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**SEATTLE ARTS COMMISSION**

Minutes

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Hybrid Meeting

(Zoom & ARTS at King Street Station)

**Commissioners present:** Kayla DeMonte, Holly Jacobson, Yolanda Spencer, Yoon Kang-O’Higgins, Leslie Anderson, Rodney King, Dhyana Garcia, Linda Lowry

**Staff in attendance**: Allie Lee, Gülgün Kayim, Kathy Hsieh

**Call to Order, Introduction, Land Acknowledgement (4:04)**

* Kayla called the meeting at 4:04pm.
* Land acknowledgement and icebreaker by Holly.
	+ Yolanda and Vanessa are working on a new land acknowledgement.
* Approval of minutes
	+ Megan moved to approve the January minutes. Dhyana seconded the motion. Approved.
* No public comments.

**Directors Report
Briefing: Gülgün Kayim**

* ARTS Strategic Planning update – Wrapping up the design phase; working with Community Attributes to design final product. Estimate delivery is early March and will be ready to share around that time. Planning to have a Q&A with SAC. This is a 5-year internal plan, main goal is to stabilize the office.
* Staffing update – Virginia Frances will be joining ARTS as the new Operations Manager.

**Co-Chairs Report
Briefing: Kayla DeMonte, Holly Jacobson**

**2025 SAC Goals progress and proposed action items
(Aligning Co-Chairs updates with our goals)**

* Establish relationship with CM Rinck (Goal 1)
* New member recommendations update (Goal 4)
	+ SAC Executive Team is reviewing SAC-recommended candidates (from recent review and voting process) and will put together a slate of names – 2 per vacancy – for appointing authorities to review and select. Currently there are 2 Council vacancies and 1 Mayoral vacancy.
* SAC retreat dates (Goal 4) – Doodle poll coming soon for August dates
	+ Holly – can we maybe consider August SAC meeting date (8/12) for retreat?

**Committee Deep Dive – Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC)
Briefing: Yolanda Spencer**

* Yolanda stepped into the PAAC co-chair role this year and hopes to be aligned on SAC’s accountability goal.
* Public Art Advisory Committee meets on the 4th Tuesdays from 9-11am. Currently considering adding on 30 minutes to the meeting to have more time for comments, project deep dives, and municipal art plan discussions.
* PAAC’s work helps artists with their vision and community centered work.
* Seattle Arts Commissioners, Seattle Design Commissioners, and community advisors serve on PAAC and review/recommend approval for public art call to artists, artist selections, concept proposals, etc. A variety of projects get reviewed and it’s great to see that they can be temporary or permanent.

**Questions and Comments:**

* Holly – Kudos to Yolanda for stepping into leadership; hoping to get a co-chair for PAAC
* Linda – Would like to improve onboarding process for new members so they have more info about the committees

**Announcements
All**

* Linda – Hosting event for Black History Month on 2/20 at the WOW Gallery at Pacific Place Seattle; Working on Indian Film Festival at MoPOP – will email information to SAC
* Megan – Dynasty Handbag’s Titanic Depression - satirical take on James Cameron’s Titanic if it hit a trash pile instead of an iceberg <https://ontheboards.org/events/24-25/dynasty-handbag>
* Holly - Trauma informed trainings at ArtsWA <https://www.arts.wa.gov/2025/02/26/2025-artremedy-trainings/>
* Yoon – Shunpike event, Scenius Social <https://shunpike.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ebd19c58512f7214e81cf249a&id=26efb7c462&e=3653ba3228>
* Path with Art performance showcase at SAM <https://www.pathwithart.org/eventscalender/2025/3/6/path-with-art-performance-showcase-at-the-seattle-art-museum>
* Rodney – Rodney King Artist Reception at Arts West in West Seattle on 3/13 5:30pm
* Linda – please let Linda know if you would like to promote events on KOMO segment
* County Executive race is becoming more defined and encourage to look at their records, see who can support the arts and your communities
* Kathy – For theatres, this might be of interest:
	+ Join TCG for a webinar especially focused on advocacy, to discuss the recent executive orders, administration updates, and what they mean for the theatre ecology. On **February 19, 2025**, TCG invites all theatre workers to attend our virtual gathering, Arts Advocacy 2025: What’s Next & What Now? **From 12-2pm ET/9-11am PT**, we’ll gather online to process the recent executive orders and what they mean for our theatre ecology. We know that many of you are reeling from policy changes that threaten the safety of your families and communities, even as other orders threaten the health of our organizations. This virtual gathering is an opportunity to build our solidarity and collective power to respond. <https://tcg.org/Web/Events/Event_Display.aspx?EventKey=OMBWEBPT2&WebsiteKey=d4c31fa4-467a-4959-b48b-cae3ea93e516&fbclid=IwY2xjawIYz7FleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHem29HzHqhGf1bEAjvUVj30LxWDGRa8epYYp0bHSCRwGTxe3rnmXmWRGgQ_aem_2CrAAkc1k-1gLAt_wjMNLA>

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.