

## SEATTLE ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Hybrid Meeting - In-Person @ King Street Station 3rd Floor Panel Room OR Zoom

**Commissioners present:** Vee Hua, Chieko Phillips, Vanessa Villalobos, Jessica Caudle, James Miles, Yeggy Michael, Ebony Arunga, Jessica Caudle, Kayla DeMonte

**Staff in attendance:** Allie Lee, royal alley-barnes, Maritza Rivera

**Guests:** Azuredee Webb (community member), Amber Rose Jimenez (Vulcan); Paula Madrigal (Seattle Music Commission), Catalina Cantu (La Sala), Leslie Anderson (new commissioner pending Council confirmation), Malcolm Procter (artist presentation), Mark Siano (theatre artist)

### **Call to Order, Introduction, Land Acknowledgement (4:07)**

#### **Introductions:**

Round robin introductions.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

James moved to approve the commission minutes from July\*. Vanessa seconded. Approved.

*(\*there was no meeting in August)*

#### **Public Comment:**

- Amber Rose Jimenez gave public comment.
- Catalina Cantu gave public comment.
- Paula Madrigal gave public comment.

### **Artist Spotlight – Malcolm Procter**

#### **Briefing: Artist Malcolm Procter**

Malcolm gave an overview of his current creative practice. His primary work is pattern work with mud cloth, but he also paints on multiple media. Malcolm engages in community-based work, talked about the cultural significance of his work and how he connects his art/patterns with people through fashion.

- <https://www.instagram.com/malcolmxartshop/?hl=en>
- <https://www.facebook.com/paintprocter>
- <https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2020-06-19/seattle-artist-mural-protest-coronavirus>

#### **Questions from SAC:**

- What is the biggest need for you as an artist right now?
  - Rent/space
  - Access to materials

- Do you teach classes in how to do mud cloth?
  - Planning and hope to do workshops
- What would help Seattle become a “heavier” arts scene?
  - Multiple groups doing their own thing, naturally people will make noise and people will want to give them more space
  - Artists having the mindset to share and expand and do their thing

## **Committee Updates**

### **Briefing: Committee Chairs**

- **Public Art Advisory Committee** (Vee) – No updates were shared.
- **Cultural Investments Committee** (Kayla) – working to refine and shape up purpose statement which has two focus areas: 1) *Providing guidance and feedback on ARTS’ racially equitable grant processes & investment strategies*; 2) *Advocating for equitable, accessible, and inclusive cultural investments in support of the Seattle ARTS Office and the arts sector in our city and region*. Figuring out a calendar for grants throughout the year and CIC’s timeline for advisory. Currently in the process of solidifying purpose statement in terms of action.
- **Facilities and Equitable Development Committee** (Chieko) – FED advises the work of ARTS on issues of cultural space and impacts on equitable development. Committee met in-person at Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center and discussed the purpose and work plan of SAC/FED for new member Mike Tulee, Square Feet Seattle, cultural advocacy opportunities, and how the group can help align with native communities. Mike also shared the history of Discovery Park where Daybreak Star is located.
  - The 2022 goals for FED are: 1) *Advocate for BIPOC cultural space support*; 2) *Forging relationships with native communities to build more equitably*; 3) *Continue to support the Cultural Space Agency*

### **Questions:**

- Paula - Wondering if the Latino community can ever have its own space to celebrate arts and culture.
  - royal is willing to have a one-on-one conversation with Paula to discuss. Allie will reach out to Paula to schedule a meeting in the coming weeks. royal noted that LHPAI is always available for community to rent space for cultural gatherings.
- Amber Rose – Can community members get involved in committee work?
  - Yes, there are community members who participate in committees. Committee chairs are willing to share what the work commitment looks like. Reach out to Allie Lee, SAC liaison, to connect with committee chairs (allie.lee@seattle.gov).

## **Co-Chairs Report**

### **Briefing: Vanessa Villalobos**

- 2023 Comprehensive Plan – This is tied to key points in the SAC budget letter – for our city to have more inclusive planning within larger body of planning. Would like to hash out after we hear from Mayor on proposed budget.
  - Encourages commissioners to participate at the next Planning Meeting for the 2023 Comprehensive Seattle plan, 9/22, 7:30am. This is to advocate for our arts & cultural sector- so ALL are welcome to learn, support and participate.
    - <https://www.seattle.gov/opcd/ongoing-initiatives/seattle-2035-comprehensive-plan>
- Commissioners are encouraged to subscribe to CM Morales’s email list for important information, opportunities, and budget timelines.
- Budget – On 9/27, the Mayor will deliver the proposed budget, then there will be a window to provide a response. Vanessa would like to connect with Arts Commissioners to brainstorm a response and will send out an email to the group to coordinate.
- Event share – 9/30-10/2 Common Field <https://www.commonfield.org/>
- Community members can reach out to commissioners if interested in how to get involved in the advocacy process. [Seattle.ArtsCommission@seattle.gov](mailto:Seattle.ArtsCommission@seattle.gov)

## **Director’s Report**

### **Briefing: royal alley-barnes**

- The work of the SAC committees is critical, and keeping the committees’ work transparent and robust is an accomplishment.
- Hope Corps Update – royal appreciates Commissioners for the push out on the Hope Corps opportunity. We received over 300 applications and will award 30 artists and organizations a total of \$1.3 million dollars through the program.
  - Learn more about the program and awardees here: <https://artbeat.seattle.gov/2022/09/09/seattle-office-of-arts-culture-selects-inspiring-projects-for-hope-corps-funding/>
- Seattle Youth Employment Program (SYEP) Intern – During her time at our office, our recent SYEP intern, Anh Sy, spent time exploring the work we do at ARTS. Two of her larger projects were selecting her favorite pieces from the Seattle Civic Art Collection and engaging in The Creative Advantage Online Arts videos. Anh initially joined our office with limited knowledge of the work we do, so giving her the opportunity to explore some of our programs ultimately allows us to gain a better perspective on how a young person may experience and engage in ARTS. Learn about her favorite pieces from the collection and why they resonated with her. You can also see the art she created following the CA Online Arts video tutorials:
  - [Seattle Civic Art Collection Selects: Seattle Youth Employment Program Intern Anh Sy](#)
  - [Seattle Youth Employment Program \(SYEP\) Intern Anh Sy Explores The Creative Advantage Summer Online Arts](#)
- The LHPAI 50th Anniversary event on 9/10 was celebratory and successful with over 400 attendees. Thank you to Art Commissioners who were able to make it, and a *big thank you* and congratulations to our LHPAI team and all the folks who made the event possible. Learn more about the event and this milestone:
  - Features

- KUOW: <https://www.kuow.org/stories/50-years-celebrating-black-arts-the-langston-hughes-performing-arts-institute-marks-a-milestone>
  - South Seattle Emerald: <https://southseattleemerald.com/2022/09/08/langston-hughes-performing-arts-institute-celebrates-50-years-of-black-arts/>
  - Capitol Hill Seattle: <https://www.capitolhillseattle.com/2022/09/seattle-celebrates-50-years-of-black-excellence-in-the-central-district-at-the-langston-hughes-performing-arts-institute/>
  - The Seattle Medium: <https://seattlemedium.com/langston-hughes-performing-arts-institute-celebrates-50-years-of-service-to-seattle>
  - The Seattle Times: <https://www.seattletimes.com/life/seattles-langston-hughes-performing-arts-institute-celebrates-50-years-as-a-community-hub/>
- Additional Mentions
  - The Seattle Times (Mention): <https://www.seattletimes.com/entertainment/events/jackson-street-jazz-walk-grooves-through-the-central-district-and-more-fun-around-seattle/>
  - KUOW (Mention): <https://www.kuow.org/stories/step-away-from-the-news-with-our-weekly-arts-culture-update>
  - The Stranger (Mention): <https://www.thestranger.com/slog-pm/2022/09/08/78449909/slog-pm-the-queen-is-dead-inslee-ends-state-of-emergency-on-halloween-smokes-comin>
- ARTS new hires updates coming soon.
- Budget Timeline
  - 9/27 – Mayor will transmit proposed budget to Council → Council will then review the proposed budget → Community will then have an opportunity to weigh in → Council and Mayor will go back and forth on proposals → Around November, usually before Thanksgiving, budget gets passed.
  - Commissioners are encouraged to check the [Council website budget committee webpage](#) for updates, public hearing dates, and relevant timelines. The webpage will get updated when the budget is transmitted.
  - royal emphasized the importance of SAC’s budget letter priorities: [https://www.seattle.gov/documents/Departments/Arts/Downloads/SAC/SAC\\_Budget\\_Priorities\\_Letter\\_2022.pdf](https://www.seattle.gov/documents/Departments/Arts/Downloads/SAC/SAC_Budget_Priorities_Letter_2022.pdf)

**Commission Temperature Check**

**Briefing: Vanessa Villalobos**

- Round Robin temperature check and “what’s happening in your neck of the woods”
- Acknowledged that it is Latino Heritage Month and encouraged support for the Latino community.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.

Zoom Chat:

*From vee hua (they/them) to Everyone 04:05 PM*

*lol James today*

*From James Miles to Everyone 04:05 PM*

*hahaha*

*From Vanessa Villalobos to Everyone 04:05 PM*

*WELCOME Everyonedd!*

*From vee hua (they/them) to Everyone 04:05 PM*

*YES CHIEKO watchmaster*

*From James Miles to Everyone 04:06 PM*

*Chieko always knows what time it is yo!*

*From Vanessa Villalobos to Everyone 04:11 PM*

*Yay CIC*

*Nice to put lovely face t you Leslie.*

*For those just joining, we are doing quick introductions including pronouns and what you do in the community/surnames.*

*Welcome!*

*Excited to have you 😊*

*From Kayla DeMonte to Everyone 04:14 PM*

*Also Paula*

*From Vanessa Villalobos, She/Her/Ella to Everyone 04:15 PM*

*Welcome community members and thank you for connecting with us.*

*From Amber Rose Jimenez (she/her) to Everyone 04:17 PM*

*Amber Rose Jimenez (she/her)*

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*From vee hua (they/them) to Everyone 04:18 PM*

*catalina I'm in oaxaca right now*

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*From Catalina Cantú, La Sala, (she/her/ella) to Everyone 04:19 PM*

*www.lasalanw.org*

*Seattle Reads book House of Broken Angels by Luis Alberto Urrea Oct 19 & 20 in person reading at Downtown library and El Centro. Go to [www.spl.org](http://www.spl.org)*

*From Chieko Phillips to Everyone 04:19 PM*

*thank you for sharing your programs with us!*

*From Me to Everyone 04:20 PM*

*Feel free to email me your event info [allie.lee@seattle.gov](mailto:allie.lee@seattle.gov)*

*From Paula Madrigal She/Her to Everyone 04:26 PM*

*Choir for Dia de Muertos A ensayar todos los Lunes*

*Te gusta cantar en Español?*

*Informes con Sari*

*[saribreznau@gmail.com](mailto:saribreznau@gmail.com)*

*Ven y unete al coro para el Día de Muertos.*

*Rehearsals on Mondays, 7-8:30*

*Sept. 12- Oct. 24th at St Therese Parish in Madrona*

*One more combined orchestra and choir rehearsal, tba, possibly Tuesday Nov. 1st.*

*Dress rehearsal Friday evening Nov. 4th at Plymouth*

*Concert Sunday afternoon, Nov. 6th at 3 pm at Plymouth*

*Rehearsals will be masked.*

*All are welcome!*

*[paulamadrigalbco@gmail.com](mailto:paulamadrigalbco@gmail.com)*

*206 735 5200*

*[orquestanw.org](http://orquestanw.org)*

*From Catalina Cantú, La Sala, (she/her/ella) to Everyone 04:27 PM*

*Catalina M Cantu*

*From Paula Madrigal She/Her to Everyone 04:28 PM*

*The big date is coming! 🇲🇽 🎉 🍌*

*Orquesta Northwest y MEXAM NW Festival invite you to learn more about the traditional Grito de Independencia.*

*Come celebrate with us! Enjoy an afternoon of Poetry by renowned poet Raul Sanchez, as well as a*

*musical piano duet by Ricardo de la Torre and Lark Powers, singer Alex Rose, among other great musicians.*

*September 15 at 6:00 pm*

*This event is free and for the whole family, don't miss it!*

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*From Vanessa Villalobos, She/Her/Ella to Everyone 04:30 PM*

*Does anyone on our call have 1 question for our Guest Artist? (30 seconds?)*

*From Amber Rose Jimenez (she/her) to Everyone 04:30 PM*

*what is the biggest need for you as an artist right now?*

*From Catalina Cantú, La Sala, (she/her/ella) to Everyone 04:30 PM*

*Does he teach classes in how to do Mud Cloth?*

*From Vanessa Villalobos, She/Her/Ella to Everyone 04:31 PM*

*Word.*

*From Chieko Phillips to Everyone 04:32 PM*

*+1 on Amber Rose's and what would help Seattle become a heavy arts scene?*

*From vee hua (they/them) to Everyone 04:33 PM*

*ahhh thank u I'll see if I've been there + . I got one more day*

*From Amber Rose Jimenez (she/her) to Everyone 04:33 PM*

*thank you for sharing, Malcolm*

*From vee hua (they/them) to Everyone 04:33 PM*

*(sorry that was for catalina. )*

*From Catalina Cantú, La Sala, (she/her/ella) to Everyone 04:35 PM*

*What is the location of the Orquesta Northwest y MEXAM NW Festival on 9/15? Or the website for all the programs for MEXAM NW?*

*From Vanessa Villalobos, She/Her/Ella to Everyone 04:35 PM*

*Love that- the mindset of sharing.*

*From Ebony Arunga to Everyone 04:36 PM*

*Sounds like you would also benefit from a manager*

*From vee hua (they/them) to Everyone 04:36 PM*

*awesome malcolm!!*

*From Paula Madrigal She/Her to Everyone 04:37 PM*

*Thanks Malcom*

*Malcolm*

*From Catalina Cantú, La Sala, (she/her/ella) to Everyone 04:37 PM*

*Awesome Malcom!!*

*From James Miles to Everyone 04:38 PM*

*Love it!*

*Thanks!!*

*From Ebony Arunga to Everyone 04:41 PM*

*Artists need space!*

*From Vanessa Villalobos, She/Her/Ella to Everyone 04:42 PM*

*Thank you Paula for advocating for a dedicated space to house Latino/x cultural activity. There is definitely a need for our community.*

*From Me to Everyone 04:45 PM*

*Paula feel free to email me to connect with royal: [allie.lee@seattle.gov](mailto:allie.lee@seattle.gov)*

*FED - Facilities and Equitable Development*

*CIC - Cultural Investments Committee*

*PAAC - Public Art Advisory Committee*

*From Vanessa Villalobos, She/Her/Ella to Everyone 04:45 PM*

*Thanks Allie, can you add the dates that these committees meet if its ok.*

*From Me to Everyone 04:47 PM*

*FED - 3rd Tuesdays 4-5pm*

*CIC - 3rd Thursdays 2-3pm*

*From Kayla DeMonte to Everyone 04:47 PM*

*Woo hoo!!!!*

*From Me to Everyone 04:48 PM*

*PAAC - 4th Tuesdays 9-11:30am*

*[kayla.demonte@gmail.com](mailto:kayla.demonte@gmail.com)*

*From vee hua (they/them) to Everyone 04:53 PM*

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/10yWgBNEsF4Xy1kYGb5dgy96JXRm344u\\_WcdPhRn0lrQ/edit?usp=drivesdk](https://docs.google.com/document/d/10yWgBNEsF4Xy1kYGb5dgy96JXRm344u_WcdPhRn0lrQ/edit?usp=drivesdk)

*From Vanessa Villalobos, She/Her/Ella to Everyone 04:59 PM*

<https://www.commonfield.org>

<https://www.seattle.gov/opcd/ongoing-initiatives/seattle-2035-comprehensive-plan>

*Please feel free to participate at the next Planning Meeting for the 2023 Comprehensive SEATTLE plan, 9/22, 7:30am. This is to support us to advocate for our ARTS & cultural sector- so ALL are welcome to learn, support and participate.*

*From Ebony Arunga to Everyone 05:02 PM*

*It was an amazing event*

*From Vanessa Villalobos, She/Her/Ella to Everyone 05:03 PM*

*yes!*

*From Me to Everyone 05:04 PM*

*I'll send everything in my follow up email tomorrow*

*From Amber Rose Jimenez (she/her) to Everyone 05:06 PM*

*thanks for sharing space ya'll.*

*From Yeggy Michael to Everyone 05:09 PM*

[https://www.wanawari.org/wtb?fbclid=IwAR3SI3CxHaWkqVhbIGayjRudJY\\_ujHHJJRN\\_F6JbfhUg1x2y8vhvMHbmOQ](https://www.wanawari.org/wtb?fbclid=IwAR3SI3CxHaWkqVhbIGayjRudJY_ujHHJJRN_F6JbfhUg1x2y8vhvMHbmOQ)

*From Me to Everyone 05:09 PM*

[https://www.seattle.gov/documents/Departments/Arts/Downloads/SAC/SAC\\_Budget\\_Priorities\\_Letter\\_2022.pdf](https://www.seattle.gov/documents/Departments/Arts/Downloads/SAC/SAC_Budget_Priorities_Letter_2022.pdf)

*From vee hua (they/them) to Everyone 05:09 PM*

*WA Na Wari 's walk the block is the best fundraiser!!*

*From Me to Everyone 05:09 PM*

*^^^ budget letter*

*From Vanessa Villalobos, She/Her/Ella to Everyone 05:10 PM*

*Oh My welcome Mark!*

*From vee hua (they/them) to Everyone 05:11 PM*

*I'll be there yeggy!*

*From Ebony Arunga to Everyone 05:11 PM*

*I hate to miss Wa Na Wari's fundraiser and Arte Noir opening 🙄*

*From vee hua (they/them) to Everyone 05:13 PM*

*<3*

*From Catalina Cantú, La Sala, (she/her/ella) to Everyone 05:13 PM*

*Also on September 17 from 9-7, is the Town Hall Writers Festival with 13 Community Orgs participating including La Sala, African American Writers, Hedgebrook, Hugo House, Seattle City of Lit, Seattle Escribe and others. [www.townhall.org](http://www.townhall.org) and national writers, food and check it out!*

*From vee hua (they/them) to Everyone 05:14 PM*

*If I unexpectedly drop off my phone will have died*

*From Leslie Anderson (she/her) to Everyone 05:14 PM*

*Here is the link to the community celebration at NNM on September 29th:  
<https://nordicmuseum.org/events/indigenous-corps-of-discovery-presents-dont-go-north>*

*From Kayla DeMonte to Everyone 05:14 PM*

*Need to head out a little bit early today, but thanks all and look forward to hopefully seeing you at some of these great events over the next month. <3*

*From Leslie Anderson (she/her) to Everyone 05:14 PM*

*Here is the link to sign up for the Indigenous Corps of Discovery "Don't Go North" tours:  
<https://nordicmuseum.org/events/indigenous-corps-of-discovery-across-the-west-gallery-tours>*

*From Catalina Cantú, La Sala, (she/her/ella) to Everyone 05:15 PM*

*Thank you to everyone for all you do and keep on doing for the arts in Seattle!!*

*From vee hua (they/them) to Everyone 05:16 PM*

*tariqa waters*

*LOVE HAVING CHAR*

*chat*