**SEATTLE ARTS COMMISSION**

Minutes

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Hybrid Meeting - In-Person @ King Street Station 3rd Floor Panel Room OR Zoom

**Commissioners present:** Vanessa Villalobos, Vee Hua, Holly Jacobson, Ricky Graboski

**Staff in attendance**: Gülgün Kayim, Allie McGehee, Jenny Crooks

**Call to Order, Introduction, Land Acknowledgement (4:00)**

Approval of Minutes:

* Leslie moved to approve the commission minutes from September, October, and November 2023. Holly seconded. Approved.

Public Comment:

* No public comment.

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements

* NW Film Forum – Indigenous Program for children/youth with environmental focus
* Poetry Reading
  + Not today
  + $150 honorarium for guest artists coming to SAC to present
  + Pause for now until SAC membership increases
    - All agree (none opposed)

**Co-Chairs Report  
Briefing: Vanessa Villalobos, Vee Hua**

* Short-term/mid-term/long-term priorities to review in Exec Committee
* Welcome new City Council Members
  + Great to see community show up
  + Want to invite them to get oriented to SAC priorities w/regard to ARTS
  + Particular standouts
    - Support for PDA
    - Support for admissions tax
    - 2 members mentioned arts as being in alignment with their priorities (part of their welcome/swearing in)
  + In the past, Allie Lee had reached out to coordinate on SAC’s behalf
  + Who is the new chair?
    - The new unknown person/backfilling Mosqueda’s seat
    - Open until next week for community applicants
    - That position interim until next election cycle
    - Spread the word to encourage applicants
* Chase Munroe will be joining January Exec committee meeting to give update on candidates moving forward for MO appointments (in 2 weeks)
  + Gülgün Kayim to attend (confirmed with SAC)
  + Gülgün will confirm list can be shared and once so, will share with SAC before meeting
    - ARTS to verify with candidates their interest
  + Will they be considering SAC identified candidates?
    - Need to verify but believe so.
  + Heard that MO has appointed someone – need more details
  + SAC requesting partnership with MO
    - Have a communication gap if MO has already appointed someone
* Yolana Spencer – did we add her to the list? Needs to be confirmed by Council.
* Next Steps
  + ARTS to loop back with
    - 4 names on the SAC list – need to follow-up with them
  + ARTS to loop back with Central S
    - ARTS has been talking to MO – different process than previously
      * MO Process
        + MO has appointed someone
        + Review Portal applicants
      * Council Process
        + Likely not until February
        + Would likely support SAC recommendations

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

* ARTS Updates
  + Application process for SAC – making sure SAC has enough people is a priority for Gülgün / need SAC’s help and can’t do it without sufficient staffing
  + Gülgün was confirmed
    - Question came up in that process/raised need to invest in SAC capacity
    - Swearing in will happen sometime 2024
  + When Allie is back, will work on MO list, will propose joining MO list and SAC list for meeting with Chase
  + Brainstorming for 2024 budget ads
    - Hope Corps
    - KSS Activation
  + As you do work planning – lets see how we can work together to make sure local artists/art organizations benefits
  + Deputy Director position closes next week
    - Leslie participating from SAC
    - Have invited other department representative to participate
    - Hoping for healthy/competitive pool of candidates
  + Strategic Planning Next Steps
    - Would like partnership with SAC
  + Since you’ve arrived, what is your take on Seattle and this role?
    - Emphasis on one position/lot of expectations
    - Welcoming city, SAC, departments,
    - International city
    - Great community, smart people, underresourced, great art
    - Doors Open money
  + Intersections with budget process
    - Engage on budget – problems, investments, ideas, etc.
    - SAC interest in touring facilities with City officials/Councilmembers to elevate work/priorities
  + Allie Lee to communicate opportunities for SAC to participate in budget, strategic planning, cultural plan

**Committee Updates  
Briefing: Committee Chairs**

* CIC - Holly
  + Productive December meeting
  + Reviewed calendar of opportunities
    - Clarity around target grant audience
  + Work plan
    - Yolanda potential recruit for committee
* FED - Ricky
  + Working on workplan
  + Until staffing capacity, concerned about work capacity
  + 3rd Tuesdays
* PAAC - Leslie
  + Hybrid/Remote meeting – 12/19
  + Presented on MAP
  + Followed by proposed/approved SOW for Kate Clark (Bitterlake Project)
    - Swirl design for the reservoir
  + Meet 4th Tuesday of the month at 9am
* Gülgün asked question about committee membership selection process and would like to engage further based on SAC’s ok.

**Commissioner Announcements/Questions**

* Economic Revenue Forecast?
  + April, August, October

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.