



SNOHOMISH COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

HYBRID MEETING DATE: Monday, June 27, 2022 6:30 P.M. (third Monday of the month unless otherwise noted)

VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING LINK:

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES:

Arts Commissioners:

District 1 – Lia Blanchard

District 2 – David Lotz

District 3 – Colin Cole, Chair

District 5 – Kari Johnson, Vice Chair

District 5 – Kate MacKenzie

At Large - Nicole Ng-A-Qui

Staff:

Jeremy Husby, Parks Division Director

Annique Bennett, Communications Specialist

Jackie Ross, Office Assistant

Guests:

Jaym Gates, Applicant District 4

1. Jaym has extensive experience in organizing and promoting at a community level, as well as in working with educational materials and initiatives. Jaym is excited to bring that experience to support the arts in Snohomish County.

Jocelyn “Joy” Sawyer, Applicant At Large

2. Joy would like to emphasize a connection between the Lake Stevens School District and the Art Community at large. Joy said she would like to build a connectivity between the Educational District and the Arts to address gaps that the Educational Districts lack funding for.

Jo Hull, Pacifica Chamber Orchestra

3. Jo requested that information about upcoming performances in Everett be posted on the website.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (May 16, 2022) - Colin Cole, Chair

MSP - May 16, 2022, Minutes were approved

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Colin Cole, Chair

None

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS - Colin Cole, Chair

1. Ad Hoc Budget Committee – 2023 Work Plan Update – Colin Cole, Kate MacKenzie, Kari Johnson, David Lotz, and Staff Annique Bennett

- a) Staff shared the budget projection for the one (1) Percent for Art Fund in 2023 at \$100,000
- b) Budget based on \$50,000 annual minimum balance maintained and \$50,000 in *projected collections*
- c) The Meadowdale Park capital project is on hold until 2024 and this impacts the budget significantly.
- d) Staff reviewed 2023 draft workplan developed using the Commission’s Vision, Mission and Purpose Document with updates including:
 - i. Adding domain name, website maintenance to Digital Marketing
 - ii. Adding unaccounted for \$7,000 to the Annual Grant program.

MOTION: Approve the 2023 Work Plan:

Arts and Culture Grant \$36,000 total with unaccounted for \$7,000 added
Strategic Leadership and Planning \$25,000.

Digital Marketing \$25,000

Public Art Acquisition, Maintenance and Repair \$10,000

Snohomish County Cultural Arts Network (CAN) \$4,000

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e.) Staff explained rationale for funding request submitted on behalf of the Arts Commission to the County Office of Recovery and Resiliency for Phase 2 and 3 of a County Arts and Culture Strategic Plan

i.) For consideration the request must support / align with County economic development priorities for workforce jobs and small businesses

ii.) If cap was lifted on the Arts one (1) Percent, a strategy would help add transparency to spending plans

iii) To cite in external grant requests

f.) Arts Commission presentation of 2023 Work Plan to County Council set for August 23, 2022

i) An Ad hoc Presentation Committee will schedule time with staff to create the presentation.

MOTION: Create Ad Hoc Presentation Committee to prepare 2023 Work Plan presentation to the County Council, with two Commissioners to present.

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2. Ad Hoc Committee Update for SR530 Landslide Memorial Site and Responders Call - Kate MacKenzie, Nicole Ng-A-Qui, Lia Blanchard, and staff Sharon Swan

g) No new updates

3. Grants and Funding – David Lotz, Chair

h.) Grant appeal by Youth Unlimited

i. Youth Unlimited disputes the amount of \$1,000 requested in its 2022 grant application for Reflections Dance Studio scholarships.

The organization claims that amount of \$1,000 was entered in error, and the intended project request was \$2,000.

MOTION: Grant another \$1000 to Youth Unlimited for Reflections Dance Studio Student Dance Scholarships for a total grant award in 2022 for \$2,000.

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4. Education and Outreach – Kate MacKenzie, Chair
 - i.) The Snohomish County Cultural Arts Network (CAN) May session was intended for solopreneurs and independent creators. The Sno-Isle Library System shared opportunities for artists.
 - j.) Commissioner MacKenzie was invited by the Economic Alliance to sit as a panelist on the Arts and Culture Coffee Chat meeting.
 - i. The Commission asked her to mention the economic impacts of COVID to the one (1) Percent for Arts Fund.
 - k.) CAN members will meet Better City and goals are to engage CAN members and their stakeholders in focus groups and surveys.

5. Marketing and Community Events – Kari Johnson, Chair
 - l.) Updates from the Inspire Washington’s Cultural Futures Roadshow at the Port of Everett on June 9
 - m.) The event was well attended, and Snohomish County’s turn was the largest in the Roadshow series to date
 - n.) Goals are to do additional events with Inspire Washington in the future.

6. Acquisition and Preservation, Colin Cole, Chair, Staff Jeremy Husby
 - o.) Flowing Lake art project for the Ranger’s Station, a one (1) Percent for Art Fund project
 - i. The \$10,000 contract was not executed and due to other projects. The project cost would have to draw from the minimum annual Fund balance of \$50,000.
 - ii. Parks leaders will look for additional funds to complete the Flowing Lake project
 - p.) Haller Park Veteran’s Memorial – Arlington
 - i. The Veteran’s Day renaming of the Haller Bridge to The Global War on Terrorism Memorial Bridge was well attended.
 - ii. The unveiling of the Veteran’s Memorial sculpture, a few steps from the bridge, was attended by the artists who gave a summary of the work’s meaning.
 - iii. The artists will complete the interpretive plaques for the sculpture.
 - q.) The Commission is encouraged to reach to the Gold Star Families organization to engage with them on future projects.
 - r.) The three Minor’s Corner Park sculptures have been vandalized again and again over the years. A member of the public has reached out

expressing concern the sculptures make a bad impression on the public in their current state.

- i. Annique arranged with Maintenance and Operations to remove Nexus and Tumulus. Tableau left in place to be repaired at a future date.

7. Staff Report, Jeremy Husby, Annique Bennett and Jackie Ross

s.) Jeremy Husby announced he's resigned his position of Division Director for the County Parks, Department of Parks and Recreation to take a private sector position.

t.) Planning Division Manager Sharon Swan will be the interim Parks Director and Annique will work under Sharon.

- i. The Commission thanked Jeremy for his very hard work and dedication to the Arts Commission. Jeremy shared this deep gratitude to the Commission for their service during his tenure.

u.) Annique gave updates about the Arts and Culture Opportunity Assessment underway with economic development firm, Better City.

- i. The Better City team will attend the next CAN meet and brief members about how they can support and engage with the project.

v.) Annique will reach out to Commissioners to further define suggestions for amendments to the one (1) Percent for Arts Fund.

V. NEW BUSINESS, Colin Cole, Chair

None

VI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER, Colin Cole, Chair

9. Free Concert

w.) Kate invited everyone to the Lake Steven's Band free concert performance in the park on June 29th and July 4th.

10. Congratulations

x.) Colin graduated with his MPA Degree.

11. Grant project

y.) Lia attended the Edmonds Driftwood Players performance of "Through the Woods and Over the Stream" and was proud that the Commission was able to award grant funding for it.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – Colin Cole, Chair

12. Next meeting will be held on Zoom on July 18th, 2022
13. Adjournment at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Annique Bennett and Jackie Ross