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Seattle Music Commission Meeting
Wed, January 21st, 2026, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
HYBRID Virtual/In-Person

Commissioners Present: Jason Clackley – Chair, Kelli Faryar, Shaina Foley, Bunnie Moore, Adra Boo, Jordan Leonard, Andrea Freidman; Keola Kama; Christina Frappia;

Commissioners Absent: Eric Lilavois, Anne O’Dowd; Andrew Joslyn; Nick Turner; Olivia Hamilton

SMC Staff Present: Scott Plusquellec, OED

Guests: Randy Engstrom – Mayor Wilson’s Transition team; K Van Patten; Tina Marie Tyler; Seven Sky; Ryan Devlin; Janice Jiminez; Marshall Massingale; Kerry Rayburn; Ben; Josh

Call to Order: The ORDINAL meeting of the SMC was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Chair Jason Clackley, with a land acknowledgement and review of the agenda.

Public Comment: Kerry Rayburn commented that the Music Commission is not well known in wider community, came to be more involved with it, suggested mor outreach and understanding of the commission. Seven announced that he was planting the seeds on overhaul of the sports team admission tax.

Regular Commission Business: Quorum was not met, November minutes not approved.

Mayor’s Transition Team on Creative Economy Discussion:

MO Transition Team Randy Engstrom –

Randy is leading the CE team along with Ben Hunter. Have been having many community listening meetings, all ideas will be synthesized and developed into a report out of recommendations that will inform the Mayor’s State of the City speech.

3 buckets they are looking at:

Affordability – How can we increase funding and access to capital, and also bring down costs that prevent creatives from thriving

Culture – How can we name and amplify the creative identity of the city? What policies and programs are working, and how might we improve those that aren't?

Integration – How might we break down silos, both in the creative community and in the City, to drive better outcomes for the creative community? What cross sector opportunities and partnerships should be pursued?

Some things heard across the board so far:

- Admin tax is at top of the list of affordability
- City says it wants more activity in more places but puts up regulatory barriers

Music Commission offered a list of items for discussion which can be found [here](#).

Open Discussion ideas:

Austin has a grant program for artists, Andrea been researching, looking at ways to create something similar here.

Ryan – we completely plan around Cloudbreak, shining example of something that really, really worked.

Tina – need to address public safety, a lot of people won't come here, need to figure out a way for it to be easy for people to choose Seattle

Alcohol and sugar taxes are big and City advocating for rebates would be huge help.

Need more diversity in the conversation, need representation

Develop something that is directly for the creatives vs starting with the small business and passing through to creatives.

- Culture creators – driving the culture.
- May have more results.
- Trickle-down effect from the businesses is not working yet in Seattle.
- Center and prioritize the artists.

K – one program the city did was the Civic Poet program. We need a Musician Laureate program. 2 yr term and paid for putting in that program.

Workforce – How can we find a way to get people into these industries and support the businesses.

- Shout out Creative Economy Workforce Coalition.
- KEXP has 4 positions available for internships and get 800-900 applications.

FIFA – Special Events office saying they may not have police or fire staffing available. Many people trying to have special small events and running up against that.

Randy said that the Arts and Youth committees are doing the most outreach than other 8 transition teams,

- Kelli asked for ways to learn what is happening in those, how do we inform and engage between teams.

How do we use Jumpstart more for the Creative Economy?

Randy thanked the Commissioners for their input and shared that all information will be presented at Town Hall for a summary.

Welcome prospective Commissioners:

Big welcome to first meeting for Tina, Seven, Marshall, Janice, K and Ryan! We look forward to having you officially seated by end of March if all goes well.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:30