



DRAFT MEETING MINUTES- SNOHOMISH COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION

MEETING DATE: Monday, September 18, 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, Colin Cole and Jaym Gates and county staff members Sharon Swan, Annique Bennett present.

Guest Jeremy Husby present.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL- Kari Johnson, Vice Chair

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

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Kari Johnson, Vice Chair

Tulalip/ Marysville School event follow up will happen via email.

Staff will be doing budget presentations starting October 10th. At that time the staff will outline all the different funds and what's being budgeted. It will reemphasize that plan for spending \$50,000 next year.

IV. Committee Reports - Kari Johnson, Vice Chair

1. Acquisitions and Preservation: Annique Bennett (Colin Cole not present at the time.)

Don Frazier who is the co-creator for the Global War on Terror (GWOT) memorial sculpture could no longer complete the project due to lack of equipment. The part yet to be completed was adding the names to the piece. Annique reached out to former Parks Director Jeremy Husby to inquire if he be interested in stepping back into the process. Jeremy presented his version of the name plaque which will sit next to the original statue. The new structure will be in the shape of a waving flag and be made of gabion basket and corten steel with bronze plaques. The bronze plaques will be the most expensive part due to the price of bronze. Jeremy and his partner are looking into lowering the cost of the bronze plaques by cutting them themselves. Overall cost of the piece would be \$23,000 including labor before tax. Discussion was had with the commission on potential for vandalism. Jeremy and Staff did mention there are ways to make it less susceptible. Discussion was also had about the materials and their durability. Commissioners discussed the cost and whether the Commission could handle such a large price tag. Staff mentioned that there may be some ability to collaborate with the City of Arlington or County Council to help with the funding.

Annique and Jeremy explained to new members that the GWOT memorial was paid for using other funding sources. The art commission helped with the calls for art and selection of the art.

2. Grants and Funding: Joy Ratzel

Joy is looking for someone to consult on the grant application process to make sure the language is precise. She is still working to familiarize herself with the process.

3. Education and Outreach: Kate MacKenzie

Kate explained that the August CAN meeting included a presentation by Manny Cawaling and Jesse Wasson from Inspire Washington who spoke about cultural access. It was a great in-depth conversation and presentation on what is cultural access, what are all the stipulations, how would that work in Snohomish County and what are the benefits we can kind of expect to see based off of what benefits other communities who have passed it have. Kate will also give a presentation to the Snohomish Chamber of Commerce about the creative economy.

4. Marketing and Community Events: Joy Ratzel and Lia Blanchard

Joy talked about the commissions Instagram account being active. Kari asked if Lia has gotten access to the Facebook account. Annique is working on it.

Lia met with one person at UW that uses the calendar software that the commission is exploring. She also spoke with someone with the juvenile court about setting up dates for the commission to tour it for potential art installation.

5. Future of Arts and Culture: Kari Johnson

Mentioned the future of arts and culture in relation to the CAN meeting about Cultural Access. No other developments at this time.

6. Internal Operations: Jaym Gates

Jaym is still working to get a sense of everything. Still considering an inventory of art throughout the county. So mostly just background research and trying to figure out where all the moving pieces are. Annique mentioned that Jeremy, as former parks director is a great resource and encouraged Jaym to reach out.

7. Budget: David Lotz

October 10th is the date scheduled for the staff to talk budget with the county council.

Staff reports: Sharon Swan and Annique Bennett

Staff is having some conversations with the attorney about the code right now and how it's written and what's allowed by the code for fund expenditure. Conversations about code amendment were started, which will not take place until after the budget process. Sharon mentioned that a biennial budget may be instituted.

Annique commented that receipts and invoices for reimbursements for the grants are being handled. The IT department are inventorying all of the boards and commissions to find out if they would like expanded use of a Microsoft product, so they can do know calendars and things like that instead of using Google.

Sharon talked about the wrap up of the fair. Had lots of conversations during the fair about ideas, about having a maker's market, trying to provide a place that local artists can sell their wares, just trying to incorporate the arts commission and just that whole side of Snohomish County's culture more and more into the fair. We'd really love to explore more partnerships and opportunities there and even it's just as a baseline as we get closer to thinking about the fair for next year, if you know people who would want to have a booth, then be present. We would love to have the commissions help with outreach.

V. New Business - Kari Johnson, Vice Chair

Motion: Approve Jeremy Husby to move forward as the artist for the GWOT memorial, **MSP**

During discussion on the GWOT memorial the artist stipend was mentioned. Jeremy has chosen to not accept the stipend for the work.

VI. GOOD OF THE ORDER, Kari Johnson, Vice Chair

David mentioned the Everett and Edmonds Art Walks.

Kate mentioned the Snohomish art studio tour.

Annique provided an update on artist Anna Maria de Ravenas.

Adjourned. 7:37pm