

SAC MINUTES | March 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, Chuck Horgan, Katie Patterson Larson, Emma Noyes, Kelly Baker, Audrey Overstreet, Dylan Le, Eva Silverstone

Staff Members Present: Melissa Huggins, Shantell Jackson

Absent: Remelisa Cullitan, Patty Tully, Daniel Lopez, Madison Bush, Michael Bethely

Opening

- Katie called the meeting to order and offered a land acknowledgement.
- February minutes reviewed. Emma moved to approve. Chuck seconded. February minutes approved unanimously without discussion.
- Commissioners gave reports from the month's arts events.

Public Comment

- None

Grantmaking (Melissa)

- ARPA Funding update:
 - Large organizations *will* be able to apply! Organizations of all sizes will be eligible.
 - Spokane Arts has hired Juan Mas for the part time/temporary Community Navigator position who will conduct the community engagement & education to spread the word about the new ARPA grant opportunities in arts & culture.
 - Staff are hoping for applications to open toward the end of April/beginning of May.
 - Criteria for grants will follow federal guidelines for communities/organizations/individuals impacted by COVID-19. More details to come.

Programs

- Asphalt Art Update (Melissa)
 - Shelby has confirmed the city's first rainbow crosswalk will be in the Perry District (at 12th and Perry). Installation timing TBD.
 - Riverside Neighborhood intersection art will be installed at Spokane Falls Blvd and Howard. Design by Tiffany Patterson. Goal is to be installed before Queer Art Walk and Pride Festival.
- Spring Mural Cleanup (Shantell)
 - Mural cleanup planning is underway. Big push to clean up downtown underpass murals end of April into beginning of May.
 - Underpass murals decommissioning – meeting with representatives from the City on 3/29
 - Spokane Arts has been notifying artists. All three they've talked to have been very understanding about the need to decommission certain older murals.
- ACES (Artists of Color Expo & Symposium)
 - May 20-21. Hybrid/satellite event with Shunpike in Seattle. Friday events in the Chase Gallery plus Saturday exhibit & programming with APIC (Asian Pacific Islander Coalition) in the Gonzaga Urban Art Center
- Professional Development Series (Shantell)
 - March event went well. Good feedback from artists/attendees.
 - Working to confirm speakers and dates for upcoming professional development dates.

Advocacy

- Legislative session is ongoing.
- House Capital budget came out 3/27.
 - House budget includes funding for Spokane Civic theater (\$1.5 million), American Indian Community Center \$500K. Spokane Valley Performing Arts Center
 - Cultural Trail request did not make it into the House budget.
 - Cultural Access law amendment proposed via a bill. Existing law allows cities to self-tax to increase access to culture (school programs, education, etc.). There is a bill in this session to allow city councils to enact these laws rather than via ballot initiative. Bill is still moving forward in the legislature.

Updates from Commissioners

- Chase Gallery (Shantell) – current show is closing Friday 3/31. Shantell could use help sprucing up the gallery for the ACES event & is asking Chase committee for help.
- Design Review Board (Chuck) – No update
- Queer Artwalk (Shantell) – Venues and artists are starting to sign up! Committee will meet again April 10.

New Business / Good of the Commission

- Chris – Get Lit! April 20 - 23. Pie & Whiskey Thursday, 4/20 at the Montvale. Spokane Arts will also have a table at Get Lit! Kerri will follow up with information about volunteer shifts.
- Eva - Print Fest at the Hive on Saturday 4/1 2:00 – 6:00pm. Kicks off a full month of events hosted by Spokane Print and Publishing Center all over town.
- Katie - 4/22 – Zero Landfill event. 9:00am - noon at Freeform (east Sprague). Free design materials!
- Melissa – Joint Art Committee will be getting an email soon about a proposed mural in Lincoln Park.
- Melissa – Expo 50 – Pollyanne Birge will be heading up the Arts and Culture committee/workgroup. She would love to have a commissioner involved & is recruiting other volunteers as well.
- Melissa – Garland neighborhood is working toward WA state “Creative District” distinction. They’ve formed a committee and are looking for volunteers who live in the Garland area.
- Katie – Art Salvage collaborating with Spokane Zero Waste are planning to host a “Repair Café” event May 20th at the Shadle Library. People can bring textiles, clothes, etc. to repair!

Closing

- Motion to close, 5:25 p.m. Unanimous approval without discussion.
- **Next Meeting: April 25**