



Mercer Island Arts Council Regular Meeting

Agenda | July 11, 2018

Mercer Island Community & Event Center
8236 SE 24th St., Mercer Island, WA 98040

6:30 PM CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

6:30 PM APPEARANCES

Jane Brahm, Mercer Island Sister City Association
Program Partnership Proposal: Lecture by Rebecca Albiani

6:40PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes, June 13, 2018

6:45 PM CHAIR REPORT, Rene Stratton

2019-2020 Budget planning
Rubric for Outside Project Support

7:15 PM PROGRAM REPORTS

Special Projects, An Tootill, Chair
No report

Mostly Music in the Park, Matt Lome, Co-Chair

Concert MC Volunteers update

Public Art, Erin Vivion, Chair

Comprehensive Plan update
Creative District update

Gallery, Amy Barnes, Chair

BIAWA Exhibit Reception recap
Upcoming Exhibit: Puget Sound Sumi Artists & Shawn Marie Johnson, July 23-Sept. 7
Urban Artworks program proposal status
Mercer Island High School PTSA partnership idea
Mercer Gallery Renovations sub-committee

7:45 PM OTHER BUSINESS

New Member Education: Arts Council Committees

8:00 PM STAFF REPORT, Sarah Bluvas

City Board/Commission Codes & Policies
Classics on Film honoraria request
Fall 2018/Winter 2019 Recreation Guide
Public Art Collection Management updates
Opportunities for Professional Development/Networking
Staff Priorities planning

8:15 PM ADJOURN

Arts Council Members

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

City Council Liaison

Salim Nice

Staff

Sarah Bluvas

Diane Mortenson

MIVAL Liaison

Claudia Zimmerman

FAAC Liaison

TBD

Next Meeting: August 8, 2018



ARTS COUNCIL MINUTES

JUNE 13, 2018

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Rene Stratton at 6:33 pm at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center, 8236 SE 24th St., Mercer Island, WA 98040.

Roll Call

Members Present: Amy Barnes, Candace Chuck, Erik Gordon, Matt Lome, Jessica Prince, Damian Schwiethale, Xixi Shakes, Rene Stratton, An Tootill, and Erin Vivion.

Members Absent: Gaylene Vaden

City Council: Deputy Mayor Salim Nice

MIVAL Liaison: Claudia Zimmerman

Staff: Diane Mortenson and Sarah Bluvas

Guest: Ryan Daly, Manager, Mercer Island Community & Event Center

Appearances: None

Minutes:

It was moved by Prince; seconded by Lome to:

Approve the May 9, 2018 minutes as amended.

Passed 10-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Vaden)

Amended Agenda: Diane Mortenson introduced new Arts Council Liaison Sarah Bluvas and requested that the discussion of painting the Mercer Gallery walls be moved up after the Vice Chair Report to allow guest Ryan Daly to present and leave directly after.

The amendment was approved without objection.

Vice Chair Report – Rene Stratton

New Member Welcome: Vice-Chair Rene Stratton welcomed the new Arts Council members.

Acknowledgement of Chair Resignation: Stratton acknowledged the resignation of former Chair Joy Langley, who resigned after submitting her leave of absence to the City Manager. Some members expressed their shock over the rapid chain of events and concern that Joy faced pressure to resign, but no current policy for taking a leave of absence exists for Boards and Commissions at this time.

Vote for New Chair and Vice-Chair: Stratton called for nominations for a new Chair and Vice-Chair.

It was moved by Prince; seconded by Tootill to:

Nominate Rene Stratton for Chair.

Passed 10-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Vaden)

It was moved by Stratton; seconded by Prince to:

Nominate Erin Vivion for Vice-Chair.

Passed 10-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Vaden)

Downtown Banner Artist Approval: The Selection Committee met before the Arts Council meeting and selected designs by artist Pamela Edwards as their recommendation to the Arts Council. Rene presented the designs to the group. The group discussed designs and the strategy for promoting the project to the public, including hosting an “opening” event at the Chamber of Commerce.

It was moved by Tootill; seconded by Lome to:

Approve Pamela Edwards as the 2018 Banner Selection Committee’s artist choice.

Passed 9-0-1

FOR: 9 (Barnes, Chuck, Gordon, Lome, Schwiethale, Shakes, Stratton, Tootill, Vivion)

ABSTAINED: 1 (Prince)

ABSENT: 1 (Vaden)

19/20 Budget Subcommittee: Stratton asked for members to participate in the 19/20 budget draft process. Amy Barnes and Erin Vivion volunteered to be involved. Mortensen and Bluvus will follow-up with them with next steps.

Discussion of Painting the Mercer Gallery Walls – Diane Mortensen, Ryan Daly, and Amy Barnes

Staff and Barnes presented the need to repaint the panels in the Mercer Gallery and requested the Arts Council approve the use of \$35,000 in 1% for Arts to fund the renovation. Staff and Arts Council members expressed interest in including new signage in the renovation that recognizes the Arts Council and raises the profile of the council/gallery.

It was moved by Tootill; seconded by Barnes to:

Approve \$35,000 for the renovation of the Mercer Gallery and new signage recognizing the Arts Council.

Passed 10-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Vaden)

Special Projects Report – An Tootill, Chair

Tootill reintroduced the IdeaX maker space project and asked the group to vote on the three fall dates proposed to ensure that at least one Arts Council member is able to attend each event. The group decided on September 22, 2018, for Stop Motion Animation; October 13, 2018, for 3D Pens; and November 10, 2018, for Ukulele. All events take place from 1-3 pm at the Library. Tootill agreed to “host” the first event and will also clarify marketing/promotion and other needs from the Arts Council.

Mostly Music in the Park – Matt Lome, Co-Chair

Recruiting Arts Council volunteers for each concert: Matt Lome asked for Arts Council volunteers to make announcements at each MMIP event. Vivion agreed to announce at the August 9 event. Members present encouraged Matt to check on Joy Leichthy’s availability. Members should contact Lome if they wish to volunteer.

Arts and Culture Coordinator Bluvus reported that a band had an issue with the 15% commission that the Arts Council receives from merchandise sales. The Arts Council agreed to keep the current policy and reevaluate next year. Bluvus will develop signage explaining that a portion of merchandise sales supports Arts Council programs.

Damian Schiewathale suggested adding other components to the event, like social dancing, that may attract new audiences. Schiewathale also suggested reaching out to local dance communities and inviting them to at least attend. Bluvus and Lome will coordinate this.

Public Art – Erin Vivion, Chair

Local Arts Agency (LAA) and Planning Commission Meeting Updates:

- Vivion and Stratton attended Planning Commission on Wednesday, June 6, to discuss the draft Arts Comprehensive Plan.
- The Arts Council hosted the regular 4Culture meeting at the MICEC last month. They talked about the Mercer Island Arts Center, Youth Theater Northwest, and the role the Arts Council is playing in earning the Creative District designation.

Creative District Subcommittee: Efforts to develop a stakeholders group are underway. Candace Chuck, Erik Gordon, and Schwiethale volunteered to serve on the Creative District Subcommittee.

4Culture Creative Consultancy Program: Vivion reported on the 4Culture creative consulting program. Bluvus will meet with Vivion to discuss how the Arts Council will work with 4Culture on this program.

Gallery – Amy Barnes, Chair

BIAWA Exhibit and Opening Reception, 6/14, 5:30-7 pm:

Barnes encouraged attendance

Sculpture Gallery Tags and STQRY Codes: Bluvus reported on the status of adding/updating gallery labels and STQRY codes. She will e-mail the group once updates are complete and ask them to test the STQRY codes.

MMIP and Maintenance in Adjacent Parking Lot: Based on past issues, Barnes asked Staff to ensure that all maintenance is paused in Mercerdale Park during MMIP concerts. Bluvas will coordinate with Park Maintenance to comply.

Urban ArtWorks: Barnes presented a new proposal to sponsor Urban ArtWorks at Summer Celebration! in lieu of hosting an Arts Council booth this year.

It was moved by Tootill; second by Lome to:

Pursue a sponsorship of \$1,000 to host Urban ArtWorks at an Arts Council booth at Summer Celebration! provided that an activity is feasible given the short time frame.

Passed 10-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Vaden)

Painting Gallery Walls: (Discussion moved up to after Vice-Chair Report)

Staff Report – Diane Mortenson

E-mail Addresses: Mortenson reminded the group to use their City e-mail address for all Arts Council communications. Bluvas will follow up with IT on the process for changing passwords.

Beowulf Program: The Parks & Recreation department will move forward with this program as a Parks & Rec-hosted event. The group agreed to support it in the Recreation Guide.

Other Business

Tootill asked about progress for the Greta Hackett Outdoor Sculpture Gallery signage. Staff continue to steward this project and will update the Arts Council when it is ready.

The group tabled a discussion of Arts Council committees to allow new members the chance to complete orientation. The item will be added to the agenda for the July meeting.

Adjournment

Chair Stratton adjourned the meeting at 8:27 pm.

Rene Stratton, Chair

Attest:

Sarah Bluvas, Scribe

Mercer Island Arts Council Outside Project Support Rubric 2018

Determining Funding of Outside Projects	NOT THERE YET (0-2 PTs possible)	ON TARGET (3-4 PTS)	ABOVE AND BEYOND (5-6 PTS)
Presence on Mercer Island: Is/was this project in place on Mercer Island?			
Diversity: a new concept, artist/performer represents diversity, event highlights a unique perspective			
Likelihood of Success: based on past performances or similar events. Does the event appeal to a broad audience?			
Expectations of Grantee: Marketing plan, research, planning and evaluation of event.			
Funds Sought: Is this a request for seed money? What portion of the budget is being sought? Is this a request for continuing/yearly support?			

NOTES: (If you do not support funding the project at this time, please provide information that could help the applicant should they reapply)

Mostly Music in the Park 2018
Arts Council Volunteer Sign-Up

Band	Day/Date	Arts Council Volunteer
The Rumba Kings <i>Mediterranean/Latina</i>	Thu, July 19	
Scott Lindenmuth Group <i>Jazz/Funkadelic</i>	Thu, July 26	
Joy Mills Band <i>Country/Americana</i>	Thu, August 2	
The Mighty Dreadful <i>Bluegrass</i>	Thu, August 9	Erin Vivion – Remember to welcome Northwood Elementary School students
Ethan Keller Group <i>Contemporary Rock</i>	Thu, August 16	
The Infinity Project <i>Journey Tribute Band Celebrating Women's' Equality Day</i>	FRI , August 24 5-8pm	

Classics on Film
2018-2019 Program
Honoraria Request from Lance Rhoades

Dear Arts Councilmembers,

The long-running Arts Council Program "Classics on Film" series will include in the 2018-19 program a screening of Queen of Katwe, a dramatization of the story of Phiona Mutesi and Benjamin Mukumbya, friends from a Kampala, Uganda, slum who master the game of chess. They currently attend college in Kirkland, WA, and I hope to bring them to the screening to speak about their experiences and to answer attendees' questions. Phiona and Benjamin have received scholarships to cover their tuition but nothing to cover their day-to-day costs of living, textbooks, etc. In the hopes to show gratitude for their taking part and to increase the chances that one or both would be willing to participate, I wish to request from the Arts Council funds of \$200 each as honoraria to offer to Phiona and Benjamin.

Thank you in advance for your consideration, and thank you for your ongoing support for the Classics on Film program.

Gratefully, Lance

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Fall 2018/Winter 2019 Recreation Guide
Arts Council Copy – DRAFT as of 7.9.18

Established in 1985, the Mercer Island Arts Council nurtures, promotes, and implements high quality arts and culture activities for the community. The Arts Council meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center. The public is encouraged to attend!

Arts Council Programs

Greta Hackett Outdoor Sculpture Park
Mostly Music in the Park
Shakespeare in the Park
Mercer Gallery
Public Art Additions
Classics on Film

Visit www.mercergov.org/artsCouncil for information about the Arts Council and more details about programs listed in this Recreation Guide.

Mercer Gallery

Stop by the Mercer Island Community & Event Center at 8236 SE 24th Street to view works by regional visual artists on display at the Mercer Gallery. Exhibits at this indoor space are free and open to the public, and new works go on view approximately every six weeks. Works of art are also for sale, with a portion of sales supporting Arts Council programs.

Upcoming Exhibits

Puget Sound Sumi Artists and Shawn Marie Johnson
On view Jul 23 - Sept 7
Artists Reception Thr, Jul 26, 6:30pm - 8pm

Northwest Collage Society
On view Sept 10 - Oct 26
Artists Reception Thr, Sept 13, 6:30pm - 8pm

MIVAL Holiday Show
On view Oct 29 - Dec 14
Artists Reception Thr, Nov 1, 6:30pm - 8pm

Northwest Artists in Action Guild
On view Jan 7 - Feb 22
Artists Reception Thr, Jan 10, 6:30pm - 8pm

Mercer Island in Focus
On view Feb 25 - Apr 12

Artists Reception Thr, Feb 28, 6:30pm - 8pm

Seattle Co-Arts

On view Apr 15 - May 31

Artists Reception Thr, Apr 18, 6:30pm - 8pm

Reception dates subject to change. Call (206) 275-7609 to confirm.

Greta Hackett Outdoor Sculpture Gallery

Located between 77th Ave SE and 8th Ave SE at Aubrey Davis Park, the Greta Hackett Outdoor Sculpture Gallery both enhances the Town Center landscape and enriches Mercer Island's sense of community by bringing art to the public. Greta Hackett, a long-time Mercer Island resident, volunteer, and activist, spearheaded the idea for the sculpture park, which opened in 1995 and was renamed in her honor in 2017 on the 20th anniversary of her passing. Today the gallery features both works in the City's public art collection and sculptures available for sale. Contact the Parks and Recreation office at (206) 275-7609 to learn purchasing a sculpture or to have your sculpture added to the gallery.

Get the "story" about sculptures in the Greta Hackett Outdoor Sculpture Gallery and other public artworks on the Island by downloading STQRY, a mobile platform that allows you to engage with all things arts and culture in your area. Learn more about STQRY on the Arts Council website.

PLACEHOLDER – Rebecca Albiani lecture in partnership with the Mercer Island Sister Association

Event will likely take place in October. More details TBD

IdeaX at the Mercer Island Library

Join us for IdeaX, a series of programs aimed at unleashing the creativity in all of us. The Arts Council partnered with King County Library System to bring three unique cultural learning opportunities to Mercer Island this fall:

IdeaX: Stop Motion Animation, Saturday September 22, 1-3pm

IdeaX: Get Creative with 3D Pens, Saturday October 13, 1-3

IdeaX: Ukulele Start-Up Music Workshop, Saturday November 10, 1-3pm

Programs are free and open to all ages. Learn more about each event on the KCLS calendar: <https://kcls.bibliocommons.com/events/search/index>

CLASSICS ON FILM - FALL AND WINTER 2018/2019 MOVIE SERIES

PLACEHOLDER – Still waiting on text from Lance