

SAC MINUTES | September 22, 2020

HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

Meeting Open: 4:30 p.m.

Notes taken by Chris Maccini

Board Members Present:

Andrew Whitver, Chris Maccini, Chuck Horgan, Derrick Oliver, E.J. Iannelli, Eva Silverstone, Ginger Ewing, Madison Bush, Remelisa Cullitan, Chase Ogden, Katie Patterson Larson, Miguel Gonzales

Staff Members Present: Melissa Huggins, Mika Maloney, Patty Tully, Emma Noyes, Garret Daggett

Absent:, Daniel Lopez

Opening

- E.J. opened the meeting and called to order.
- Reviewed July minutes. D.O. moved to approve. Andrew seconded. No Discussion. August minutes unanimously approved.

Public Comment

- None

Programming:

- Arts Awards (Mika)
 - Saturday 9/26!!! - Thank you to the planning committee.
 - Remind everyone to buy tickets and tune in at 8:00 p.m. Saturday.
 - Recording will also remain on Veep for a few days if people can't watch live.
 - Please text and follow up with awardees and nominees just to check in and say, thank you and congrats. Look at the list and let Mika know if there are folks you know and can reach out to.
- Open Calls (Mika)
 - Signal box call for student artists open now. Closes Sept. 30th
 - Please promote to high school students especially. Can be a digital photograph, painting, any digital artwork.
 - Chase Gallery call open until Oct. 14th. Can be group shows, guest curator, solo shows, etc.

Governance:

- Application for new arts commissioners is November 1st.
- City has a new way of accepting applications for boards and commissions:
https://spokanecity.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=539669
- Please help get the word out.

Grantmaking (Melissa)

- CARES Act grant application open now in three categories. 1) Individual artists 2) Small Orgs 3) Large Orgs/Cultural institutions. Deadline is Oct. 1st.
- SAGA Round three also open with Oct. 1st deadline. Still about \$40K to grant in this round.

Updates from Commissioners

- Design Review Board (Chuck)
 - NE Middle School meeting tomorrow (9/23)
 - There will be opportunities for public art
- Arts WA (Ginger)

- Arts WA has CARES money specifically for cultural organizations across the state. Opens Sept. 25th. Not sure on the amount, but probably \$5,000 and up. There is \$1.5M to be distributed across the state. Spread the word, Spokane organizations are well positioned to take advantage of these funds.
- Flag Committee (Andrew)
 - Extended call to Oct 15th. Submissions open now.
- Meet the Makers (Chase)
 - None
- Murals (D.O. / Mika)
 - Community Engagement event at Chief Garry Park happened on Monday 9/21. Lots of kids and a nice night out in the park. More art kids will be available to pick up at a community center in the neighborhood.
 - Andrew - Heard lots of good feedback from kids in the park about the court mural. And they had lots of knowledge about other murals across the city. A great example of accessible, original art.
- Monaghan Statue update:
 - Melissa had a conversation with Jade Faletoi, to ask her opinion as one person in the Samoan community, understanding one person can't represent all the opinions of a whole community. Jade expressed that there was discussion within the Samoan community of starting an online petition, but she wasn't sure yet if there was a central group or person who wanted to lead on this issue. She also expressed her opinion that removing the plaque only would be a non-starter because the statue was commissioned to celebrate someone who'd been sent to American Samoa to colonize. It's not just the language on the plaque; it's the historical reality of violence that's harmful. Melissa connected an Inlander reporter with Jade and she was quoted in the Inlander's article.
 - SA received a question via our website contact form to ask whether there were plans to remove the statue. Melissa forwarded the inquiry to councilmember Stratton and responded on behalf of Spokane Arts to explain that the statue sits on public property and is owned by the City of Spokane; it isn't owned by Spokane Arts, but that we plan to encourage the city to address it.

New business/ Good of the Commission

- Eva - Hive Library Studio Naming
 - Library Board has moved away from naming places after people. No spaces in the library will be named after people.
- Melissa - Sportsplex
 - Thank you to those who served on the committee. We have finalists for both indoor and outdoor artwork. They got virtual tours of the space with architects this week. They'll be coming up with concept designs soon.
- Chris - Local music showcase from 6 - 8 p.m. on KPBX 91.1 leading up to the Arts Awards
- Patty - Live streamed band at Neato Burrito every two weeks on Friday nights. Via Facebook and Instagram
- Mika - Please send event details for Arts Month calendar ASAP

Closing

- Motion to close, 5:12 p.m. Unanimous approval without discussion.
- **Next Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 27nd, 4:30pm**

