

SAC MINUTES | May 23, 2023

Meeting Held In-Person at Spokane Arts & Zoom

Meeting Open: 4:30 p.m.

Notes taken by Chris Maccini

Board Members Present: Chris Maccini, Chuck Horgan, Katie Patterson Larson, Audrey Overstreet, Patty Tully, Michael Bethely, Kelly Baker

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

Absent: Daniel Lopez, Emma Noyes, Madison Bush, Eva Silverstone, Remelisa Cullitan, Dylan Le

Opening

- Katie called the meeting to order and offered a land acknowledgement.
- Commissioners gave reports from the month's arts events.

Public Comment

- None

Governance and Staff Updates

- Commissioners who want to renew their seat will need to fill out a form for the Mayor's office. We will have two openings and that will be posted soon to recruit new commissioners
- Melissa has accepted a new role with [Whipsmart](#). We will be posting for a new Spokane Arts ED soon and doing a national search. Hiring committee will include a representative from the commission, board, staff, etc. Finalists will all meet with the full commission, board, staff and other stakeholders.

Programs

- Spring Mural cleanup (Shelby). Shelby and others have been cleaning murals. On June 15, volunteers will apply anti-graffiti coating.
- ACES (Shantell) – Event happened over the weekend. Turnout was ok. The event went well. Plan to partner again in the future to bring Spokane to Seattle and vice versa.
- Queer Art Walk – Artists and venues are working together to coordinate artwork dropoff, etc. Marketing efforts are underway with 116 West. Event is Friday, June 2.

ARPA Grantmaking (Juan Mas)

- Juan has been serving in Community Navigator role, doing outreach and helping artists and organizations complete the application.
- Outreach has focused on communities that have been underrepresented in previous rounds of relief funding. Working with other organizations including APIC, Latinos in Spokane, American Indian Community Center, MLK Center, Spectrum, etc. to reach individual artists and organizations.
- Commissioners are encouraged to reach out to artists who may qualify. Encourage them to apply and/or connect them with Juan for help with the application.
- First round of applications for individuals and households is open now. Deadline is June 15. Applications for organizations and performance venues opens June 1 through July 15.

Updates from Commissioners

- Chase Gallery
 - Closing reception for APIC, Friday 5/26
 - Queer Artwalk show will open June 2
- Design Review

- Former Value Village site as part of the stadium project. Public art is not required in that project, but review board strongly encouraged it.
- Murals Committee
 - Empire Health Foundation wants to hire a BIPOC artist to complete a mural for them. Spokane Arts will likely have a call out in June for that project.

New Business / Good of the Commission

- Michael - Juneteenth
 - 6/16 Awards show at the Fox Theater
 - 6/17 MLK Center celebration
 - 6/17 Fathers' Day Brunch
 - 6/17 Movie Night TBD
- Shelby – Pride Mural permit has been approved. Will be installed June 4-6 at Spokane Falls Blvd & Howard.
- Katie – Art Salvage is hiring for a part time Operations Specialist. Working with materials, volunteers, everything that Art Salvage does. Send interested folks to Katie!

Closing

- Motion to close, 5:25 p.m. Unanimous approval without discussion.
- **Next Meeting: June 27**