



**SEATTLE ARTS COMMISSION**  
Minutes  
Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
The Paramount

**Commissioners present:** Terri Hiroshima, Priya Frank, Nilofer Rajpurkar, Sarah Wilke, Quinton Morris, Chieko Phillips, Vivial Phillips, Mari Horita, Dawn Chirwa, Jonathan Cunningham, Cassie Chinn, Sharon Nyree-Williams

**Staff in attendance:** Calandra Childers, Randy Engstrom, Rick Reyes

**Excused Absences:**

**Guests:**

**Call to Order & Introduction**

**Approval of Minutes:** SAC Mentions a typo to be changed. Cassie moves to approve the November SAC Minutes. Dawn seconds approval. All in favor of approval of the November SAC Minutes.

**Public Comment:** Mari and Quinton perform a violin duet.

**FED Update**

**Briefing:** Cassie

Cassie shares that the PDA was presented under Cultural Space Agency for the CRUEDA. The presentation was rooted in the values identified through the RET process. The discussion was well received. Conversations arouse around community and whether investing in the PDA would draw resources away from community vs. Community driving this from the get-go. Cassie commends the RET process which helped inform the answers and responses to valid concerns from government officials and community members. Basically, everyone said to keep going with the research and that they were excited for future developments into 2019. Gus Newport was chosen for the keynote (expert in land trust, community led development, etc) for the joint square feet and BASE event.

**SAC Questions / Comments:**

**CIC Update**

**Briefing:** Dawn and Vivian

Vivian explains that the CIC was able to review a draft of the mission statement to guide the work of the committee's future. The main goals center around questioning how we have greater oversight and involvement to affect equitable distribution of the resources we have at our hands.



The committee now has some direction and will continue to work on staff and focus on the expansion of committee membership. Vivian encouraged members to think about co-leadership as Dawn will need a co-chair. Vivian also encourages SAC members to think about recruitment.

Dawn thanks Vivian for her leadership in forming this committee.

### **Director's Update**

**Briefing:** Randy

Terri explains the process of new commission member selection and the various bodies that have to look over the initial recommendations put forward by the Executive Council. Currently, the EC are working on an assignment to check in with 7 folks around interest and capacity.

The hope is that the structure provided by the EC will help make a strong case for any candidate that is moved forward to the Mayor and/or City Council.

### **Director's Report**

**Briefing:** Randy

- Thanks Cassie and the other presenters of the PDA. Randy states that he is proud of the PDA's work and that he can tell that council respects this as well.
- Thanks the members who have been apart of the Langston transition process since 2012 who paved the way for the PDA, King Street, and the multiple other cultural space projects.
- Randy states the him and Priya are working on workplan, advocacy, and council engagement.
- The seats for the open commissioners have been recommended to the Mayor. Now it's just a waiting game.
- Other projects include looking at the Creative Economy and Festivals and Events and looking at how festivals afford to produce, why we value them, and how we resource them. Another conversation is around Seattle's philanthropy strategy and speaking to various players about this.

### **SAC Questions / Comments:**

- What's happening with upstream? How do we save and consider both the big and small things that focus on and employ artists of color?
- Do we know if Tracy is coming back?

### **Chair Report**

**Briefing:** Terri and Priya

- The date for the annual retreat is still being figured out alongside whether it will be combined with a larger all-staff retreat.
- Sharon is the new vice-chair!