



SEATTLE ARTS COMMISSION

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

City Hall, Room 370

Commissioners present: Juan Alonso-Rodriguez, Jeff Benesi, Cassie Chinn, Dawn Chirwa, Steve Galatro, Vivian Phillips (chair), Tracy Rector, S. Surface

Commissioners absent: Terri Hiroshima, Sharon Williams, Ana Lester, Priya Frank, Jonathan Cunningham

Staff present: Calandra Childers, Amanda Standley

Call to Order:

Vivian Phillips called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Approval of the October minutes

Tracy moved to approve the October minutes. Steve seconded. All present approved.

Motion: Vivian moved to adjust the agenda, pushing the directors report to the end and moving up the presentation to council re: DIY/Space Spaces recommendation letter.

Presentation to City Council

S. Surface, Juan Alonzo, and Vivian recapped their meeting with the CRUEDA committee. The consensus was that the briefing went well. CM Herbold stated that she would like a public meeting to hear concerns from DIY presenters directly. S. Surface asked that the City recognize that these meetings are already under way in the DIY community and that in the City's response to the recommendations, not to create a prosecutorial setting. Juan Alonzo inquired about how to go about outreach to DIY spaces. Some specific recommendations for outreach were suggested, including:

- The invitation be an FYI, not a requirement
- The invitation not originate from the City or take place in a City owned facility
- The response not be a one meeting process

S. Surface asked that the commission address the inequity and targeted discrimination in the complaint based enforcement system. S. Surface asked what recommendations ARTS could implement with their own resources and authority. Dawn recommended the commission start a conversation with the philanthropic community in connection to resourcing implementation of the DIY/Safe Spaces recommendations.

Response from Mayor to DIY/Safe Spaces Letter

Vivian summarized the letter to the commission from the Mayor. The commissioners expressed concern that the response contained no action beyond deference to ARTS.



Media re: DIY/Safe Spaces Letter to Mayor and Council

Amanda sent all links to media coverage in response to the letter. S. Surface has upcoming interviews with VICE and KOMO.

Director's Report and Stability Index Presentation

The SAC letters concerning CAWA and DIY Safe Spaces are getting national attention and shifting policy. Randy is working with King County and 4Culture to include explicit language regarding race and social justice in the final legislation. We are waiting to hear the status of when the ordinance will be sent to County Council.

SAC Discussion: Commissioners expressed interest in staying up to date with CAWA and would like to explore additional access points to encourage an explicit commitment to racial equity in the final legislation. Vivian asked when the funds would be allocated if ballot measure is passed. Calandra brought up that individual artists are not eligible for CAWA funding opportunities. Dawn suggested there be language available to the philanthropic community about the impacts of the legislation so support does not evaporate after funds are distributed. If passed, SAC would recommend examining distribution of ARTS grants to address these concerns.

SAC is interested in better defining stability in the Stability Index. Dawn offered to help generate additional questions to expand stability definition lead by stability indicators. SAC suggested more use of indicators vs. outcomes in index.

SAC Retreat

The SAC Annual Retreat will take place at LHPAI on February 14th from 2-6pm. Agenda forthcoming.

Adjournment: 5:33 p.m.