**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.