

SAC MINUTES | March 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, James Pakootas, Julie Shepherd, Kelly Baker

Staff Members Present: Skyler Oberst, Shelly Wynecoop, Karen Mobley, Devonte Pearson.

Absent: Dylan Le, Emma Noyes, Daniel Lopez, Katie Patterson Larson, Michael Bethely

Opening

- Audrey called the meeting to order.
- February meeting minutes will be reviewed next month (April).

Public Comment

- Two staff members from Spark Central were present to observe the meeting.

Grantmaking (Shelly)

- Latest SAGA awardees have been contacted (but not publicly announced yet)
- Next SAGA deadline is June 1.
- This latest round of SAGA marks more than \$1 million in SAGA funds granted to the Spokane community.
- Shelly answered commissioner questions about the SAGA application and funding process.
- Julie Shepherd was the commissioner on the application review committee for this round. She shared her reflections of her time on the committee.

Guest Presentation - Creative Economy: Hillyard to Greater Region (Darya Pilram)

- Darya is a Economic Recovery Corps Fellow. The program is funded by CARES Act funding. GSI and CdA EDC co-applied to bring a fellow to the region. It's a 2.5-year program. One of 65 in the country. This is the only one focused specifically on the Creative Economy.
- Part of Darya's work is to establish Creative Districts in the region. Creative Districts are a state-level designation that take a lot of planning and work to do.
- Hillyard is getting ready to apply for Creative District status. Garland is also applying, and Darya is working with both neighborhoods.
- Darya gave a presentation with an overview of the Creative Economy locally, state-wide, and nationally, and the initiatives she's working on through her Fellowship.

Municipal Arts Plan (Audrey)

- MAP Work Plan – Task #1 – establish/plan town hall events – Skyler suggests three over the course of a year: one for artists, one for arts organizations, and one open to all.
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New Business/Good of the Committee

- Suzanne – Save the date: April 25 – for a Commissioners visit to the Jundt Museum and Myrtle Woldson Center plus Suzanne's retirement reception.
- Skyler - Save the Date: Sept 13 – **Spokane Arts Awards 2025** – theme is "Homecoming."
- Kelly – Everyone please share the April Chase Gallery show on social media.

Closing

- Meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.
- **Next Meeting: April 27, 4:30 p.m.**