**SEATTLE ARTS COMMISSION**

Minutes

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

In-Person at National Nordic Museum

**Commissioners present:** Kayla DeMonte, Leslie Anderson, Holly Jacobson, Dhyana Garcia, Megan Kiskaddon, Vanessa Villalobos, Linda Lowry, Carmen Pan

**Staff in attendance**: Allie Lee, Kelly Davidson, Gülgün Kayim, Jason Huff, Blake Haygood, Rana San, Kathy Hsieh

Guests: Bernadette Bascom, Andrew Hoge, Leslie Bain, Kate Clark, Jill Crary, Vee Hua, Caitlin Truong

**Call to Order, Introduction, Land Acknowledgement (4:22)**

* Kayla called the meeting at 4:22pm.
* Holly gave the land acknowledgement
* Round robin introductions
* Approval of minutes
  + No quorum at the time of approval; will approve at January meeting.
* No public comments.

**Co-Chairs Report  
Briefing: Kayla DeMonte**

* SAC 2024 Goals Status Review
  + Goal 1 - Successfully advocate for retaining Admissions Tax Revenue in 2025-2026 budget – SUCCESS
  + Goal 2 – Grow connections with existing ecosystems to coordinate and build advocacy power, support fellow arts conveners, and expand understanding of sectoral needs – IN PROCESS
  + Goal 3 – Strengthen marking and outreach for ARTS grant opportunities and programs focusing on under-invited artists and arts orgs – IN PROCESS
  + Goal 4 – Rebuild Commission administration and governance – SUCCESS / IN PROCESS
* Committee Chairs
  + Underscored value of keeping co-chair model for committees
    - CIC – Avery (starting Feb 2025) and Megan (joining Avery in July 2025)
    - PAAC – Yolanda; encouraging to add a co-chair
    - FED – Ricky will continue; encouraging to add a co-chair

**Director’s Report  
Briefing: Gülgün Kayim**

* Recognition of the work of the SAC Co-Chairs. Thank you, Kayla and Holly for stewarding the work of the Commission!
* Reminder about ARTS potluck on 12/11 (W) noon at King Street Station.

**Around the Room Announcements  
Briefing: All**

* Vanessa
  + Recently connected with Arts Districts at FED and especially heard about the great work with community engagement being done in Georgetown.
  + 7 commissioners attended/represented at the boards and commissions reception on 12/6: Vanessa Villalobos, Linda Lowry, Rodney King, Yolanda Spencer, Megan Kiskaddon, Yoon Kang-O’Higgins, Dhyana Garcia
  + Re: Sound Transit/ST3 - in West Seattle there are impacts and displacement happening with arts businesses. Previous community engagement doc shows less impact to things that are not residential – how are we going to talk about future development impacts? Maybe we can discuss displacement issues at future meeting. Ask is to have better communication from ST to community – not lease owners - to give notice when business will go down will be helpful; funding is also helpful.
    - Jill - Seattle Design Commission (SDC) has connection with Sound Transit (Kate, Jill) – questions can be put out. Can we connect FED and SDC?
    - Holly/Kayla/Gülgün - What are the levers that can be pulled within our structures – SAC doesn’t have the connection with Sound Transit, need to identify what is the issue trying to be tackled
    - Leslie - FED would be interested. ST is on our radar. Light rail is the connector of cultural space.
* Allie – Overview of current SAC vacancies recruitment process for interested community members.
* Kathy – Need to make our land acknowledgement more concrete. Share out of Duwamish Longhouse Holiday Native Arts Market https://www.duwamishtribe.org/events-1
* Linda – Would like for us to consider a SAC social media account
  + Will talk through between SAC Co-chairs first.

Meeting adjourned at 5pm.

*(SAC Holiday Party follows meeting)*