



ARTS COUNCIL MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Erin Vivion at 6:31 pm at Mercer Island Community & Event Center, 8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island, WA 98040.

Roll Call

- Members Present: Amy Barnes, Erik Gordon, Xixi Shakes, Suzanne Skone, Gaylene Vaden, and Erin Vivion
- Members Absent: Anumeha, Matt Lome, and Damian Schwiethale
- City Council: Deputy Mayor Salim
- Staff: Sarah Bluvas and Diane Mortenson
- MIVAL Liaison: Claudia Zimmerman
- Guests: Kelly Pajek, 4Culture

Appearances

No appearances.

Minutes

The Arts Council will approve August 2019 Minutes at the October meeting.

Reporting Volunteer Hours – Diane Mortenson

Board members should fill out the Parks and Recreation department's Volunteer Hours Reporting form each month and return to Mortenson to ensure that volunteer hours are captured.

2019 Budget Report – Sarah Bluvas

Bluvas reported that \$11,251.54 remains in the Arts Council's 2019 operational budget.

Aubrey Davis Park Arts & Culture/Placemaking Vision Draft – Master Plan ad-hoc committee

Bluvas and the ad-hoc committee presented the vision draft developed by the committee over the last two months. The committee will present the vision as revised to the community at the last Aubrey Davis Park Master Plan Open House on Monday, September 23, 6-8 pm, at the Mercer Island Community and Event Center. They will report on additional feedback and progress at the October meeting.

SEAJam Festival Sponsorship Update – Staff

The Arts Council will be represented at the Challah Bake-Off on Friday, September 13, and the Celebration Brunch with Joel Gamoran on Sunday, September 15. The following Arts Council members will participate in these events on behalf of the Arts Council:

- Erin Vivion: Challah Bake-Off
- Gaylene Vaden: Celebration Brunch with Chef Joel Gamoran

Chair Report – Erin Vivion

Arts-Based Diversion Program Idea: Chair Vivion presented a program idea called Div-Art related to restorative justice and art as a possible collaboration with Mercer Island Youth and Family Services. The board supported Chair Vivion continuing to explore this idea.

Art UnCorked Recap: More than 1,000 people attended Art UnCorked this year. Chair Vivion requested that the Arts Council form an ad-hoc committee to more actively coordinate Arts Council collaboration for next year's event. The following Arts Council members volunteered for the ad-hoc committee:

- Amy Barnes
- Erik Gordon
- Suzanne Skone

Bluvas will follow up with the Chamber of Commerce and the ad-hoc committee on next steps.

Special Projects – Gaylene Vaden, Chair

Vaden, Shakes, and Bluvas will meet soon to restart the exploration of the Certified Creative Districts program.

Gallery – Amy Barnes, Chair

The next Artists Reception for the Mercer Island Gallery is tomorrow, Thursday, September 12, 6:30-8 pm, at the Mercer Island Community and Event Center. Barnes encouraged members to attend to support the three artists currently on view.

MIVAL – Claudia Zimmerman, Liaison

Art UnCorked: MIVAL had great success at Art UnCorked this year; Zimmerman supported more Arts Council collaboration in the event going forward.

MIVAL Gallery 10th Anniversary: Zimmerman will follow up with more details about plans to celebrate the gallery's 10th anniversary at the next meeting.

Staff Updates – Sarah Bluvas

- Several arts networking opportunities are coming up in September and October, including:
 - ArtsFund presentation at Washington Women's Foundation, Thursday, September 26, 8:30-10 am, Seattle
 - King County Local Arts Agency (LAA) meeting, Thursday, September 26, 9:30 am-12:30 pm, Newcastle
 - Cultural Congress presented by Inspire Washington, October 20-23, Toppenish, WA
 - 2019 Northwest Public Art Consortium (NoWPAC) Conference, October 23-25, SeattleBoard members should let Bluvas and Chair Vivion know if they are interested in attending.
- The Mercer Island Library seeks Arts Council volunteers to assist with the ideaX program on Saturday, October 19. Contact Bluvas if interested in volunteering.
- For the next Arts Council meeting, members should come prepared to:
 - Vote to adopt the amendments to the Arts Council Bylaws
 - Discuss ideas for a "mini retreat" at the November meeting

Adjournment

Chair Vivion adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.