



ARTS COUNCIL MINUTES

JULY 12, 2017

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Joy Langley at 7:03 pm.

Roll Call

Members Present: Amy Barnes, Joy Langley, Joy Liechty, Matt Lome, Angelina Odievich, An Tootill, and Erin Vivion

Members Absent: Jessica Prince, Peter Schaeffer, Xixi Shakes, and Rene Stratton

City Council:

This position is currently vacant.

Staff:

Kai Fulginiti

MIVAL Liaison:

Claudia Zimmerman

Appearances

Manny Cawaling, Director, Youth Theatre Northwest and 4Culture representative.

Access for All

Manny gave a presentation on "Access for All", a vision to create funding for arts, science and heritage organizations. King County passed legislation for Access for All in May, and it will go to the voters on the August 1st ballot. If passed, it will create an additional 1/10th of one penny in sales tax for a term of seven years. Mr. Cawaling gave an overview of how the program will work and how the funds will be allocated.

In closing, Mr. Cawaling said that his purpose in being here today is to be sure Arts Council members are aware of this program. And, encouraged everyone to vote in favor of Access for All in August.

Minutes:

Angelina Odievich motioned to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Chair Report - Joy Langley

No Report

Special Projects, Rene Stratton, Chair

No Report

Mostly Music in the Park – Joy Liechty, Chair

Joy asked for volunteers to introduce bands at MMIP concerts. Kai said she will write the introductions, but everyone is welcome to ad lib. Introductions will be made by:

- Angelina Odievich – July 20, Electro Swing Band
- An Tootill – July 27, Chris Staples

- Matt Lome – August 3, Joe Ross and Birdwatchers
- Angelina said that if no one else volunteers, she will introduce Woodland West on August 10.

Public Art, Erin Vivion, Chair

Greta Hackett Outdoor Sculpture Gallery Sign – There are two signs being discussed. One would be similar to all of the Mercer Island Park signs, blue with just the name of the park on it. A second sign would contain more information about the gallery, who Greta Hackett was, and why a park is being named after her.

The Arts Council agreed they would like to start out with the more informative sign first. Kai is waiting to hear from the Parks Manager how long it will take to get the sign made.

In terms of next steps, Erin will work on the text, and Kai will check with the Parks Manager to see if the city has a sign template.

An Tootill asked Kai for an update on where we are with the individual sculpture signs. Kai reported that an additional three stories have been added to STQRY. Once the remaining stories are added and we have the QR codes, the signs can be ordered.

Draft Sound Transit Letter for City Council - Joy Langley indicated that the Sound Transit letter is still being worked on, and they will have something for consideration at the next meeting.

Indoor Gallery, Amy Barnes, Co-Chair

Amy reported that “On a Whim” is the next show to be hung on July 22. There are three artists: Matt Lome, Lisa Hankes and Vikram Madan. The reception is Tuesday, August 1. Matt Lome and Staten Metsker will play the guitar. Ice cream will be served as a refreshment. Amy asked for volunteers to help with the hanging starting at 11:00 am.

Outdoor Gallery, Angelina Odievich, Co-Chair

No Report

Community Relations

Vacant

Staff Report:

- Summer Celebration Band Recap – Kai reported that “Encore” was the band sponsored by the Arts Council. It was well received and she felt it got the Arts Council name out.
- City Council Liaison – Jeff Sanderson has resigned from City Council. A new liaison has not yet been named.
- West Mercer Way Mural – There were 26 viable submissions! The selection committee will most likely meet next week.

In follow-up to Bruce Fletcher’s ask at last month’s Arts Council meeting, Kai requested Arts Council CIP Art project ideas. Ideas generated at tonight’s meeting included.

- Ai Wei Wei sculpture on Mercer Island
- Improved pool with art elements and a splash park
- Partnering with MIPA and bringing art to their projects
- Art Room/Studio
- Interpretive Trails
- MIHS 3D printer
- Artist in Residence

Kai stated that there is still some time left, and that additional ideas can be brought to the August meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm

Joy Langley, Chair

Attest:

Eileen Hemmis Trifts, Scribe