



SNOHOMISH COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

VIRTUAL MEETING DATE: Monday, August 15, 2022 (third Monday of the month unless otherwise noted)

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL, Colin Cole, Chair

1. Welcome and Introductions

ATTENDEES:

Arts Commissioners:

District 1 – Lia Blanchard

District 2 – David Lotz

District 3 – Colin Cole, Chair

District 4 – Jaym Gates (incoming)

District 5 – Kari Johnson, Vice Chair

District 5 – Kate MacKenzie

At Large - Nicole Ng-A-Qui

At Large – Mark Weber (incoming)

Staff:

Sharon Swan, Interim Division Director

Tom Teigen, Director, Conservation and Natural Resources

Annique Bennett, Sustainable Tourism Development Specialist | Arts

Jackie Ross, Office Assistant II

II. MINUTES – APPROVAL, (July 18, 2022), Colin Cole, Chair

MSP – July 18, 2022, Minutes were approved.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, Colin Cole, Chair

2. Snohomish County Ordinance to Change Code, Arts Commission, Staff Annique Bennett

a.) One (1) Percent for Art exemption

i.) The Commission unanimously supports removing the \$10M cap on the one percent for Arts, and to revert to the original code language.

ii.) The Commission also unanimously supports and recommends the Commission Membership change to mirror the Fair Advisory Board structure of 11 members, one from each council district that reside in the district, and six At Large members that can live anywhere in the County.

iii.) Jaym Gates, Joy Sawyer, Mark Weber – Art Commissioner appointments waiting until the change is approved by Council.

iii.) Ordinance is on the Finance and Eco Devo Agenda August 16, 2022 and may be discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner David Lotz motioned for the Arts Commission to request City Council remove the exemption, and to amend the Commission Membership to 11 members.

MSP: Approved

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS, Colin Cole, Chair

3. Acquisitions and Preservation, Colin Cole, Chair

a.) Ad Hoc Update for SR530 Landslide Memorial / Responders Kate MacKenzie, Nicole Ng-A-Qui, Lia Blanchard, and Staff Sharon Swan

i.) Staff Sharon Swan confirmed that the artist Tsovinar Muryadan was selected for the Beacon, First Responders Memorial, and the individual memorial panels. Work is under way to set design parameters for the budget of \$500,000. The project is on the agenda for County Council to approve.

b.) Minor's Corner Sculpture Removal Staff Annique Bennett

i.) Staff Annique Bennett confirmed the removal of the sculpture after the Evergreen State Fair is over and more resources are available.

4. Grants and Funding, David Lotz, Kari Johnson, Colin Cole, Chair, and Staff Annique Bennett

a.) Ad Hoc Committee Budget and Work Plan Update, Colin Cole, Kate Mac Kenzie, David Lotz, Staff Annique Bennett

i.) Discuss August 23rd presentation to County Council of 2023 Work Plan

aa.) Art Commissioner Kari Johnson reviewed the presentation deck. She added a Better City slide and will incorporate the Music4Life, grant recipient letter. Presentation to be sent to County Council for review by the morning of August 19, 2022. Staff Sharon Swan asked that the presentation be sent to her for reference.

ii.) Begin reviewing grant criteria ahead of 2023 cycle that starts in February

bb.) Commissioners Lia Blanchard and Nicole Ng-A-Qui are compiling a list of process and procedural questions for the Arts Commission to review at the next meeting

5. Education and Outreach, Kate MacKenzie, Chair

a.) Snohomish County Cultural Arts Network (CAN)

i.) July meeting update

aa.) Commissioner Kate MacKenzie shared that the meeting was well attended. Two CAN participants, Cat Olsen, Executive Director of the Stanwood-Camano Arts Advocacy Commission and Mary Toews, Executive Director of Mari's Place, volunteered to be part of the Arts, Culture and Creative Economy Assessment advisory committee.

ii.) Outreach updates, meetings attended, and planned

bb.) Arts Commissioner Nicole Ng-A-Qui is connecting with individual, mobile artists that she meets at events and informing them about CAN.

b.) Ad Hoc Committee: Applicant Package and Information, Kate MacKenzie, Kari Johnson

i.) Membership Application / Perspectives Commissioner Expectations

aa.) Commissioners Kate MacKenzie and Kari Johnson are reviewing the application through Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) lens and plan to add committee service time expectations for prospective applicants.

6. Marketing and Community Events, Kari Johnson, Chair, Mark Weber (pending appointee)

a.) Discussion updates with Mark Weber

i.) Kari and Mark met to begin formulating a marketing calendar. Work is underway to secure Arts Commission's social media platforms. Kari has been researching on how to gain access and administrative privileges to our existing accounts.

7. Staff Reports, Staff Annique Bennett, and Jackie Ross

a.) Updates on SnoCoArts.org listings and Arts and Culture Grant progress, Staff Jackie Ross

i.) Review of Calls for Art: *Sno-Isle Libraries* - is seeking artists, musicians, performing artists, and writers. *Puget Sound Bird Fest* – is seeking artists for creation of art for event marketing materials.

[Calls to Artist — Snohomish County Arts Commission \(snocoarts.org\)](https://snocoarts.org)

ii.) Review of grant recipient projects and activities: *Music4Life* – delivered 276 ready-to-play musical instruments valued at \$109,802. *Schack Art Center* – event Going All City NW, created 30 murals in downtown Everett, *Graphite Studio* – artist residence program and marketing for the Intersections exhibit. *Stanwood Camano Arts* – summer youth art programs. *City of Snohomish* – Snohomish Art Walk. *Village Theater* – Kid Stage “Pay What You Will” performances. *Shakespeare In the Park/Delta Neighborhood Association* - performance at Hollow Park

[Graphite News | Graphite \(graphite-edmonds.org\)](https://graphite-edmonds.org)

iii.) Events coming up before the next meeting included: *Snohomish Art Walk* - August 18th. *Everett Art Walk* - third Thursday of every month.

[Events — Snohomish County Arts Commission \(snocoarts.org\)](https://snocoarts.org)

b.) Appointments in process:

District 4: Jaym Gates

District 5: Kate MacKenzie, *Re-appointment*

At Large: Mark Weber (incoming)

At Large: Jocelyn Sawyer (incoming)

V. NEW BUSINESS, Colin Cole, Chair

8. Dambo Troll

a.) Staff Annique Bennett proposed an LTAC grant might be a fit for a portion of the Dambo Troll project.

b.) The cultural aspects of the Dambo Troll in Snohomish County were discussed representing the Nordic culture feels out of place. Concerns also were that the project does not employ Snohomish County Artists, or artists from surrounding State of Washington.

9. State of Washington Tourism Grant

a.) Arts and Culture Strategy

i.) Staff Annique Bennett is going to apply for this grant in hopes of using a portion of it to continue the Arts Commission efforts to build the creative economy in Snohomish County.

VI. GOOD OF THE ORDER, Colin Cole, Chair

10. Arts Commissioner Lia Blanchard has experienced physical accessibility to the arts firsthand and will be writing an article for her blog about the accessibility importance. She will provide the article to the AC for posting on the AC website.

VII. ADJOURNMENT, Colin Cole, Chair

11. Next meeting will be held via Zoom on September 19, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

12. Adjournment at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Annique Bennett and Jackie Ross