**SEATTLE ARTS COMMISSION**

Minutes

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Hybrid Meeting (Zoom & King Street Station 3rd Floor Panel Room)

**Commissioners present:** Kayla DeMonte, Holly Jacobson, Leslie Anderson, Rodney King, Vanessa Villalobos, Megan Kiskaddon, Yolanda Spencer, Avery Barnes, Vee Hua, Ricky Graboski, Carmen Pan

**Staff in attendance**: Allie McGehee, Allie Lee

**Guests:** Jessi Wasson, Filiberto Dzul, Olisa Enrico, Robert Basteri

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

* Holly called meeting to order.
* Holly proposed working on a collective land acknowledgement for SAC. Volunteers to work on a proposal:
  + Vanessa Villalobos can work via email
  + Yolanda Spencer
* Land acknowledgement
* Approval of Minutes:
  + Vee moved to approve September minutes. Megan seconded the motion. Approved.
* Public Comment:
  + Public comment made by Nicole on behalf of Filiberto Dzul. <https://www.dzul.com/tattoos4elpueblo>
  + Public comment made by Robert Basteri announcing the Seattle Latin Dance Festival 2024 <https://seattlelatindancefestival.com>

**Director’s Report  
Briefing: Allie McGehee on behalf of Gülgün Kayim**

* Director Gülgün Kayim, Deputy Director Kelly Davidson, and several ARTS staff are currently at the GIA (Grantmakers in the Arts) conference.
* We now have a fully staffed Public Art team with 2 recent project manager hires.
* New KSS tactile exhibit – [Please Touch: Together Breaking Barriers](https://www.seattle.gov/arts/experience/arts-events?trumbaEmbed=eventid%3d177867450%26seotitle%3dPlease-Touch-Together-Breaking-Barriers%26view%3devent%26-childview%3d)
* ARTS Strategic Planning work is underway; teams are currently breaking down goals into more discreet objectives/tasks
* Looking to hire 1-2 more building monitor positions that will support LHPAI and KSS events and activations.
* Budget – Currently in Council phase. Getting questions routed to us from Council to answer.
* SAC Questions/Comments:
  + Holly – Can the Council’s questions be shared?
    - Allie – Can ask, but this is a deliberative process.

**Co-Chairs’ Report  
Briefing: Holly Jacobson & Kayla DeMonte**

* Advocacy
  + Budget
    - Two main things being looked at:
      * Funding for ARTS has not changed, no cuts this year, which is good.
      * Draft budget includes change to ordinance in relation to admissions tax; SAC is seeking to advocate for admissions tax to remain the same; the big ask is to retain all funding from the city’s admissions tax to support ARTS and their strategic investment in creative jobs, programs, and businesses.
    - Olisa Enrico - What is the timeline for advocacy push?
      * Currently in final stage of council letter; letter will be made public through SAC webpage.

*Holly called the meeting to go into executive session. City staff and public members are asked to leave the meeting and return at 4:55pm.*

* Governance
  + New members’ Committee selections
    - Rodney – FED
    - Megan – CIC
    - Yolanda – PAAC
    - Avery – CIC
    - Carmen – check back next month
    - Vanessa – FED
    - Joel – CIC
    - Yoon - PAAC
  + Committee terms
    - Draft language for SAC bylaws:
      * *Arts Commissioners will select at least one standing committee on which to serve through the duration of their terms. Terms for all committee members (e.g., commissioners and at-large members) are two years in length and may be renewed up to two times for a total of three terms. Community members may be invited to join the FED, CIC, or PAAC by the chair or co-chairs. This decision is made in consultation with the ARTS liaison for the standing committee.          
        The Chair or Co-Chairs will appoint committee chairs, subject to the approval of the full Commission. Elected chairs will serve terms of two years each. Upon conclusion of their term, they may seek reappointment.*
    - Terms to start and end at the start and end of each calendar year
    - Get-Engaged member can continue to serve on committee as community advisor after their Get-Engaged term ends.
* Holiday party
  + December meeting 12/10 4-5:30pm
  + Location TBD, but potentially at National Nordic Museum.

**Committee Updates  
Briefing: Committee Chairs**

* CIC (Kayla) – Reviewed and provided feedback on Artists at the Center awardees panel report; received updates and asked questions on upcoming programs – Civic Poet, CityArtist, Hope Corps, and Arts in Parks.
* FED (Ricky) – Briefly discussed current space issues – Memorial Stadium and Sound Transit/cultural space; and Olisa Enrico from the Cultural Space Agency was invited to present on current work.
* PAAC (Leslie) – Reviewed and discussed the 2024 Municipal Art Plan Draft and administrative items such as committee terms, change in PAAC Chair, meeting duration, project review process, and non-1%-for-art reviews.

**Final Comments/Announcements  
All**

* Kayla - Next steps will be getting the letter to Council finalized potentially by the end of this week.
* Megan - Arts Industry Pickleball at On the Boards - 100 West Roy Street; 10/15 (T) 3-7pm <https://ontheboards.org/pickle-ball-rsvp>
* Allie – Save the Date for City of Seattle Boards and Commissions Appreciation Reception 12/6 (F) 4:30-6:30pm at City Hall Bertha Knight Landes Room. More info coming soon.
* Vanessa - <https://www.vivaartsseattle.com/>

Meeting adjourned at 5:24pm.

*Zoom Chatbox:*

*Chatbox was not successfully captured this month due to technical issues.*