something similar to Library passes. Garrett suggested bringing in outside artists for lecture series.

SAGA

- **Next deadline Oct 1**

Governance/General SA updates

- Dean: 6 spots on the commission will open at the end of the year
- Melissa: new website will be launched on Friday morning after additional changes!
- New communications intern has started: Katie Smith, recent Whitworth graduate, graphic designer, printmaker, and fine artist, and a SAGA grantee.

Updates from Commissioners

- Design Review Board: Chuck: no meeting 2 weeks ago; next upcoming on Glover Middle School
- Murals Committee: Alleyways mural being installed; Council Chambers call selection mid-process.
- Meet the Makers: Chase: Last 2 projects are getting wrapped up and hoping to show on KSPS but haven't been able to make a direct connection yet. Looking for help/suggestions.

New Business/Good of the Commission

- Chuck: Spokane is Reading is in October; Jim: Archie Bray show at Kolva-Sullivan Gallery, opening on October 4; Andrew: Daniel Lopez new interior murals at AS2 location in Wonder building; Madison: Norman Rockwell show opening at the MAC.

Closing

- Motion to close by Dean, 5:30. Unanimous approval without discussion
- **Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 22, 4:30 pm**