



SEATTLE ARTS COMMISSION
Minutes
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday November 10th, 2015
City Hall: Boards and Commissions L280

Commissioners present: Jonathan Cunningham, Priya Frank, Ashraf Hasham, Terri Hiroshima, Perri Howard, Fidelma McGinn, Vivian Phillips, Tracy Rector, Kelly Rodriguez, Gian-Carlo Scandiuzzi, Michael Seiwerath, Huong Vu, and Sharon Williams

Commissioners absent: Jeff Benesi, Jerry Garcia, Billy O'Neill

Staff present: Calandra Childers, Randy Engstrom, Kathy Hsieh, Elisheba Johnson, Ruri Yampolsky

Guests present: Katy Hannigan from Artist Trust

Call to Order:

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

Creative Advantage Update: Lara Davis and Gail Selhorst

Lara Davis and Gail Selhorst, Seattle Public Schools lead on the Creative Advantage, gave updates on the Creative Advantage program. Currently there are 70 arts partners on the Creative Advantage roster with a third of those partners having worked with the central arts pathway schools. Instead of a 2016 roster call ARTS will focus on professional development for teachers. ARTS has funding from the NEA to pay stipends for school arts teams coordinators. The first meeting for the South/South West arts teams is December 3rd. Seattle Public Schools is currently dealing with a shortage of certified music teachers. Staff is currently looking at creative ways to address the nation-wide problem.

2016 Civic Partners Grant: Kathy Hsieh

The Civic Partners grant provides funding support to arts organizations. Over the last couple years ARTS has been evolving how it can create greater equity, motivate and inspire arts and cultural organizations to address racial equity. ARTS asked all applicants to take a racial equity assessment for the application and 96% of the organizations completed it. Over 20 of the applicants participated in one of ARTS' racial equity cohorts and 73% of the panelists were people of color.

Motion: Huong moved to approve the panelist selections and ranking for the 2016 Civic Partner grant. Perri seconded. The following commissioners recused themselves; Vivian, Fidelma, Michael, Carlo, Ashraf, Priya, Terri, Sharon, Kelly, Tracy and Jonathan.



Director's Report: Randy Engstrom reporting

ARTS will be receiving its first ever increase to the ad tax allocation thanks to the advocacy of the Seattle Arts Commission. The annual Percent for Art party is November 19th at King Street Station. Lara Davis now sits on a mayoral sub-cabinet for youth opportunities on behalf of the Creative Advantage. Saturday November 14th there is a community meeting for the Central Area Arts District at Langston Hughes Performing Art Institute. ARTS' partnership with the Office for Civil Rights has exceeded both parties' goals. ARTS is now focused on training and building capacity in the arts and culture field.

Approval of the October Minutes

Michael moved to approve the October minutes. Ashraf seconded. All present approved.

Overview of the Percent for Art Program: Ruri Yampolsky

Ruri Yampolsky gave an overview of the Percent for Art program including: permanent sited works, temporary activations, portable works purchases and the role of the Public Art Advisory Committee.

Adjournment: 5:17