



SEATTLE ARTS COMMISSION
Minutes
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday September 8th, 2015
City Hall: Boards and Commissions L280

Commissioners present: Jeff Benesi, Jonathan Cunningham, Priya Frank, Jerry Garcia, Ashraf Hasham, Perri Howard, Fidelma McGinn, Billy O’Neill, Vivian Phillips, Tracy Rector, Kelly Rodriguez, Michael Seiwerath, and Sharon Williams

Commissioners absent: Terri Hiroshima, Gian-Carlo Scandiuzzi, Huong Vu

Staff present: Calandra Childers, Randy Engstrom, Elisheba Johnson

Guests present: None

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

MAA-Debrief

Commissioners thought the ceremony format and after party for the awards were the best in recent history. SAC asked for a copy of Claudia Castro Luna’s poem that she read the ceremony.

Mayor’s Visit

Mayor Murray told the commission that he would like to expand the Creative Advantage program along with finding an equitable solution to organizations asking city council for capital funding. He hopes the City of Literature bid will increase the city’s visibility as a destination for poetry and literature. Murray also wants to see how programs like BASE (Building Arts Space) can help maintain and increase livability in Seattle neighborhoods. Mayor Murray asked the commission to partner with other commissions to see how art can help solve civic issues.

Public Comment

None

Approval of the July Minutes

Kelly moved to approve the July minutes. Jonathan seconded. All present approved.

Municipal Art Plan: Jason Huff

Jason Huff gave an overview of the 2015 Municipal Art Plan. The Public Art Advisory Committee reviewed the document in detail in their August meeting and recommend approval by the full arts commission.



Perri moved to approve the 2015 Municipal Art Plan. Kelly seconded. All present approved.

All Rise: Jason Huff

Jason presented on ARTS' 18 month temporary project on the future site of the Denny substation. All Rise included; installations, performances, residencies and movie screenings.

Director's Report: Randy Engstrom reporting

- Calandra is now deputy director and Jason is deputy public art manager.
- Larry Mizell is the new digital media specialist.
- The Lawsuit at LHPAI was settled.
- The Youth and Community sub-committee has started planning the 2016 City of Music Career day.
- ARTS is working with the Office of Film + Music and the Office of Economic Development to build a creative industries strategy including ideas for skill center implementation and work force development.

Cultural District update

Central Area: The committee has been meeting for 4 months. The committee has put out a request to the central area up-zone to be included as an historical art and culture district.

Capitol Hill: Capitol Hill will be unveiling its logo at Neumos soon. The committee has been working on public safety issues in recent months and has had meetings with the police.

Committee Reports:

- **FED:** Shifting focus to work Creative Industries.
- **PAAC:** New member from the Design Commission named Rachael Gleeson.
- **Youth and Community Committee:** Started City of Music Career Day planning.
- **CDO:** Has been focused on Mayor's Arts Awards and the Candidates Forum.

SAC Vacancy

Elisheba Johnson reviewed the names the committee chairs put forth for nomination to Nick Licata's office.

Announcements:

- October at Theater off Jackson Kitchen Sessions
- Monday- Sharon performing at the Issaquah Library at 7:00pm

Adjournment: 5:42pm