

## SAC MINUTES | November 23, 2021

HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

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

Notes taken by Chris Maccini

**Board Members Present:** Andrew Whitver, Chris Maccini, Emma Noyes, Madison Bush, Katie Patterson Larson, Eva Silverstone, Chuck Horgan, Miguel Gonzales

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

**Absent:** Daniel Lopez, E.J. Iannelli, Patty Tully, Remelisa Cullitan

### Opening

- Andrew opened the meeting and called to order.
- Reviewed October Minutes. Eva motioned to approve. Katie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### Programming

- Chase Gallery (Shantell)
  - “Fast Trash” Exhibit -Will finish installing 11/24. Install has been pretty smooth. It will be a cool show.
  - Chase Gallery Selection committee met and selected shows for 2022. Notifications are going out to artists.
- Mural Decommission Proposal (Mika)
  - People’s Gallery underpass near Liberty Park is heavily graffitied. Suggesting to the committee to decommission that mural. The city would paint over the existing mural and would free up the space for a new mural in the future.
  - **Andrew motioned to approve decommissioning the mural. Chuck seconded. Motion passed unanimously without discussion.**
  - Mika will follow up with East Central Neighborhood council
- Poet Laureate (Melissa)
  - Would like to have a discussion on extending Chris Cook’s Poet Laureate position for another year.
  - Usual Poet Laureate tenures are 2 years. Nearly his whole term has been during the pandemic. We would also like to pursue a printed book of his “In the Neighborhood” project.
  - **Chris M. motioned to extend Chris Cook’s Poet Laureate term through 2022. Eva seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Poetry at the Podium (Melissa)
  - Council would like to restart the program, even though their meetings are still being held virtually.
  - Plan to start by inviting poets from In the Neighborhood to share their poems.
- Anti-racism training for Arts Leaders (Melissa)
  - One Heart and Spokane Ensemble reach out to try to cost-share and schedule an anti-racism training for arts leaders.
  - We’ve identified facilitators to lead the training. Will host in January/Feb 2022.
- ACES: Artists of Color Expo & Symposium, April 2022 (Shantell & Mika)
  - Annual event that has been put on in Seattle for many years. After a virtual event in 2021, they reached out to Spokane Arts to collaborate to make future events feel more “statewide.”
  - Spokane will be a “host site” along with other sites in the state. Will host gallery space, events, live stream viewing opportunities, etc.

## **Grantmaking**

- SAGA Grantees (Melissa)
  - Email announcing the latest round of awardees going out soon. Grantees are being notified now.
  - \$135,000 has been granted this year.
- Spokane County ARP Survey is still open. Please respond and share:  
<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6584120/ARP-Community-Recommendations>
- Sounds like the City would like to allocate ARP funds for arts grantmaking. Spokane Arts likely will have to submit an RFP to be designated as the organization to administer those grant funds.

## **Committee Updates from Commissioners**

- Design Review Board (Chuck)
  - Second meeting for new downtown stadium. Gave several ideas for incorporating public art.

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

- Madison - MAC Events - Saturday 11/27 holiday kick off at the MAC. Fifth annual artist studio tour 12/4.
- Eva - Public Art pieces for Shadle Park Library have arrived. They look great! But they're in storage for now. Waiting for Park Board approval prior to installation.
- Eva - The Hive will host January First Friday event.
- Mika - BNSF walls are private property where public murals are installed. There is a public/private process for those installations. Zona Blanca is renovating adjacent property and started installing a mural without going through that process. Spokane Arts has stepped in to facilitate between BNSF and Zona Blanca.

## **Closing**

- Motion to close, 5:09 p.m. Unanimous approval without discussion.
- **No December meeting.**