

## SAC JUNE MINUTES | February, 2021

HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

**Meeting Open:** 4:30 p.m.

Notes taken by Chris Maccini

**Board Members Present:** Andrew Whitver, Chris Maccini, Chuck Horgan, Daniel Lopez, E.J. Iannelli, Emma Noyes, Remelisa Cullitan, Katie Patterson Larson, Patty Tully

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

**Absent:** Eva Silverstone, Madison Bush, Miguel Gonzales

### Opening

- E.J. opened the meeting and called to order.
- Reviewed November minutes. Andrew moved to approve. Patty seconded. No Discussion. November minutes unanimously approved.

### Public Comment

- None

### Programming (Melissa and Mika)

- StepWell Funding
  - Parks Board approved \$60,000 additional funding to cover the increased cost of wood for the StepWell sculpture.
  - Still on schedule to install this summer. Goal is to have delivered by June. Installed and completed in July. Celebration TBD.
- In The Neighborhood Poetry Project
  - Website is live: [www.spokanepoetry.com](http://www.spokanepoetry.com). Please share and promote. We still have some neighborhoods to fill in.
  - We'll continue to accept and post poems if they come in late (after Feb 28 posted deadline)
  - Submit your own poems! Get your kids to submit a poem!
- Chase Gallery
  - Still closed, as long as City Hall is. But shows are planned for later in the year.
  - Spring - we will share the city's collection on social and online (mid-March)
  - Five other shows planned for the year that will be either online or in-person, depending on restrictions.
- Spokane Public Library: artists selected for public art at three branches: outdoor at Shadle, indoor at Downtown, and at new Liberty branch. Design for Shadle & Downtown will move forward; artist for Liberty has been asked to come up with additional concept/s for library board to review (Parks is selected as the artist but TBD which design they will move forward with.)
- Signal Box Call open right now for high school artists. Please pass on to students. Next month there will be another call for general artists.

### Grantmaking (Melissa)

- SAGA
  - New selection panel is in place. Six members from various backgrounds.
  - Round 1 grantees will be announced April 1st.
  - In 2021 we will be able to grant almost the same amount as last year (minus the extra CARES Act money in 2020). Next year is when we will take a hit from decreased ticket sales. But we are doing everything we can to maximize the amount of grants we're able to make in 2022.

- Spokane Arts received a 3-year grant for small arts organizations. Those submissions are also being juried right now. An additional \$30,000 to SAGA funding.

### **Governance (Mika)**

- Committee Assignments - Commissioners, please review committees and let Mika know which you'd like to join (or drop).

### **Committee Updates from Commissioners**

- Chuck (Design review board) There was a code change in February, which meant a flurry of applications. Since then it has slowed down. Riverside and Brown apartment complex are working with Terrain and interested in having public art. School district has selected design teams for new schools, but designs have not yet been submitted.
- Andrew (Flag Committee) - 13 flag finalists are going to City Council soon and then to the public for a vote. We should have a new city flag by June.
- Mika (Murals Committee) - More court murals being installed this spring and summer. Hopefully more smaller murals coming this year too.

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

- Chris - SPR did a really cool collaboration with Spokane Civic Theater to broadcast a radio version of A Christmas Carol. Lots of amazing visiting writers and speakers through the colleges and universities right now. SPR is a media partner for the [Hagan Center Speaker Series](#).
- Andrew - Wonder Building is re-opening! Daniel Lopez solo show opening First Friday, March 4th
- Remelisa - Is starting a new job as Program Manager at Spark Central!
- Patty - Baby Bar live stream events are going really well! Great response from everyone, performers, audience, etc.
- Katie - Art Salvage has a new "mini-grant" program to get art supplies to teachers, nonprofits, etc. If you know anyone who could benefit, Let them know to apply.
- Emma - Will be offering a series of creative journal workshops in Stevens County.
- Melissa: Had some conversations about the Monaghan statue. Contacted about the formation of a Citizens' Advisory Council, partnered with/led by the Pacific Islander community, who would create a recommendation and advocate to the city for removal of the statue. Roberta Truscott invited us to participate in that group. Melissa will participate and invite 1-2 arts commissioners to participate if they can too. First meeting of that group will be in Feb. Since that effort is Pacific Islander-led, it fits with SAC direction to follow lead of NHPI community.

### **Closing**

- Motion to close, 5:30 p.m. Unanimous approval without discussion.
- **Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 23**