

## **SAC MINUTES | March 22, 2022**

HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

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

Notes taken by Chris Maccini

**Board Members Present:** Chris Maccini, Madison Bush, Eva Silverstone, Chuck Horgan, E.J. Iannelli, Katie Patterson Larson, Dylan Le, Audrey Overstreet, Emma Noyes, Patty Tully, Kelly Baker

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

**Absent:** Miguel Gonzales, Michael Bethely, Andrew Whitver, Remelisa Cullitan, Daniel Lopez

### **Opening**

- E.J. opened the meeting and called to order.
- Reviewed February Minutes. Eva motioned to approve. Chuck seconded. Motion passed unanimously without discussion.

### **Public Comment**

- None

### **Programming (Shantell)**

- Chase Gallery - Spring exhibit will be a celebration of SAGA grantees. Currently there are posters in the gallery from past SAGA grantees - Five years of grants, over 130 grantees. The latest round of grantees are being printed now and public announcements will go out about the show once they are up.
- "In the Neighborhood" Art and poetry show being planned for Liberty Gallery (above Auntie's Books) in June.
- Murals
  - Mural maintenance contractor has been hired for the season. Repairs to be done on murals at Barrister, Sprague and Division, Hooptown USA in Riverfront, Altamont, and others.
- Public Art Updates (Melissa)
  - Stepwell project is still in progress in Riverfront Park; will be finished later this year
  - Sarah Thompson Moore's interactive metal sculpture piece being installed this spring in Riverfront Park
  - Library projects
    - Major sculpture to be installed in the downtown branch (John Rogers is the artist). The piece is done, but branch construction is behind schedule. Now it sounds like it may be installed April 22. Central Library completion ETA is June or July 2022 (possibly 7/11).
    - Portable works also to be installed in the downtown branch once the library is mostly completed.
    - Installation of sculptures outside of Shadle branch also delayed; library staff are juggling multiple projects so they can't get to the sculptures yet
    - "In the Neighborhood" project from Poet Laureate Chris Cook
      - Art/Poetry project to pair poets with visual artists. To be displayed at Liberty Gallery - June 2022
      - Print anthology to be printed this year. Chris Maccini to help solicit additional poems. Scablands Books will print it. Keely Honeywell will design the book.

### **Governance (Melissa)**

- Arts Commission Committees and volunteer opportunities.

- There are both standing committees and temporary committees for events, submission reviews, artwork judging, etc.
- Melissa shared and will send via email a list of past and potential future committees including:
  - Fundraising Committee
  - Marketing/Communications Committee
  - Advocacy Committee
  - Chase Gallery Committee
  - Equity & Accessibility Committee
  - Others: Arts Awards, Joint Arts Committee, Design Review Board, Parking Advisory Committee, Murals Committee, Meet the Makers, Music Video Jams, Queer Art Walk.

### **Advocacy/Other (Melissa)**

- Thank you (again) to everyone who took part in State Legislature meetings. There were lots of successes in this legislative session. Including:
  - WA State film incentive increase! Has been stuck at \$3.5M. This session it was raised to \$15M
  - Arts WA secured \$45M in pandemic relief funds to be distributed via grants over the next two years. Will be distributed statewide to arts/culture orgs by ArtsWA & Department of Commerce
- ARP process
  - City of Spokane has “earmarked” \$1M for arts funding, but they still need to open an RFP process. For now, we are in a holding pattern until that process happens. Please let people know if they have questions about this. The funding has been earmarked by the city but it won’t be distributed until they post an RFP and select an organization to sub-contract with. It’s confusing!
  - Separately, Spokane County has ARP funds to distribute. They have not earmarked any funds specifically for arts and culture yet, but Spokane Arts is pushing for them to do so.
- Fundraiser with USL Spokane
  - Soccer teams that will be playing at the new downtown stadium (to be open in 2024).
  - USL Spokane has picked 5 community organizations (Spokane Arts is one). They will be donating the remainder of their season ticket deposit sales to those organizations. When you put down your \$20 deposit, you can choose which organization gets the donation.
  - Any donations Spokane Arts receives will be budgeted for public art at the facility. There is currently no budget for public art at the new stadium, which is being built by SPS.

### **Updates from Commissioners**

- Design Review Board (Chuck)
  - No DRB meetings since last SAC meeting. Nothing new to report.
- Queer Art Walk (Shantell)
  - Confirming venues now, and venues are confirming artists. Once we have final count, we’ll start marketing for the event.
  - Remelisa and Shantell will curate the QAW show for the Chase Gallery

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

- Eva
  - New artist started at the Hive - Shawn Parks. Three more artists starting April 1.
  - Spokane Print Fest is Saturday, April 2 at the Hive.
  - Thursday, April 21, there will be Get Lit events at the Hive.
  - First Friday in May at the Hive
  - Faith Ringgold lecture at the MAC April 10, 2pm
- Madison

- Dreamworks Exhibition is opening at the MAC. Will be here for the summer.
- United Tribes of the Upper Columbia (UCUT) - Dugout canoes will be carved at the MAC Amphitheater space.
- Audrey
  - Wanted to make sure group is aware of the Spokane Children's Theater scandal. Stage Left reached out to SCT to educate about best practices and other theaters have given SCT critique/feedback about how to move forward by acknowledging harm and ensuring change is enacted. Necessary conversations are happening so that has been a positive process for theatre community overall, but still work to be done to ensure no one is harmed in future.
- Dylan
  - Manito Art Festival is June 11
- Katie
  - Art Salvage is looking for instructors. Please pass on the info. On the website:
- Chris - Get Lit Festival is April 21 - 24 at locations around town and virtual
- Melissa - Music Festival at Lucky You is happening the first weekend in May (5/6 and 5/7)

### **Closing**

- Motion to close, 5:37 p.m. Unanimous approval without discussion.
- **Next Meeting: April 26 IN PERSON at the new Spokane Arts office (801 W. Riverside)**