



MEETING MINUTES- SNOHOMISH COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION

MEETING DATE: Monday, August 21, 2023 (third Monday of each month, unless otherwise posted).

MEETING TIME: 6:30 P.M.

Visitors are invited to attend virtually at the link below:

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL, Nicole Ng-A-Qui, Chair

1. Welcome and Introductions

Commissioners Nicole Ng-A-Qui, Kate MacKenzie, David Lotz, Kari Johnson, Lia Blanchard, Joy Ratzel, and county staff members Sharon Swan, Tom Teigen, Annique Bennett present.

Colin Cole and Jaym Gates absent.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL- (May 2023) Nicole Ng-A-Qui, Chair

Motion: Approve July 2023 meeting minutes, **MSP**

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Nicole Ng-A-Qui, Chair

1. Budget finalization was discussed with small edits suggested.

Motion: Approve Budget and Program: **MSP**

IV. Committee Reports - Nicole Ng-A-Qui, Chair

1. Acquisitions and Preservation: Colin Cole- none
2. Grants and Funding: Joy Ratzel

Joy, Kate, and David met to discuss previous grant cycles and future of the program. Joy suggested a rewrite of the application and bringing in an outside consultant to discuss language.

Discussed updates to the grant timeline to use a school calendar timeline instead of the current one. Talked about responsibility, redistribution, and have a more set structure. Committee discussion included grant specific email, a separate grants web portal, grant workshops to help future grantees and an end of year celebration for grant award winners. Committee also discussed changing the grant award amount.

Commission discussed the upcoming county move to a biennial budget. Staff suggested any decisions on how grants are handled in the future wait until the decision from the county is clear.

3. Education and Outreach: Kate MacKenzie

July CAN meeting was a roundtable discussion with participants who talked about their organization's current struggles. Data will be compared to the survey we did with creators last year, which will be ready next month. August CAN meeting will feature Manny Cawaling and Jesse Wasson from Inspire Washington coming to talk about Cultural Access Programs and their benefits.

Nicole discussed her meeting with leadership from Arts WA and other arts organizations from around the area at Schack Art Center. The group discussed the need for funds and what programs they are currently running.

4. Marketing and Community Events: Lia Blanchard

Lia talked about putting events on our website. She is also trying to set up meetings with other organizations about their community events calendar.

5. Future of Arts and Culture: Kari Johnson

Talked briefly about the CAN roundtable and the current struggles our community is facing.

6. Internal Operations: Jaym Gates- none

7. Budget: David Lotz

Staff reports: Sharon Swan and Annique Bennett

Sharon: Invited commissioners out to the fair. Shared commissions updates to the mission and vision with the executive's office. Talked with the county attorney about a potential code change to align with commissions new mission and vision. Annique has a code going through right now a code change for sponsorship. Staff is also preparing to meet with the executive and council about the budget and work plan.

Tom: DCNR and attorneys are taking a hard look at how all these monies are spent and what it looks like and we're not exactly sure what you're doing meets all the criteria we would like it to. Said to anticipate budget notes and quarterly reporting.

Annique: Goal is to get money in hand instead of working on projections, so commission has a clearer understanding of what the budget is. Updated commission on the Veterans memorial and the challenge of getting it finished. Annique also met with someone about getting the commission a suite of tools that we can use. Also talked about different tools that other commissions use. Also mentioned we can get a help ticket to create an art map for Snohomish County. Application came in for the rotating art gallery. Annique is working with the exec's office on that. Annique is looking for high level summaries on commissioner activities to help support.

County Staff: Tsovinar is still working on Oso memorial panels. Site should be done by end of November. Talked about a soft opening with the families. Praised Tsovinar for her work on the site.

Nicole: Mentioned an annual Arts Commission event in the future

V. New Business - Nicole Ng-A-Qui, Chair

Tulalip back to school event was discussed by commission on who could attend and what materials would be needed to attend. Discussion morphed into other opportunities for the art commission to do outreach including the fair and Everett Art Walk.

Commission and County staff discussed the changes to the fair with the addition of a fair manager. Talked a lot about bringing different boards together to promote community. Talked about utilizing the fairgrounds for arts related events.

Lia mentioned the possibility to tour the juvenile court to potentially install art there. There was some confusion on what building.

VI. GOOD OF THE ORDER, Nicole Ng-A-Qui, Chair

Joy mentioned the success of the Lake Stevens Film Festival

Kari mentioned the Lake Stevens Music in the Park

Nicole mentioned the Mary's Place for the Arts gala in October

Adjourned. 8:08 pm