

SAC MINUTES | February 28, 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, Chuck Horgan, Katie Patterson Larson, Emma Noyes, Michael Bethely, Kelly Baker, Audrey Overstreet

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

Absent: Remelisa Cullitan, Dylan Le, Patty Tully, Daniel Lopez

Opening

- Katie called the meeting to order and offered a land acknowledgement.
- January minutes reviewed. Chris moved to approve. Chuck seconded. January minutes approved unanimously without discussion.
- Commissioners introduced themselves and reviewed recent arts events.
- New Spokane Arts staff member Kerri Danowski introduced herself.

Public Comment

- None

Murals (Shantell)

- Murals committee met and recommended the following murals for deaccession:
 - Tom Quinn: Division and Sprague
 - SUMAC: Howard/BNSF Underpass
 - Melissa Cole: Monroe/BNSF Underpass
 - Lisa Soranaka & Eric-Alain Parker: Cedar Underpass
- Presented options for anti-graffiti coatings and estimates for suggested mural repair costs. \$9400 - \$10,000 total to repair 5 underpass murals.
- Emilie Cameron from Downtown Spokane Partnership expressed that DSP and neighboring businesses have a desire to urgently address the graffiti murals along the BNSF underpasses.
 - The Wall Street underpass seems to be an area of recent increased graffiti. Spokane Arts recommends repair and coat this mural rather than deaccession.
 - DSP remains committed to partner with Spokane Arts on maintaining and repairing underpass murals moving forward.

Kelly Motioned to decommission all four murals recommended above. Eva seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Grantmaking (Melissa)

- Interviews are ongoing for community outreach/engagement specialist to help administer ARPA grantmaking.
- In notice of funding, City of Spokane has included parameters around who is eligible for granting based on revenue and size of business. Proposed parameters would exclude a small number of large organizations in the city.
- As a result, Spokane Arts may have to open an initial round of grants for smaller organizations and then, if there are funds still remaining, a second round for large organizations. Spokane Arts is proposing that this could happen in one application process rather than a separate contract/funding round. Melissa will update again at next commission meeting once more is known.

- Applications will be scored and reviewed based on federal ARPA guidelines.

Professional Development (Shantell)

- First 2023 professional development event will be Friday, March 17 at 6:00 - 8:00 at Bernardo Willis.

Advocacy (Melissa)

- Updates will be sent via email.

Updates from Commissioners

- Chase Gallery – New show “Landscapes Reimagined” opening Friday 3/3! First Friday!
- Design Review – No reviews. New handbook for design review applicants will be coming out soon.
- Queer Art Walk – Working to assemble committee to get working on this.
- Library Artworks - New batch of submissions for portable artworks for the library coming soon. Let Melissa know if you're interested in jurying.
- Joint Art Commission – Park Board will be reopening an edited call for proposals for the King Cole commemoration project in Riverfront Park.
- Expo 50 celebrations – “Arts and Culture” is one of five pillars for the upcoming celebration. A committee will be formed for each pillar. Let Melissa know if you are interested in being on that committee.

New Business / Good of the Commission

- Eva - Open Studio Time at the Hive 4:00 – 7:00pm on Wednesdays. Come see the mosaic/stained glass sculpture!
- Emma – Elk Soup art auction and fundraiser on the Gonzaga campus March 18. Great opportunity to do outreach to Native artists.

Closing

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