



SEATTLE ARTS COMMISSION

Draft Minutes

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, December 8th, 2015

ACT Theater

Commissioners present: Juan Alonso-Rodriguez, Jeff Benesi, Cassie Chinn, Jonathan Cunningham, Priya Frank, Ashraf Hasham, Terri Hiroshima, Perri Howard, Fidelma McGinn, Billy O'Neill, Vivian Phillips, Tracy Rector, Kelly Rodriguez, Huong Vu, and Sharon Williams

Commissioners absent: Jerry Garcia, Michael Seiwerath

Staff present: Calandra Childers, Jenny Crooks, Randy Engstrom,, Elisheba Johnson

Guests present: None

Call to Order:

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

December Minutes

Fidelma moved to approve the December Minutes. Terri seconded. All present approved.

Neighbor and Community Arts Grant /Put Art in Parks Grant: Jenny Cooks

Put Art in the Parks is a new program that uses funds from the Metropolitan Parks District to grant to community events and festivals. The program is similar to Neighborhood and Community Arts except for the specification of the project needing to be on parks property. For this reason the grants opened together so that organizations could apply for both funding sources.

Motion: Huong moved to approve the selections for the Put Art in the Parks grant. Carlo seconded. Tracy abstained.

Motion: Fidelma moved to approve the selections for the 2016 Neighborhood and Community Arts grant. Perri seconded. Tracy abstained.

Approval for the November Minutes

Motion: Carlo moved to approve the November minutes. Fidelma seconded. All present approved.

Director's Report: Randy Engstrom reporting



The Central Area Arts and Cultural District is the second in the districts program. 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. ARTS will be asking the commission to help guide ARTS in deciding how the additional funds should be allocated. Some ideas include; investing in equity focused community engagement, arts education, expanding the Seattle Youth Violence Prevention program, and adding to the cultural space and districts programs.

Discussion

Commissioners asked ARTS to think of how the arts sector could keep pace with development and the growth of the city. The commission thinks the ARTS office should use additional ad tax funds to bolster our exciting grant partners. The commission also thinks the ARTS office should take inventory of all the successful projects and strategize how to maintain and grow new work.

2016 Retreat Planning: Elisheba Johnson

- Have a SAC walk-thru of King Street Station
- The retreat will be 6 hours on February 9th , 2016.

Adjournment: 5:15pm