

SAC MINUTES | August 25, 2020

HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

Meeting Open: 4:30 PM

Notes taken by Chris Maccini

Board Members Present:

Andrew Whitver, Chris Maccini, Chuck Horgan, Derrick Oliver, E.J. Iannelli, Eva Silverstone, Emma Noyes, Ginger Ewing, Madison Bush, Remelisa Cullitan, Chase Ogden, Garret Daggett, Patty Tully, Katie Patterson Larson, Daniel Lopez

Staff Members Present: Melissa Huggins, Mika Maloney

Absent: Miguel Gonzales

Opening

- E.J. opened the meeting and called to order.
- Reviewed July minutes. Garret moved to approve. Chuck seconded. No Discussion. July minutes unanimously approved.

Public Comment

- None

Governance:

- None

Programming:

- Mural Updates (Mika)
 - Joshua Martel is finished at Chief Garry Park basketball court mural. Court lines are finished at Peaceful Valley. Still waiting on one more logo before photos and promo. Both courts are open and playable.
 - Event at Chief Garry with the artist will happen (socially distant) soon.
 - Mural maintenance is ongoing.
- Chase Gallery (Mika)
 - Threshold show is up through September. You can see it online.
 - We're going to shift the schedule more because City Hall is still closed.
 - Wooden Storytellers will be up Oct. - Dec. Will not be physically installed, but will have high quality photos for online show.
 - Winter "show" will highlight the permanent city art collection.
 - Chase Gallery call is open now for 2021. Deadline is Oct. 14th. Please start pushing that out to any interested artists. Guest curated, group shows, or individual artists.
- Public Art Updates
 - Stepwell foundation is about to be poured. Fabrication about to begin.
 - Garret - What ever happened to the 2nd Butterfly in Riverfront? Melissa - That's a good question. Melissa will look into it and ask. Answer: Parks is working on securing funding to refurbish/re-install.
 - 2nd piece of public art for Riverfront
 - Joint Art Committee Meeting Sept. 3rd.
 - Next step will be Riverfront Park Committee which will meet to consider the top two "finalists": Saya Moriyasu's "Beaver" sculpture as well as Sarah Thompson Moore's "The Seeking Place"

- If Saya's piece is not selected, Spokane Arts has offered her a \$5,000 stipend in addition to the \$2500 she's been paid already for the work, travel, etc. she's already done
 - Call for Sports Complex ends today (8/25). Looking for one large, interior piece and one outdoor piece. Melissa is looking for 2 people for selection committee.
 - Hive Studio naming suggestions have been passed along to the library. They were very appreciative.
 - Existing artwork from libraries has been removed and packaged. Large glass sculpture from Shadle library was damaged prior to removal. Some things are staying in libraries, some are moving to other libraries, some TBD.
 - Calls coming very soon for public art for library renovations. Both indoor and outdoor pieces.
 - STA Central City Line - Construction has started. COVID impacted their budget, but they want to do their art selection by the end of December. So those calls should be forthcoming very soon as well.
 - 10 different RFQs for a "lead artist" for each neighborhood "grouping." They will then design or subcontract designs for their neighborhood.
 - John Monaghan Statue (Melissa) - Melissa is writing a letter to City Council urging them to pick someone to work with the Pacific Islander community and gather stakeholders to discuss.
- SAGA Update (Melissa)
 - Round 2 Grantees have been announced. Many of those projects are currently happening.
 - We have about \$40,000 to grant in Round 3. Deadline is October 1st. Shelly is available for consults with interested artists/organizations.
 - Please get the word out. We're starting to see sad shutdowns and other effects from COVID. Encourage organizations, especially those that are on the edge to reach out to Melissa or Mika.
 - Future SAGA Revenue? - Yes. It's a concern. SAGA is funded by 33% of admissions tax from the prior full calendar year. So there is a delay that allows us to plan a bit for the future. Working on the budget now. So 2021 will likely be on par with 2019 funding (~\$90,000). 2022 is when the lack of admissions tax will be most felt. So yes, there will be grant-making in the future, but it is a big concern and we're working to make adjustments/plan ahead.

Advocacy:

- CARES Act Funding
 - City has about \$6M in CARES. Spokane Arts applied for some money and received \$300,000 which will be granted back out to the community.
 - A new application for individual artists will open soon for up to \$1000 grants.
 - Also a round for large organizations
 - Remaining funding will go to small to mid-sized organizations with a focus on live performance venues and performance-related organizations that have been so deeply affected. All eligible organizations & businesses are able to apply, NOT limited solely to performing arts. But performing arts will be given priority because they can't reopen until Phase 3 or 4 and that could be months away.
 - Very short, very simple applications to get as much of this money out in the community as seamlessly as possible.
 - There will be a separate jury (apart from SAGA) to review these applications.
 - Hoping to have information on the timeline, eligibility, application, etc. after Labor Day.
- So far no funding allocated from Spokane County (\$91M in CARES funding) specifically for arts or culture. They did offer small business/nonprofit grants through GSI/Innovia but there is no published list of grantees; unclear how many or few might have come from our sector.

Commission Recruitment

- Start thinking about recruitment for new commissioners. 4 people rolling off at the end of this year. Big shoes to fill! More to come next month.

Updates from Commissioners

- Design Review Board (Chuck)
 - First meeting for new NE Middle School meeting tomorrow (8/26)
- Arts WA (Ginger)
 - Main effort has been trying to get museums open in Phase 2. And that has been approved. Yay!
 - The Legislature has likely decided *not* to convene a special session. So no pandemic funding from the state until the beginning of next year.
- Arts Awards (Patty)
 - Working on scheduling performers.
 - Host will be our own Emma Noyes. (yay!)
 - Ticket sales are up and live. Please share.
 - Nominations are closed. Committee will meet next week to choose winners.
 - Tickets are \$5. If that's a barrier for anyone, let Mika know.
 - Once you buy a ticket, you'll have access to a special menu from Lucky You.
- Flag Committee (Andrew)
 - Meeting with City Council on Thursday to approve the call. Call will be out in the next week or two.
- Meet the Makers (Chase)
 - None

New business/ Good of the Commission

- Madison - MAC is open!!! Limited capacity. Lots of cleaning. Online only ticket sales.
- Chuck - Great job EJ on the article in Spark newsletter
- Ginger - [Terrain has an online art auction going on now](#). Process split 50/50 between Terrain Gallery and Artists. Goal is \$30,000 - Closing Party is Tuesday, Sept. 1st.
- Eva - Library partnered with Parks Department to put up a "Story Walk" - a picture book in segments to walk along and read. Currently in Comstock Park. Will be in Chief Garry and some other parks to come.
- Emma - Book release party for *Baby Speaks Salish* Oct. 15th. \$2 from each book goes to Salish School of Spokane. [Salish School is also doing outdoor, socially distant fundraising dinners](#).
- Daniel - Mural painting classes are ongoing.
- Remelisa - Volunteers of America fall fundraiser will partner with local businesses to display artwork from residents, clients, and local artists.
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Closing

- Motion to close, 5:37 p.m. Unanimous approval without discussion.
- **Next Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 22nd, 4:30pm**