



ARTS COUNCIL VIDEO MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, June 09, 2021

Zoom Virtual Platform
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BOARD MEMBERS:

Vice Chair Amy Barnes
Board Members: Anumeha, Erik Gordon,
Suzanne Skone, Gaylene Vaden
City Council Liaison: Salim Nice

LOCATION & CONTACT

Mercer Island City Hall – Zoom Meeting
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CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL, 6:30 PM

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

STAFF REPORT

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. [May 12, 2021 Minutes](#)
2. Arts Reset Planning - 2022 Budget Input
3. Arts Immediate Action Plan - Reset Committee Updates
4. 2021 Officer Positions and Board Recruitment
5. Public Art Updates

OTHER BUSINESS

6. 2021 Meeting Schedule
7. Confirm Volunteer Hours for January - May, 2021

ADJOURNMENT



ARTS COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR VIDEO MEETING

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Erin Vivion called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

Anumeha, Erik Gordon, Xixi Shakes, and Suzanne Skone participated remotely using Zoom (video teleconferencing platform).

Staff members Sarah Bluvas and Ryan Daly and consultant Emily Moon also participated remotely via Zoom or telephone.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

No public appearances.

STAFF REPORT

Sarah Bluvas, Economic Development Coordinator for the City, updated Arts Councilmembers on two State and Federal grant opportunities open to nonprofit and arts & culture organizations; invited members to attend the Eastside Culture Coalition meetings taking place on the first and third Friday of the month; and informed them that the City hired a new communications manager.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes – April 14 Regular Video Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Skone, seconded by Shakes to:

Approve the April 14, 2021, Regular Video Meeting Minutes as presented.

Passed 6-0-1

FOR: Anumeha, Barnes, Gordon, Shakes, Skone, and Vivion

ABSENT: Vaden

2. *The Tipping Point Project* – Jill Drrllevich and Joy Hagen

Artists Jill Drrllevich and Joy Hagen presented their idea for a temporary art project called *The Tipping Point* to the Arts Council and answered questions related to the project. Staff and the Arts Reset Committee for Gallery programs will discuss this project as part of the reset planning and return with feedback at a later meeting.

3. Arts Reset Planning: Process Update + Reset Committees

Bluvas and consultant Emily Moon updated the board on the Reset Planning Process, and Chair Vivion asked members to meet in their Reset Committees before the June Regular Meeting. Volunteer assignments are as follows:

- Planning & Policy: Anumeha, Erik Gordon, Suzanne Skone
- Galleries: Amy Barnes, Erik Gordon, Carol Whitaker (MIVAL Liaison)
- Mostly Music in the Park: Erin Vivion, Erik Gordon
- Community Arts Project: Erin Vivion, Suzanne Skone, Carol Whitaker (MIVAL Liaison)

4. Arts Immediate Action Plan: Mostly Music in the Park

Ryan Daly, Operations Transition Team Manager, discussed the framework for the 2021 Mostly Music in the Park limited concert series and proposed concert dates of August 19 & 26, and September 2, 2021.

5. 2021 Officer Positions Extension

Chair Vivion and Bluvus discussed the need to resolve the 2021 Officer positions as soon as possible. The board discussed and preferred to extend the current Officer positions for another month. Staff will ask the City Clerk how best to proceed and return with a recommendation at the June Regular Meeting.

6. Public Art Updates

Bluvus updated the board on the removal of Ame Pourpre, Larry McLaughlin's damaged piece, from the Greta Hackett Outdoor Sculpture Gallery; next steps for the public art assessment conducted by Artsite; and the status of the MIVAL public art donation.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Vivion reminded members to report their January-April 2021 volunteer hours.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Video Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

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Arts Council June 9, 2021 Arts Reset

To: Arts Council

From: Sarah Bluvas, Economic Development Coordinator; Emily Moon, consultant

Date: June 9, 2021

Summary

During the May 12 Arts Council meeting, Consultant Emily Moon shared that City staff were beginning to contemplate recreation, Mercer Island Community and Event Center (MICEC), and arts services in 2022. One focal point of this work includes developing the operating budget. Staff is planning to give an overview of a 2022 proposal to City Council during their regular meeting on July 6. As such, the Arts Council's and Parks and Recreation Commission's input on 2022 are being sought now. Staff anticipate refining the 2022 proposal following City Council's input in July and including the proposal for City Council's consideration as part of the biennial budget amendment process in November.

The Arts Council is currently conducting subcommittee meetings to work on the 2021 Immediate Action plan, which include the following objectives:

- Design and deliver a limited Mostly Music in the Park series during late summer/early fall
- Re-open the Mercer Island Gallery (indoor gallery) for a limited number of shows and in partnership with the Mercer Island Visual Arts League, pending re-opening of the MICEC
- Design and facilitate a community arts project that documents residents' experiences with the COVID-19 pandemic

The 2021 subcommittees will also provide recommendations for 2022, particularly if Arts Councilmembers desire to continue the 2021 activities into 2022.

In addition to the Immediate Action Plan subcommittees, the Arts Council formed a group to focus on developing long-term "reset" plan recommendations. This plan is intended to address the following:

- A prioritized list of policies the Arts Council plans to update and/or develop to guide future arts-related work (e.g., 1% for Art guidelines, art in private development process, etc.)

- A prioritized list of public art needs (e.g., maintenance and collection safety updates, 1% for Art Fund 6-year spending plan, signage/interpretation plan, etc.)
- An outline of programs/projects the Arts Council proposes to offer in 2022 and a respective operating resources request (i.e., budget)

Due to the fast-approaching high-level 2022 overview with City Council, staff suggests that the Arts Council show a proposed 2022 total operating budget that is similar to what was recently requested for 2021. This funding level has been sufficient in the past to carry out Arts Council activities and programs. Staff believes this funding level, which includes General Funds coupled with grants and contributions, would fund a 2022 anticipated work program that would include operating the indoor gallery; addressing a first round of the public art and policy work that is identified in the pending long-term reset plan; conducting prioritized special events/programs; and, perhaps, developing some aspect of a to-be-determined public art project. The Arts Council can continue to develop its 2022 workplan and fine-tune its budget request between July and October.

The Arts Council will continue to be staffed in 2022 by Recreation Division staff. The division's manager will be the official liaison and will call upon other staff resources to provide support for the Arts Council's 2022 workplan. These resources may include experienced staff members who are responsible for special events collaboration, fostering community partnerships, policy development, program delivery, asset management, and more.

Recommendation

Provide input to Staff on the 2022 budget.