



Mercer Island Arts Council Regular Meeting
Agenda | January 9, 2019
Mercer Island Community & Event Center

- 6:30 PM CALL TO ORDER**
- 6:30 PM APPEARANCES**
- 6:40 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Regular Meeting Minutes, December 12, 2018
- 6:45 PM 2019 BUDGET REPORT, Sarah Bluvus**
- 6:50 PM COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS, Officers and Staff**
- 7:00 PM CREATIVE CONSULTANCY PROPOSAL PROCESS, George Lee**
- 7:30 PM PUBLIC ART PROJECT: 2 FOR 1, Damian Schwiethale and Erin Vivion**
- 7:40 PM CHAIR REPORT, Erin Vivion**
- 7:45 PM PROGRAM REPORTS**
Mostly Music in the Park, Matt Lome & Jessica Prince
Band Selection Committee
- Literary, Erik Gordon**
- Gallery, Amy Barnes**
MIVAL Holiday Show results
Northwest Artists in Action: January 7-February 22, reception on January 10
- Community Relations, Damian Schwiethale**
- Public Art, Erin Vivion**
- MIVAL, Claudia Zimmerman**
Selecting 2019 MMIP Artwork from MIVAL
- 8:05 PM OTHER BUSINESS**
- 8:10 PM STAFF UPDATES, Sarah Bluvus and Diane Mortenson**
Public Art Maintenance
- 8:15 PM ADJOURN**

Arts Council Members

- 1 Jessica Prince
- 2 Candace Chuck
- 3 Gaylene Vaden
- 4 Rene Stratton
- 5 Amy Barnes, Vice Chair
- 6 Matt Lome
- 7 Erin Vivion, Chair
- 8 Vacant
- 9 Erik Gordon
- 10 Damian Schwiethale
- 11 Xixi Shakes

City Council Liaison

Salim Nice

Staff

Sarah Bluvus
Diane Mortenson

MIVAL Liaison

Claudia Zimmerman

FAAC Liaison

TBD

Next Meeting: February 13, 2019



ARTS COUNCIL MINUTES DECEMBER 12, 2018

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rene Stratton at 6:42 pm at 7965 SE 67th Street, Mercer Island, WA 98040.

Roll Call

Members Present: Amy Barnes, Candace Chuck, Erik Gordon, Matt Lome (arrived 6:52 pm), Jessica Prince, Xixi Shakes (arrived 6:50 pm), Rene Stratton, An Tootill, Gaylene Vaden, and Erin Vivion (arrive 6:45 pm)

Members Absent: Damian Schwiethale

City Council: Deputy Mayor Salim Nice absent

MIVAL Liaison: Claudia Zimmerman absent

Staff: Diane Mortenson and Sarah Bluvas

Appearances: None

Minutes:

It was moved by Vaden; seconded by Tootill to:

Approve the minutes as amended.

Passed 10-0

FOR: 10 (Barnes, Chuck, Gordon, Lome, Prince, Shakes, Stratton, Tootill, Vaden, Vivion)

ABSENT: 1 (Schwiethale)

2018 Budget Report

Bluvas reported on the 2018 operational budget to actual/pending expenses. As of December 10, \$603.12 remains in the Arts Council's 2018 operational budget. Members requested that staff investigate using remaining funds for advertising and additional supplies for the Mercer Island Gallery.

Officer Elections and Committee Interest Forms – Chair and Staff

2019 Chair Nominations & Election: Prince nominated Vivion to the 2019 Chair position, and Vivion accepted the nomination. No other nominations were forthcoming. Tootill seconded the nomination, and Vivion was elected unanimously by a voice vote 2019 Chair position.

2019 Vice-Chair Nominations & Election: Prince nominated Barnes to the 2019 Vice-Chair position, and Barnes accepted the nomination. Barnes nominated Prince to the 2019 Vice-Chair position, but Prince declined the nomination. No other nominations were forthcoming. Shakes seconded the nomination of Barnes, and Barnes was elected unanimously by voice vote to the 2019 Vice-Chair position.

Committee Interest: Bluvas distributed and collected interest forms for 2019 Committee appointments. Chair Elect Vivion, Vice-Chair Elect Barnes, and Bluvas will review interest forms and announce appointments at the January 2019 meeting.

Planning for 2019 – Staff

Scheduling 2019 Retreat: The group reviewed dates and agreed to hold the 2019 retreat on Saturday, March 2, 2019. Bluvas will provide details about time, location, and preparation needs at the February meeting.

Update on City Budget and Program Changes: Mortenson reported on program and services changes due to budget reductions following the failure of proposition 1 (levy lid lift). These include reduced building hours at the Community Center and potential reduction of programs and special events.

Arts Council Program Evaluation: Bluvas introduced the idea of evaluating current Arts Council programs and activities to provide more impact in 2019. She directed members to ask at least three individuals in their network about Arts Council programs and activities to provide anecdotal data that will inform brief evaluation exercises in early 2019. Members should bring responses to the January meeting.

Chair Report – Rene Stratton

- This is Chair Stratton's last meeting as Chair. She elected not to seek the position again in 2019 due to time constraints.

Special Projects – An Tootill, Chair

- Tootill connected with Vicki Heck at the Mercer Island Library, and she is interested in continuing the ideaX series in partnership with the Arts Council. Bluvas will take over coordinating until the Arts Council identifies another program lead.
- The December meeting is Tootill's last meeting. She left the group with a few thoughts about strengthening the City's public art collection, including:
 - Partner with the Mercer Island heritage community to showcase/promote
 - Bolster access to information about and community connections to existing works of art

Gallery – Amy Barnes, Chair

- Barnes sought members to join her and Bluvas at the Community Center on Thursday, December 13, at 1:30 pm, to review applications to fill the remaining 2019 exhibit slots for the Mercer Island Gallery. Shakes, Stratton, and Tootill volunteered to participate.
- The next exhibit features Northwest Artists in Action Guild and opens Monday, January 7, 2019. Barnes will send an e-mail seeking volunteers to assist with the install on Saturday, January 5.

Other Updates

- A Council Ad Hoc Committee comprised of City staff has been working on updating and streamlining all Board/Commission ordinances since early 2018. Arts Council members should provide any feedback about the Arts Council ordinance updates to Bluvas, and she will send to the committee for review.
- Bluvas, Vivion, and Prince updated the group about the 4Culture Creative Consultancy program, and Bluvas announced that they were moving forward with working with George Lee to draft a grant proposal to submit to 4Culture in early 2019. Lee will attend the January meeting to introduce himself and kick off the process.
- Bluvas contacted Artsite, 4Culture, and the artist Tom Jay to explore different options for the *Handsome Bollards* restoration. She will report updates at the January meeting.

Adjournment

Chair Stratton adjourned the meeting at 8:12 pm.

Mercer Island Arts Council - 2019 Operating Budget (Budget to Actual - As of 01.08.19)

Expense Area	2019 Budgeted	2019 Actual	2019 Pending	Additions
PR5200: Public Art				
Operating supplies (placards, signage, etc.)	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PR5300: Community Arts Support				
Arts Council Swing Dance (VFW Hall rental, supplies, etc.)	\$ 2,350.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PR5400: Gallery				
Operating supplies (reception food, etc.)	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Professional services (outdoor gallery installation stipend)	\$ 1,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Musicians at receptions	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Marketing and promotion (advertising, printing, etc.)	\$ 1,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PR5500: Literary Program				
Classics on Film honoraria (Lance Rhodes)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Meet the Author event	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Marketing and promotion (advertising, printing, etc.)	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PR5600: Cultural & Performing Arts				
Event supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mostly Music in the Park sound engineering	\$ 5,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mostly Music in the Park bands	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Shakespeare in the Park performances	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Marketing and promotion (poster design/distribution, banners, etc.)	\$ 2,920.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PR5700: Special Programs				
Operating supplies (office supplies, retreat supplies, etc.)	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dues and subscriptions (STQRY, professional networks, etc.)	\$ 3,000.00			
Marketing and promotion (Arts Council branding)	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous grants and sponsorships	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 39,970.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ -
Remaining	\$			39,895.00

2019 Committee Appointments

Committee	Chair(s)	Associate(s)
Community Relations	Damian Schwiethale	Candace Chuck
		Gaylene Vaden
Gallery	Amy Barnes	Xixi Shakes
		Rene Stratton
Literary	Erik Gordon	Jessica Prince
Mostly Music in the Park	Matt Lome	Candace Chuck
	Jessica Prince	
Public Art	Erin Vivion	Rene Stratton
		Erik Gordon
Special Projects		Gaylene Vaden
		Xixi Shakes
		Damian Schwiethale