

## **SAC MINUTES | October 26, 2021**

HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

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

Notes taken by Chris Maccini

**Board Members Present:** Andrew Whitver, Chris Maccini, E.J. Iannelli, Emma Noyes, Madison Bush, Katie Patterson Larson, Eva Silverstone, Chuck Horgan, Patty Tully, Miguel Gonzales, Remelisa Cullitan

**Staff Members Present:** Mika Maloney, Shantell Jackson

**Absent:**, Daniel Lopez, Melissa Huggins

### **Opening**

- E.J. opened the meeting and called to order.
- Reviewed June Minutes. Eva motioned to approve. Andrew seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Introductions** - Welcome new Program Director Shantell Jackson

### **Programming (Mika)**

- Arts Awards Recap - Smaller in-person even at Lucky You worked out great. Thank you to everyone who helped with the event and/or attended.
- Arts Month is wrapping up. It was scaled back this year, but there were ads in the Inlander and online, focusing on events, etc.
- Murals - Mika shared images of mural projects that have wrapped up this summer/fall
  - Franklin Park court mural - partnership with Spokane Tribe and Spokane Indians baseball team. Work was done by all Native Artists, including lead artist Ruben Marcilla, along with two assistants and one apprentice.
  - Thornton Murphy Park - also included two apprentices who worked with lead artist Nick Goettling. Great to see new artists involved.
- Public Art
  - "Chromosphere" installed at the Podium
  - Library public art sculptures include the Hoop at Liberty Park and sculptures at Shadle Park
  - The Seeking Place to be installed at Riverfront Park in the spring; Stepwell will be finished next year as well
- Music Video Jams - Scaled down event with filmmakers and musicians was held at The Big Dipper. Mayor Woodward served as one of the event judges; great to have her!
- Chase Gallery
  - "Bright Spot" extended through Nov. 19th.
  - "Fast Trash" will be open Thanksgiving week through December.
- Mural Maintenance
  - Leftover court mural paint needs to be moved from the Thornton Murphy park to storage. Need a few volunteers to meet Mallory to load up and move on Saturday 11/6 at noon. Katie, Chris and E.J. volunteered to help.

### **Grantmaking (Mika)**

- SAGA Round 2 Selection Panel meets mid-November – Up to \$45,000 to grant this round. About 14 applicants competing for that money.

### **Advocacy (Mika)**

- City ARPA meetings 10/26-10/29 - please attend if possible to advocate for ARPA funding for the arts.

- USL Arts & Culture Listening session 10/27 - input on soccer team branding

### **Committee Updates from Commissioners**

- Design Review Board
  - New Sacajawea Middle School will have public art and a call for artists
  - Downtown soccer stadium - trying to push for more public art in that area. Potential for significant amount of public art funding.
  - Westwood Hills project - asking for design departures and may include additional public artwork
- Chase Gallery Committee
  - Beginning to review applications for next year's shows

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

- Mika - Interviewing new commissioner applicants soon. Need commissioners to volunteer for interviews.
- Mika - Blue Door Theater is looking for board members. Pass the word along if you know anyone who may be interested.
- Eva - Library openings
  - Shade Park Library opening November 3rd. Ribbon cutting at 9 a.m. Outdoor public art piece may or may not be in place by then. But there are 9 pieces of 2D art in the building.
  - Liberty Park opens November 12th, ribbon cutting at 9 a.m. Outdoor artwork has been in place in May/June and looks great. 2D art indoors as well.
  - First Friday at the Hive - several of the artists-in-residence will be there to check out their work and the building.
- Remelisa - Spark'O'ween at Spark Central on Saturday 10/30. Fun, spooky activities for kids.
- Miguel - Currently working on the Loteria de Spokane community portrait series at the Hive and seeking people of diversity doing work in Spokane involving community building, heritage preservation and DEI growth. Also now serving as the President of the Hispanic Business/Professional Association working on creative commerce and scholarship for Latinx students.
- Monaghan statue updates:
  - The rally led by Pacific Islander community and planned by Citizens Advisory Council was really powerful (especially the speeches, dances, and rituals) and generated significant media coverage. Turnout was relatively small but it was a great event.
  - The Citizens' Advisory Council (Pacific Islander-led) is going to present the petition to the Mayor and City Council after the elections are over, so that the incoming council members get the info too. Melissa is still serving as the arts representative on that group, and Emma & Remelisa are also keeping close tabs on it.
  - We set up a page on the Spokane Arts website w/all kinds of links & resources: <https://spokanearts.org/news/6229/> It's a great place to direct people to if they have questions or want links to learn about the real history.
  - The statue/monument/etc. was donated to the city ~70 years before the arts commission was created, so Melissa has conveyed to the city that Spokane Arts (as a tiny nonprofit) wants to be part of the solution and is willing/eager to devote staff time/effort toward working with any city departments or officials to pursue removal, but the city needs to pay for removal of the statue, since they own it. We didn't commission it, we don't own it, we don't own or control the land on which it sits, etc. Plus, because of the pandemic and lockdowns, Spokane Arts is facing a 60% drop in revenue which hits our budget in 2022. We're applying for all kinds of grants/support to fill that hole but it's tough and we're waiting to hear back on a lot of things we've applied for.

- If anyone wants to connect directly with members of the Citizens Advisory Council (to schedule a teach-in or educational workshop) or PICA (the statewide Pacific Islander coalition who co-organized the rally) or the local historians who've studied this, Melissa has contact info.

### **Closing**

- Motion to close, 5:25 p.m. Unanimous approval without discussion.
- **Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 23rd.**