**SEATTLE ARTS COMMISSION**

Minutes

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Hybrid Meeting (Zoom & King Street Station 3rd Floor Panel Room)

**Commissioners present:** Kayla DeMonte, Yoon Kang-O’Higgins, Leslie Anderson, Rodney King, Vanessa Villalobos, Megan Kiskaddon, Yolanda Spencer, Carmen Pan

**Staff in attendance**: Allie McGehee, Allie Lee, Kelly Davidson, Gülgün Kayim

**Call to Order, Introduction, Land Acknowledgement (4:04)**

* Kayla called the meeting at 4:04pm.
* Holly will not be able to attend today due to emergency
* Land acknowledgement
  + We are still in the process of rethinking our land acknowledgement. Yolanda and Holly are working on it.
* Approval of minutes
  + Leslie moved to approve the October minutes. Rodney seconded the motion. Approved.
* No public comments.

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

* Approval of updated SAC bylaws
  + Leslie made a motion to approve the updated SAC bylaws which reflect new committee terms. Yoon seconded the motion. Approved.
* Budget Update – Advocacy was a success for ARTS and community
  + Thank you SAC Co-Chairs for leading the process and SAC for your advocacy, a testament to partnership with community
  + Allie M overviewed additional proposed amendments. Votes on amendments this week, and final votes will be next week.
    - Rodney – Where can this information be found?
      * You can tune into the budget sessions on Seattle Channel, and Allie L will send pdf documents to the group as a follow up.
  + Kathy – There is a lot of stuff happening in our sector that needs support. One of the largest increases in who is funded through C.A.R.E. are BIPOC (especially Black run) media focused orgs so there is a lot of alignment with one of the growing segments of our organizational partners.
* Governance – Vee Hua and Joel Tan will be resigning from SAC.
  + We have 2 council vacancies to fill (and 1 existing Mayoral vacancy)
  + There will be a new Council Committee Chair in 2025
* Committee share-outs during commission meetings
  + Instead of 5 min updates at the end of our meetings, we want to try out each committee to have a longer/full agenda item at each meeting for deep dives
* Holiday party – December meeting (12/10) at National Nordic Museum (party to follow an abbreviated SAC meeting)
  + Thank you Leslie for providing space!

**Committee Updates  
Briefing: Committee Co-Chairs**

* FED – Talked about membership, Cultural Space Agency, and emergent issues/items we should keep an eye on. Agree to committee deep dives.
* CIC – ARTS staff gave presentation on CityArtist grant panel selection/overview. Also received an update on the Arts in Parks grant. Discussed how it is helpful when CIC gets the right amount of info to engage with and provide feedback. Also discussed CIC committee terms.
* PAAC – Discussed and recommended approval for the Municipal Art Plan, Bitter Lake Reservoir Artist Selection, and Marra Desimone Park Artist Selection. Also discussed at-large PAAC member nominations and skillsets/expertise needed.

**Municipal Art Plan (MAP) Presentation  
Briefing: Jason Huff**

* Jason gave a slideshow presentation of the Public Art Program and Municipal Art Plan (MAP). Highlights:
  + This is part of the 1% for art ordinance; we need to develop the MAP annually, which is an outward facing doc showing funds we receive from partnering depts and how we intend to use those funds
  + Historically this used to be approved and reviewed by the Mayor, then Mayor Nichols said SAC can approve it. We haven’t officially done an approval process for a while and trying to bring that process back.
  + Overview of 1% for art ordinance, public art goals, tax-payer depts, rate-payer depts, public art projects process, alignment on equity with our partners, how 1% funding works (dept allocation, ARTS overhead, dept funds, etc.) and how permissible use has to do with where the funds are coming from, project life cycle, example of projects (site integrated, site specific, temporary, residencies, galleries, performance, placemaking, equity work/bootcamp, etc.)
  + 1% MAP allocations – alignment of priorities
    - SAC and Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) priorities; dept priorities; ARTS priorities 🡪 1% for Art project allocation
    - Would like to take input from this body, provide a better understanding of this work, and encourage being part of this work
      * Decision points – visibility, equity, project themes, community interest, growth opportunity
  + MAP
    - Public Art team has worked with PAAC on the MAP throughout the year
    - Jason provided an overview of the MAP spreadsheet, with funding/allocation/breakdown by partner dept
      * Certain depts have separate lines of business
      * SDOT, SCL, and SPU have most projects
      * Parks and Seattle Center have smaller allocations; FAS are more like contractors for the City
* SAC Questions & Comments
  + Vanessa – Is there any intersection with the Creative Advantage on projects?
    - Jason – For King Street Station activations and Downtown Activation Plan work – when we work with youth we often go to Creative Advantage and find artists and community to work with. We don’t incorporate them in the program, but we reach out to them for help with teaching artists, community groups, youth connections, etc.
  + Leslie – Can this presentation be shared to SAC?
    - Jason – Yes. Allie L will follow up via email. I will also plan to come back occasionally to check in about progress.
  + Vanessa – Are there periods of time during year where you can receive input?
    - Jason - Input can happen all the time. We have a regular cadence of meetings with partners and PAAC, an ongoing dialogue. When allocations come in April and May is when things get real.
  + Kayla/Megan/Leslie – This is a valuable deep dive on how the program and the MAP works; when we do committee deep dives next year it will be helpful. Very comprehensive.

Leslie moved to approve the 2024 Municipal Art Plan. Vanessa seconded the motion. Approved.

**Directors Report  
Briefing: Gülgün Kayim**

* Permanent Impact and Assessment Manager Hire – Ele Watts
* ARTS Holiday Party/Potluck on 12/11 (W) noon. Allie L will send calendar invite to SAC.
* Public Art updates

**Around the Room Announcements  
Briefing: All**

* Megan - Timothy White Eagle show Thursday-Saturday at On the Boards <https://ontheboards.org/events/24-25/timothy-white-eagle>
* Vanessa – Abya Yala – Indigenous Connections en Latino America <https://www.lasalanw.org/abya-yala>
* Kathy – Odunde Festival – this weekend is their 40th anniversary event <https://www.adefuacenter.org/odunde-festival.html>

Meeting adjourned at 5:24pm.