

SAC MINUTES | April 26, 2022

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Meeting Open: 4:30 p.m.

Notes taken by Chris Maccini

Board Members Present: Andrew Whitver, Chris Maccini, Madison Bush, Eva Silverstone, Daniel Lopez, E.J. Iannelli, Katie Patterson Larson, Dylan Le, Audrey Overstreet, Patty Tully, Kelly Baker

Staff Members Present: Melissa Huggins, Shantell Jackson.

Absent:, Remelisa Cullitan, Emma Noyes, Miguel Gonzales, Michael Bethely, Chuck Horgan

Opening

- E.J. opened the meeting and called to order.
- Reviewed January Minutes. Andrew motioned to approve. Patty seconded. Motion passed unanimously without discussion.

Public Comment

- None

Programming

- Chase Gallery/First Friday (Shantell) – SAGA 5-year celebration show. Opening reception First Friday - May 6, 5-8 p.m.
- Signal Box Update (Melissa)
 - Melissa displayed map of signal box locations which will be installed starting in May (weather permitting)
 - Signal box maintenance is ongoing after a bit of a backlog. A few will need to be reprinted due to vandalism or wear.
 - Plan for 2022 has been submitted to STCU for sponsorship for 33 new art wraps (\$45,000 total request).
 - 10 high school wraps in downtown
 - 8 in neighborhoods
 - 12 in Spokane Valley (expanding to Valley for the first time!)
 - 3 in N. Spokane
 - Plus additional maintenance
- Public Art (Melissa) – Two small pieces of public art that need locations
 - “Celebration” by Janice Maher
 - Commissioned in 1982 – used to be in City Hall
 - Not currently in contact with artist or family – may need help trying to get in contact. Katie & Eva offer to help.
 - City hall removed it due to children climbing on sculpture and getting stuck between pieces. Moved to Wastewater Treatment Plant. – City has now asked Spokane Arts to consider decommission the piece or otherwise consider the future of “Celebration”
 - Staff recommendation: Donate to Spokane Conservation District for use at a 50-acre former industrial site (at 8th and Havana) they are cleaning up and restoring to become a community conservation area, including indoor & outdoor public art.
 - Spokane Conservation District is excited about the idea, willing to pick up and restore the sculpture, then place it on public display for community to enjoy.
 - According to the municipal art policy, the arts commission is responsible for determining if works should be removed from the city’s collection (Section 6.7, Deaccessioning of artwork) and if

deaccession is needed, to work cooperatively with other city departments to administer the deaccession.

- Staff explains that rather than just deaccessioning the piece and scrapping the metal, they wanted to find a new home for the artwork, and when the Spokane Conservation District reached out to ask our advice about their future sculpture garden, it was clear to staff that this could be a great partnership and mutually beneficial. Multiple commissioners agree.
- Chris asks whether Spokane Conservation District is aware of the report from city staff that children were prone to sticking their heads between the metal sections. Melissa said yes, she forwarded the whole thread from city staff listing those concerns and noted it to the SCD executive director to make sure she understood. Commissioners suggest that SCD should be thoughtful in terms of where they site the piece on their property, so that it's placed in such a way that SCD doesn't experience the same issue with how kids interact with it. Melissa will pass along the commission's recommendation.
- Reasons discussed to deaccession this artwork include:
 - The work requires repair
 - The work is not on public display/not accessible to the public and no other city site or location has been identified to accept the artwork
 - The work presented safety concerns, according to city staff, that cannot be resolved (meaning the sculpture can't be adjusted w/r/t their concerns since it is metal and can't be changed)

Andrew motioned to deaccession "Celebration" from the City of Spokane's collection. Patty seconded the motion. Commissioners voted unanimously to approve without further discussion.

Chris motioned to donate "Celebration" to the Spokane Conservation District. Andrew seconded the motion. Commissioners voted unanimously to approve without further discussion.

- "The Proposal" by Derk Klein
 - Commissioned and owned by Downtown Spokane Partnership. Made from reclaimed materials from the Steam Plant.
 - Originally displayed outdoors (on Wall Street) but was removed for construction
 - DSP would like to see the sculpture reinstalled.
 - Proposed new site: Corner of Main and Pine St. (near Jensen Byrd building). Sculpture could be attached to existing concrete pad.
 - Commissioners had questions about placement on concrete pad near traffic/away from sidewalk; whether there would be interpretive information about the history of the piece; and whether there was lighting in the area. Melissa will take those q's and get answers from stakeholders.
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- Other Public Art Projects (Melissa)
 - Central Spokane Public Library – "Shimmer" by John Rogers is a glass structure that will hang through the ceiling down all three floors of the library. Being installed now!
 - "Hoop" outdoor sculpture by Shawn Parks – at Liberty Park Library, installed last summer
 - New sculptures by Jasmine Brown at Shadle Park Library – metal figures reading books. Will be installed in the grass outside the library on May 5th.
 - "Stepwell" by Meejin Yoon in Riverfront Park – about 50% installed. Scheduled to be finished by fall of 2022.

- “The Seeking Place” by Sarah Thompson Moore – pieces are fabricated. Waiting for Spokane Parks to hire a subcontractor for sitework & installation of ADA pathway. Timeline of install depends on how quickly Parks hires that subcontractor; artist is ready and eager to install.
- Indoor artwork at The Podium – lots of local artists helped with the installation.
- Outdoor artwork at The Podium – “Aspire” by Acrylicize was installed last year but wanted to show images of the piece and note that each year it will be updated to include engravings of major athletic achievements at The Podium.

Governance

- Don’t forget to sign up for committees via paper sheet or Google Doc

Updates from Commissioners

- Queer Art Walk (Shantell) – have 10 venues lined up for event. [Copy of spreadsheet of venues here.](#)
- Jim Frank wanted to share that he’s remodeling “The Nest” space in Kendall Yards. Looking for ideas for events, music, arts programming, etc. Those interested can email to propose their event or pop-up.
- Lucky Fest – May 6-7 at Lucky You Lounge. Three stages. Sponsored by Global Credit Union, Rainier Beer, and Spokane Arts.

New Business / Good of the Commission

- Audrey – Will be in children’s theater production of Our Town with her kids!
- Eva – Lots of cool events at the Library this summer, including maybe the “Opera Truck,” and lots of events with artists in residence at the Hive
- “In The Neighborhood” poetry anthology – still looking for poems from Nevada Heights and Whitman neighborhoods.
- Madison – DreamWorks at the NWMAC is great! Canoes being carved are also very cool.
- Manito Art Fest is Saturday, June 11

Closing

- Motion to close, 5:47 p.m. Unanimous approval without discussion.
- **Next Meeting: May 26.**