

SAC MINUTES | February 25, 2025

Meeting Held In-Person at Central Spokane Public Library and virtually via Zoom.

Meeting Open: 4:30 p.m.

Notes taken by Chris Maccini

Commissioners Present: Chris Maccini, Chuck Horgan, Audrey Overstreet, Eva Silverstone, Suzanne Ostersmith, Michael Bethely

Staff Members Present: Jeremy Whittington, Shelby Allison, Karen Mobley Devonte Pearson.

Absent: Dylan Le, Emma Noyes, Daniel Lopez, Katie Patterson Larson, James Pakootas, Kelly Baker, Julie Shepherd

Opening

- Audrey called the meeting to order.
- January meeting minutes reviewed. Suzanne moved to approve. Chuck seconded. Minutes approved without discussion.
- Audrey will research how to be in compliance with open meeting laws and will update the commission moving forward of any changes.

Public Comment

- None

Programming

- Chase Gallery (Jeremy) – Next month's show is the "Outsider" show – curated by Posie Kalin from Spark Central. Showcasing differently abled artists.
 - Jeremy will fill holes in the gallery and prep for hanging the new show. The gallery needs to be repainted. We will request city hall's maintenance to repaint when able.
 - On social media please repost, like, share, etc. especially posts about the Chase Gallery.
 - A piece was damaged when installing Drew Cline's show. Spokane Arts has offered to purchase the piece and needs the commission's approval to spend \$750 on.
 - ***Eva motioned to approve. Suzanne seconded. Motion to purchase artwork approved.***
- Asphalt Art – New muralist added to the roster. Miles Toland. Recently moved to Spokane. He'll be painting a mural for the West Hills neighborhood.
- Public Art updates (Karen)
 - Renaldo Gil Zambrano is holding design workshops for artwork for the next phase of the north/south freeway. Next workshop is the third Thursday in March.
 - Thank you to Julie, Suzanne, and Chris for volunteering to select artwork for table tennis tournament. Deadline for submissions is Friday.
 - Michael Che Romero is working on a mural for the Spokane Conservation District. Installation will be during the month of May.
- Commission Tours (Devonte) – Devonte has compiled a list of 12 to 15 organizations/places for the commission to tour/visit. More details to come.

Grantmaking

- Shelly will be making a presentation to the Commission at the March meeting on SAGA's history, impact, etc.

Advocacy (Karen)

- Arts Advocacy week with the WA legislature. Karen scheduled meetings for several districts. Overall the week went well. InspireWA had the most participants of any year. There is a \$12B shortfall in the state budget, so there was a lot of discussion about how to preserve funding for the arts statewide while addressing the budget deficit. Stay tuned for more state budget conversations in the future.

Committee Updates

- Murals - Committee met last Tuesday. Eva gave an update from the meeting. A reminder that whenever we are advertising/talking about asphalt art, we should emphasize that funding comes from traffic calming funds. Funding comes from red light tickets, etc. *not* tax dollars.
- Chase Gallery - Committee also last week. Eva gave an update from that meeting.
 - Chase Gallery has a Facebook page that we no longer have access to. The committee decided that messaging should be through the general Spokane Arts pages/accounts.
 - Jeremy/Devonte will try to let commissioners know when they are posting so that we can repost/share.
 - Committee also talked about having commissioners share the workload of hosting First Friday Chase Gallery openings. Maybe have signups for shifts so that the workload doesn't all fall on SA staff.
 - Also talked about having live music during First Friday openings. Would make sure that musicians are approved/coordinated with artists. Posie did not want to have a musician for March's opening.
 - Closing time for First Friday openings has been changed to 7:30 so that there is time to clear the space out and lock the doors by 8:00.
- Vision/MAP Committee – Audrey and Skyler met with Mayor Brown and folks from civil service about the upcoming transition. SA team expressed that the priority is to protect SAGA. Audrey also met with the SA Fund Board and talked about coming up with a one-pager of priorities for SA to provide to the SA Arts Fund Board and Mayor's office.
- Please spread the word about commission vacancies and encourage folks to apply.
- Design Review Board – No updates. Still looking for a new representative for the DRB.

New Business/Good of the Committee

- Thank you to Eva for providing meeting space at the Library
- Signal Box wraps – Jeremy will send artwork to commission for folks to rank. Top ten will be chosen to install.

Closing

- Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.
- **Next Meeting: March 25, 4:30 p.m.**