

SAC MINUTES | January 23, 2023

Meeting Held In-Person at Spokane Arts

Meeting Open: 4:30 p.m.

Notes taken by Chris Maccini

Board Members Present: Chris Maccini, Madison Bush, Eva Silverstone, Audrey Overstreet, Chuck Horgan, Katie Patterson Larson, Patty Tully, Daniel Lopez, Kelly Baker, Emma Noyes

Staff Members Present: Melissa Huggins, Shelby Allison, Shantell Jackson

Absent: Remelisa Cullitan, Dylan Le, Michael Bethely

Opening

- Katie called the meeting to order.
- October minutes reviewed. Emma moved to approve. Chuck seconded. October minutes approved unanimously without discussion.
- Commissioners introduced themselves and reviewed recent arts events.

Public Comment

- None

Grantmaking (Melissa)

- SAGA Deadline February 1st. Shelly is fielding applicant questions and helping with applications.
- ARPA Funding – Spokane Arts has been selected to administer ARPA funds for City of Spokane. \$1 million earmarked. 92% will be granted out to the community. Balance of funds will be used by Spokane Arts to hire a short-term, part-time staff member to help administer the program.
 - Grant application will be open beginning sometime in February – May 1. Grants to be paid out in Summer 2023.
 - Grantees will be limited to City of Spokane residents. Individuals and arts organization.
 - The proposed plan is for grants to be up to \$2500 for individuals and up to \$10,000 or \$20,000 depending on organization size.

Professional Development (Shantell)

- Shantell has developed a professional development calendar for 2023:
 - February – All Disciplines – Artist meetup: Intro to Spokane Arts, Q&A, etc.
 - April – All Disciplines – How to brand yourself as an artist (CVs, Photographs, Web presence, et.)
 - June – Musicians/Performers – Panoramic Studios to invite musicians and performers into their studio space
 - August – Film & Audio – CMTV and/or KYRS to invite artists to use their space and resources
 - October – Theater – how to write a script/screenplay, auditioning, stage presence, etc.
 - December – Writing & Poetry – Publishing, practice, discipline. Possible partnership with library.
- Would also like to develop a book list / library of professional development resources.
- If you have any professional ideas or feedback, let Shantell know.

Street Art Pilot Program (Melissa & Shelby)

- Shelby is managing the street art initiative for Spokane Arts. Welcome Shelby!
- Currently in the planning stages for locations of intersection art and crosswalk murals.
 - Two crosswalks per [district](#) over the course of 3 year pilot
 - One intersection per [neighborhood](#) over the course of 3 year pilot

- Researching paint, materials, etc.
- If Commissioners have ideas for street art locations, specifically look for areas that do not already have lots of murals or public art, let Shelby know! artshelper@spokanearts.org
 - Neighborhood councils ultimately will apply for locations
 - Suggested locations will be reviewed by City streets department, Shelby and other stakeholders

Advocacy

- Arts Heritage and Science Week, February 6-10
 - Shantell is setting up meetings with state legislators.
 - Need volunteers for virtual and in-person meetings with legislators to advocate for arts and culture initiatives.
 - Audrey sent an email to all commissioners with signup information ([through Inspire Washington](#)). Sign up as an advocate and then more information will be forthcoming from Spokane Arts on local initiatives.

Updates from Commissioners

- Chase Gallery Committee (Shantell) – Committee met and have selected upcoming shows.
- Design Review Board (Chuck) – No current projects or updates
- Murals Committee (Shantell) – Committee will meet in February to talk about decommissioning and/or repairing murals, especially underpass murals. Committee will report to full Commission at February meeting.
- Meet the Makers (Melissa) – Spokane Arts looking to revive this project in 2023. Michael will likely project manage this for the Commission.
- SAGA panel (Melissa) – A new (anonymous) commissioner has volunteered to serve on the panel this year.

New Business / Good of the Commission

- Shantell – *Intertwined* group show in the Chase Gallery reception is Friday, February 3rd.
- Kelly - Pivot Storytelling is Thursday at the Cracker Building
- Madison - Applications for ArtFest are open now, until March 1st
- Madison - New exhibit at the NWMAC – Large scale beadwork from South Africa.
- Melissa - Poetry Out Loud (high school poetry recitation) regional finals at the Central Library on Thursday, Feb. 2nd
- Melissa – Working with Spokane Film Project to organize Studio A tour on Friday, Feb. 10
- Audrey - Weekend of Feb 11-12, Shakespeare monologues at Civic Studio Theater
- Patty – Broken Mic celebrated 12 years at Neato Burrito!
- Emma – Favorite event from last year: Romeo & Juliet in Salish at The Salish School

Closing

- Motion to close, 5:30 p.m. Unanimous approval without discussion.
- **Next Meeting: February 28**