



## **SEATTLE ARTS COMMISSION**

Draft Minutes

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, January 12th, 2016

Seattle City Hall Room 370

*Commissioners present:* Jeff Benesi, Jonathan Cunningham, Priya Frank, Steve Galatro, Jerry Garcia, Ashraf Hasham, Terri Hiroshima, Billy O’Neill, Tracy Rector, Kelly Rodriguez, and Sharon Williams

*Commissioners absent:* Juan Alonso-Rodriguez, Cassie Chinn, Vivian Phillips, Gian-Carlo Scandiuzzi  
Michael Seiwerath, Huong Vu

*Staff present:* Payton Bordley, Calandra Childers, Randy Engstrom, Elisheba Johnson, Deborah Paine

*Guests present:* Shawn Baker, Andrew Golden, Sarah Sidman

### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

### **Civic Poet Report Back: Claudia Castro Luna**

Civic Poet Claudia Castro-Luna shared highlights from her first year; which included collaborations with the Refugee Women’s Alliance, El Centro de la Raza, the Washington State Poet Laureate, and South Park Library. In 2016, Claudia will launch a site-based poetry project on the STQRY platform, establish office hours at various Seattle Public libraries and work with the City of Literature board. ARTS has also launched a civic poet website and email address.

### **Arts Fund Economic Impact Study: Sarah Sidman and Andrew Golden**

Artsfund presented the findings from the 2014 Economic Impact study. ArtsFund’s 2014 Economic Impact Study of Nonprofit Arts, Cultural, and Scientific Organizations in the Central Puget Sound Region—released on November 18, 2015—measures and documents the significant direct and indirect economic impacts made by cultural nonprofits in the Central Puget Sound region. Highlights include: regional nonprofit cultural organizations show post-recession stability. There has been growth in key indicators of aggregate economic impacts, attendance, budgets, and employment. Commissioners are invited to the February Community Development and Outreach Committee meeting to go deeper into the research.

### **2015 Deaccessions: Deborah Paine**

ARTS presented 13 artworks for deaccession that have either been stolen, damaged or unseen in the last five years.

**Motion:** Jerry moved to approve the 2015 Deaccessions. Jonathan seconded. All present approved



### **Approval of the December Minutes**

**Motion:** Jonathan moved to approve the December minutes. Priya seconded. All present approved.

### **Director's Report: Randy Engstrom reporting**

Beginning this month, ARTS will create monthly "SAC takeaways" sheets which will highlight the current work of the Office and the Arts Commission. There will be a retreat for Central Area District this month. A new ARTS staff member, the Youth Funding Project Manager, will be announced this month. ARTS' ad tax allocation has been increased from 75% to 80% with a provision for it to go up to 100% by 2018. ARTS will be submitting the 2018 budget in April of 2016.



### **Discussion**

The Commission suggests that ARTS connect with local corporations. Ideas included creating a corporate liaison position and doing a resource map at the SAC retreat to think of potential partnering opportunities.

### **2016 Work Plan/ Retreat Planning**

- The retreat will be at ACT Theatre from 12-6pm on February 9, 2016
- Mayumi Tsutakawa will facilitate the retreat.

### **Announcements**

- March 24-26 | Roger Guenveur Smith event at LHPAI March 24-26
- February 11 | Public opening of Kehinde Wiley exhibition at SAM

**Adjournment:** 5:35pm