

## SAC MINUTES | January 25, 2022

HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

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

Notes taken by Chris Maccini

**Board Members Present:** Andrew Whitver, Chris Maccini, Madison Bush, Eva Silverstone, Chuck Horgan, Miguel Gonzales, Michael Bethely, Patty Tully, Kelly Baker, Daniel Lopez, E.J. Iannelli, Patty Tully, Katie Patterson Larson.

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

**Absent:** Remelisa Cullitan, Emma Noyes, Dylan Le.

### Opening

- E.J. opened the meeting and called to order.
- Reviewed October Minutes. Andrew motioned to approve. Chuck seconded. Motion passed unanimously without discussion. E.J., Audrey, and Kelly abstained from voting.

### Introductions

- New and returning commissioners introduced themselves.

### Public Comment

- None

### Programming

- Chase Gallery (Shantell)
  - "Layer by Layer" show installed. First Friday Reception will be Feb. 4. 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- Murals (Shantell)
  - Hooptown will move forward with one mural in 2022, which will be in Liberty Park.
  - Executive Director of Empire Health Foundation reached out to Spokane Arts to coordinate a mural in their space. Looking to emphasize community and underrepresented groups. Waiting to hear back from them, but will likely have a call for artists in the near future.
  - Talking with Common Language Brewery looking to hire a BIPOC artist to do a mural in their space, but are likely pushing that out to the spring due to budget constraints. But they still want to activate that space for local artists, especially from BIPOC communities - possibly a rotating show of some kind.
  - Bike Racks - Hope is to hire artists to design and fabricate art installations for bike racks downtown. Installations would replace parking meters.
- Anti-racism training for Arts Leaders (Melissa)
  - Groundwater Arts will lead training for arts leaders on Feb. 16. Training will be via Zoom.
  - One Heart and Spokane Ensemble Theater are partnering to help make it happen.
- Statewide ArtsFund study on impacts of COVID on arts community (Melissa)
  - Spokane Arts participated - Melissa served on the committee.
  - Study included online and phone surveys as well as publicly available tax information.
  - A lot of this data confirms what we already know, that the pandemic has been extremely difficult for artists and the arts sector.
  - Some study highlights:
    - Some discrepancies between east and west sides of Washington - including that east side organizations do not plan to continue digital or hybrid programming indefinitely.

- BIPOC-led organizations received significant support in 2020, but there has been a drop off since then.
  - Report shows ~\$200M loss in earned revenue among organizations statewide from 2020 to 2021.
  - Eastern Washington organizations were not able to access as much relief funding as other areas of the state.
- State Arts Commission has asked for \$20M for arts relief funding in proposed state budget.

### **Grantmaking (Melissa)**

- SAGA Deadline is Feb.1. Please share widely.

### **Advocacy (Melissa)**

- Pre-COVID, we used to host a statewide arts advocacy day during the legislative session.
- Now, that is spread over the course of a week of virtual meetings. Meetings are being scheduled with legislators for Feb. 1-4.
- Would be great to have commissioners join those meetings. They are short (~15 min).
- If you would like to join, email Melissa and Shantell to be looped in.

### **Updates from Commissioners**

- Design Review Board (Chuck)
  - New downtown stadium second review meeting in Dec. It has been approved. They are not required to have public art, but they have agreed to infrastructure and space for public art. They are also working with the Civic Theater for an outdoor space that could be used for outdoor performances.
- Melissa - We will talk next month about reconfiguring committees and getting some of them back up and running.

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

- Miguel - Old East Side Library building has been vacant for some time. Hispanic Business Professionals Association has proposed a new community center in that space. COPS has partnered with the police department to compete for the space. MLK center, which is adjacent, has also proposed to expand into that space. East Central Neighborhood Committee is looking to vote in February. HBPA has started a campaign to garner support from the community.
- Katie - Art Salvage is promoting a "mini grant" program. Organizations can apply for a \$100 voucher toward art supplies at Art Salvage. Also in need of volunteers. Regular volunteers are best.
- Eva - A lot of library and HIVE events have been canceled. There was a nice article in the Inlander recently about HIVE artists. Reviewing applications now for the next round of artists in residence. 37 applications for the 4 studio spaces. Library is hoping to restart in-person programming in April.

### **Closing**

- Motion to close, 5:42 p.m. Unanimous approval without discussion.
- **Next Meeting: February 22.**