

SAC MINUTES | April 22, 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 Shepard, Kelly Baker, Michael Bethely

Staff Members Present: Skyler Oberst, Shelby Alison, Jeremy Whittington.

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

Opening

- Audrey called the meeting to order.
- Commissioners reviewed February and March meeting minutes. Suzanne motioned to approve. Eva seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

Public Comment

- None.

Programming

- Chase Gallery – New flyers, social media up for show opening in May. The show is four emerging artists connected to Spokane. Kelly is curating the show. Looking for commissioners to volunteer to help host First Friday opening at the Chase Gallery. Julie volunteered to help.
 - Sierra is a new social media intern for Spokane Arts. She's been doing great!
- Poetry/Youth Laureate – Waiting for Innovia Foundation grant to launch Youth Poet Laureate. Program will go forward with or without grant. But the scope will depend on grant(s) received. One of PL Mery Smith's youth workshop students will be chosen as Youth Poet Laureate.
- PRIDE Planning – Pride Gallery at the Pavillion– Call for art is open. Questions about censorship/content as it will be on Parks property. Decisions will be left to SA discretion in consultation with Arts Commission.
- Spokane Arts Awards (Homecoming) – Ticketing, filming, etc. are all in process. Event is at the Myrtle Wolson Theater at Gonzaga. Because Gonzaga uses Ticketmaster, this event will *not* be ticketed. It will be a *free* event with a *suggested donation*.

Asphalt/Murals Presentation

- Shelby – Asphalt Art updates – Southgate, Westgate, Audubon, East Central, Logan, Lincoln Heights, Emerson-Garfield, North Hill, Latah, Bemiss, and West Hills neighborhoods are all in progress for new asphalt intersection murals this year (10 in total).
 - Intersection murals installed last year need various levels of maintenance and/or repair. Manito neighborhood mural may be moved to a new location due to heavy traffic. Brown's Addition has also deteriorated significantly. Those are the top two priorities for repair this year.
 - Crosswalks – Two in progress in Comstock neighborhood.
 - Maintenance – Stevens underpass mural is getting a lot of graffiti. Needs additional cleaning and anti-graffiti coating. Shelby is going to put together a work party day for volunteers to help with that mural.
- Special Guest – Sydney Black, Executive Director of the Nelson Arts Council.
 - Julie and James welcomed Sydney.
 - Sydney gave an overview of the Nelson International Mural Festival

- 8 years, over 50 pieces of public art installed. Emphasis on native Turtle Island artists. and from across the world.
- Nelson Mural Fest 2025 is August 8,9,10. Painting is through June and July. Come to Nelson and let Sydney know. She'd be happy to meet any and all Commissioners.

Commissioner Tour Opportunity

- April 25 – Tour of Gonzaga's Jundt and Myrtle w/Directors + Suzanne's retirement reception.

Municipal Arts Plan

- City Council expressed interest in the Municipal Arts Plan. Three dates are set for open houses through the libraries for public input. Open houses will be geared toward artists, arts organizations, and the public.
- Skyler will be reaching out to commissioners for one-on-one coffee dates to update folks on transition to City Arts Department.

Closing

- Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.
- **Next Meeting: May 27, 4:30 p.m.**