

SAC MINUTES | July 25, 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, Kelly Baker, Madison Bush, Eva Silverstone, Emma Noyes

Staff Members Present: Melissa Huggins, Shantell Jackson,

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

Opening

- Katie called the meeting to order and offered a land acknowledgement.
- Commissioners reviewed June minutes. Chuck motioned to approve. Eva seconded. Minutes passed unanimously without discussion.
- Commissioners gave reports from the month's arts events.

Public Comment

- None

Governance and Staff Updates

- Executive Director search update: There were lots of applications. Interviews are ongoing. Finalists will be coming to town. Committee will let folks know when. Hoping to make an offer to someone mid-August.
- Melissa's last full-time day is Monday 7/31. But she will be doing some consulting hours through (probably) September.

Programs

- Chase Gallery:
 - New show opening Friday, August 4.
 - Call for 2024 art is live now. Please share the application to artists who may be interested.
- Spokane Poet Laureate call is also open. Closes August 6th.
- Arts Awards Nominations are open. We've had lots of nominations already, but please share and encourage people to nominate. Deadline is August 6th.
- Mural Maintenance
 - Shelby is out doing great work on maintaining murals. We are almost 100% caught up on mural maintenance.
 - Decommissioned murals:
 - Ellen Picken is going to redo her Wall Street mural in August.
 - Tentative community-led project for the Monroe Street underpass, to be led by Native Artists.
 - Cedar Street underpass will be getting a new design and replacement, TBD.

ARPA Grantmaking

- Jury met and awarded \$134,000 in the individual and household category out of \$200,000. Checks will be going out within 30 days. We will have another round of applications that will open Nov. 1 to award the remainder.
- Performing Arts Venue and Small Business/Nonprofit application has closed. Awards TBD. If there is money leftover, we will do another round as a well.

- Shelly and Melissa will be presenting to City Council with an update on ARPA grants.

Updates from Commissioners

- Design Review (no update)

New Business / Good of the Commission

- Emma – Group working toward Creative District designation for Garland has been gaining input through a survey and in-person at the Thursday market.
- Eva – Library arts selection process is ongoing. New locations within the libraries have been identified by Eva and Karen Mobley. Director of the library has been really supportive of having art by local artists in the library.
- Katie – Art Salvage Educators Day, August 12. Free! Giving away art materials! Please share and let any educators know.
- Melissa – Thank you to Chuck and others for helping at City Line events.
- Shantell – “Creative Edge” Professional development series Writers Panel went really well. Good attendance. Three panelists who talked about the book publishing process. Next event is an Artists of Color meetup in August.

Closing

- Motion to close, 5:33 p.m. Unanimous approval without discussion.
- **Next Meeting: August 22**