

## SAC MINUTES | May 24, 2022

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**Meeting Open:** 4:45 p.m.

Notes taken by Chris Maccini

**Board Members Present:** Andrew Whitver, Chris Maccini, Madison Bush, Eva Silverstone, E.J. Iannelli, Katie Patterson Larson, Audrey Overstreet, Patty Tully, Kelly Baker, Remelisa Cullitan, Michael Bethely, Chuck Horgan,

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

**Absent:** Emma Noyes, Miguel Gonzales, Daniel Lopez, Dylan Le

### Opening

- E.J. opened the meeting and called to order.
- Commissioners and guests introduced themselves.
- Reviewed April Minutes. Chuck motioned to approve. Andrew seconded. Motion passed unanimously without discussion.

### Public Comment

- None

### Programming

- Guest presentation from Spokane Civic Theatre – Jake Schaefer, Executive Director
  - Founded in 1947 – Produce 20 plays and events annually
  - 1967 – built and moved into current civic theater building
  - Launching \$25 million capital campaign to soundproof, expand and renovate the building
  - Renovated building will include studio theater, rehearsal space, redesigned mainstage lobby, restrooms, and outdoor area. In main theater, new ADA seating, backstage infrastructure.
  - Q&A with commissioners
    - Parking? – Yes. It will be a challenge, but PFD has a master plan they are developing.
    - Relationship with PFD and Spokane Public Schools? – It has been very collaborative and open, all with the goal of the best development for the North Bank.
    - What is the timeline? – Hopefully 2024, but we are actively planning and de
    - Will there be an interim location during construction? – Yes. Likely the Bing, Gonzaga, NWMAC, etc.
- Guest presentation from Spokane Valley Summer Theater – Marnie Rarholm, Artistic Director
  - Performances are currently held in CV or U-High schools.
  - Spokane market is underserved in performing arts compared to other similar markets.
  - Angel donor has offered to purchase a piece of land in for a new performing arts center
  - Building will be called “Spokane Valley Performing Arts Center”
  - 500 seat mainstage theater, 200 seat black box theater, event space for 400, 59,000 square feet
  - Timeline: Capital campaign has been in progress for many years. August 13, 2022 groundbreaking. Opening Feb, 2024.
- “The Proposal” Sculpture Update – Melissa will send out an email update.
- Monaghan Statue Update
  - Melissa communicated SAC’s support to human rights commission advocating for removal of statue.
  - City Council needs to vote in order to remove.

- Interested parties (i.e. Human Rights Commission and Arts Commission) will petition City Council for removal.
- 100+ downtown businesses have signed on to petition for removal.

### **Governance**

- Committees and Volunteer opportunities
  - Queer Arts Walk – Chase Gallery volunteers needed – Friday, June 3, 4-7 p.m.
  - Juneteenth Booth – Volunteers needed
- Three seats opening on Arts Commission (Andrew, E.J., and Miguel leaving)
  - If you know of any potential commissioners, encourage them to apply.

### **Advocacy**

- Save the dates for these events:
  - “Cultural Futures” hosted by Inspire Washington June 16, 4 p.m. at the MAC
  - Impact Award celebration for Don Hamilton June 23, 5-8 p.m. at Hamilton Studio

### **Updates from Commissioners**

- Design Review Board (Chuck) – None currently up for review.
  - New Design standards have been approved by council. Includes standards for public projects outside the downtown core. Also includes guidance for public art in projects.
- Queer Art Walk (Shantell) – Friday, June 3. Artists and venues are being confirmed.
  - Open mic night at Gonzaga Arts Center
  - Shantell will share full lineup of artists and events

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

- Katie – Event for Teachers/schools at Art Salvage, August 13.
- Audrey – Stage Left production of “Passover” opens June 3
- Eva – First Friday at the Hive, June 3, featuring artists in residence and student artwork 5-8 p.m. Also new artist in residence moving in June 1 – portraits of burn survivors.
- Madison – ArtFest at the MAC June 3-5.
- Michael - Juneteenth June 18 at MLK Center and Movie in the Park at Underhill park
- Remelissa – Closing reception at Terrain Gallery Friday 5-8 p.m.
- Kudos to Andrew! It’s last SAC meeting!

### **Closing**

- Motion to close, 5:51 p.m. Unanimous approval without discussion.
- **Next Meeting: June 28.**