

SAC MINUTES | August 23, 2022

HELD HYBRID IN-PERSON AND ZOOM

Meeting Open: 4:30 p.m.

Notes taken by Chris Maccini

Board Members Present: Chris Maccini, Madison Bush, Eva Silverstone, Audrey Overstreet, Chuck Horgan, Dylan Le, Katie Patterson Larson, Michael Bethely, Patty Tully

Staff Members Present: Melissa Huggins, Shantell Jackson

Absent: Emma Noyes, Miguel Gonzales, Daniel Lopez, Remelisa Cullitan, Kelly Baker

Opening

- Melissa called the meeting to order.
- June minutes reviewed. Audrey moved to approve. Eva seconded. June minutes approved unanimously without discussion.

Public Comment

- None

Governance

- Katie Patterson Larson has been nominated for Arts Commission Chair. ***Eva motioned to approve Katie's election as Chair. Chuck seconded. Motion passed unanimously without discussion.***
- Emma Noyes has been nominated for Arts Commission vice-chair for vice chair. ***Audrey moved, to approve Emma's election as Vice-Chair Eva seconded. Motion passed unanimously without discussion.***

Guest Speakers

- Commissioners and Artist Trust Staff all introduced themselves
- Artist Trust Staff Presentation
 - Artist Trust is a nonprofit based in Seattle, serving artists across the state of all disciplines through grant-making and professional development.
 - Grants for Artists Progress (GAP) is currently open. \$1500 for individual artists for specific projects. For artists all across the state. 10 grants designated for those on the east side of the state.
 - Artist Trust Opportunities Page is a great resource for calls, submissions, residencies, etc.
 - Virtual Workshops coming up: Networking, marketing, social media, building an artist business, contracts, copyright, etc. Open to anyone via Zoom (or phone).
 - Mental health and arts awareness events are also coming up. Created in 2020 in response to the COVID pandemic. Workshops, conversations, etc. All virtual. All free or sliding scale. Accessible to artists.
 - Office Hours: 1 on 1 meetings with Artist Trust staff to help with grant applications.
 - Fellowship: Identity-based fellowships/grants for black artists, native artists, etc.
- Commissioners: Please share these opportunities and information about Artist Trust with your networks! www.ArtistTrust.org

Programming

- Public Art (Melissa)
 - Joe Albi concession stand art.

- The site was demolished and art un-installed. Exploring different options for what to do with the art (melt it down and reuse it? Install somewhere else?). None of these options seem feasible. Spokane Arts Staff is recommending we deaccession it, and the construction contractor will recycle the metal.
 - **Chris moved to recommend deaccessioning the Joe Albi Concession Stand sculpture. Audrey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - Monaghan Statue
 - Was initially funded by the community in 1898, then donated to the city. The city owns the sculpture as well as the land it is on.
 - The statue commemorates John Monaghan, whose military campaign included atrocities in Samoa. The plaque on the sculpture includes racist and offensive imagery and language toward Samoan people.
 - Spokane Arts has been working with the Human Rights Commission to ensure the statue is removed.
 - City Council needs to vote to remove the statue.
 - In October, Spokane Arts and Human Rights Commission plan to deliver a joint resolution to the Spokane City Council, along with petitions from the public, research from local professors, etc. And ask the City Council to act to remove the statue.
 - Spokane Arts Commission has already voted to support removal of the statue
 - It is unclear whether the statue is technically part of the public art collection.
 - Spokane Arts Staff recommends that the Commission vote on whether to deaccession the piece (if in fact it is in the public collection).
 - **Dylan motioned that if the Monaghan Statue is in the public collection, it should be deaccessioned. Patty seconded. Motion passed unanimously**
- Arts Awards (Shantell)
 - Arts Awards planning is underway. Event will be Saturday, Sept. 24th at Lucky You. In-person event this year (not hybrid or virtual).
 - Nominations are open now. Please share!
 - Hoping to get the committee together to brainstorm entertainment options for the event. Shantell will reach out to schedule a committee meeting.

Advocacy (Melissa)

- Working Washington Five Grants are open. Application is very easy. Lots of support available. Please spread the word! <https://commercegrants.com/>
- No update on city ARPA funding.

Updates from Commissioners

- Joint Arts Commission (Chris)
 - Chris, Katie, Emma, and Shantell attended JAC meeting where Spokane Parks presented 3 finalists for the King Cole Commemoration Project. Input from JAC will be given to artists and then finalists will be revealed for public comment soon.
- Design Review Board (Chuck)
 - No update
- Chase Gallery (Shantell)
 - There is a new show installed! Go see it! It's great!
- Calls for Artists Open now! (Shantell)
 - Signal boxes for Spokane Valley. [Call for artists is open now.](#)
 - Fall Fest with Downtown Spokane Partnership October 1-2. Call for artists booths is open now.
 - Spokane Interstate Fair is looking for graffiti/spray paint artists to participate.

- From the Fair: *“The Interstate Fair is hosting an “Art Walk” on the opening day of this year’s fair (September 9). During the day, plein air artists will be painting in Bay 4 and around the grounds, a special spray paint art contest will take place around the grounds, and a mural will be painted on the north side of Bay 1. If interested in participating in any of these opportunities, please contact the Fair Office at fair@spokanecounty.org for more information.”*

New Business / Good of the Commission

- Patty – Tacos y Tequila Festival downtown this weekend. 8/27-28: <https://tacostequilaspokane.com/>

Closing

- Motion to close, 5:40 p.m. Unanimous approval without discussion.
- **Next Meeting: Sept 27**