



ARTS COUNCIL REGULAR VIDEO MEETING

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 6:30 PM

BOARD MEMBERS:

Chair Erin Vivion
Vice Chair Amy Barnes
Board Members: Anumeha, Erik Gordon,
Xixi Shakes, 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

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes: February 12, 2020, Retreat Minutes
2. City Operations & Budget Update
3. Discussion of Ways to Stay Engaged in 2020 and 2021

OTHER BUSINESS

4. Preview of Public Art Discussion for November 2020 Meeting
5. Next Meeting

ADJOURNMENT



ARTS COUNCIL MINUTES

FEBRUARY 12, 2020 – ARTS COUNCIL RETREAT

Call to Order

The joint meeting was called to order by Chair Erin Vivion at 5:08 pm at Mercer Island Community & Event Center, 8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island, WA 98040.

Attendance

- Arts Council Members Present: Damian Schwiethale, Amy Barnes, Matt Lome, Xixi Shakes, Suzanne Skone, Gaylene Vaden, Erik Gordon and Erin Vivion
- Arts Council Members Absent: Anumeha
- Staff: Sarah Bluvus, Katie Herzog, Diane Mortenson

Minutes:

It was moved by Suzanne Skone; seconded by Erin Vivion to:

Approve the minutes.

Passed 8-0

Updates/Changes:

Diane Mortenson provided a Parks & Recreation staff update/changes.

MercerFest was announced to the Arts Council.

Sarah Bluvus gave an update on OPMA training.

Keeping Members Engaged:

Chair Vivion gave an overview of how the Retreat will be hyper focused on

- Engagement – How to be better in the community
- Communication – what will make us feel like we are participating
- “All hands on deck” for projects
- Open communication on ideas

Discussion followed and included:

- Getting the community to value the work that is done. Make sure the work AC puts out is known where it’s coming from.
- If the community can be engaged more, then AC will feel more excited and gaining value.
- Involve community of sub-committees, small projects, engage past AC members.
- Create a volunteer database or a “community volunteer core.” Create online sign ups to help volunteer on projects.
- Chairs should do something bigger than just the minimum. Don’t think of more, but expand what we have.
- Education element on what “arts” do for the community. Showcase the tangible benefits.

2019 Accomplishments and 2020 Projects Review

- Art venue map to jointly advertise with other art organizations.
- Worked on Comp Plan
- Aubrey Davis Plan
- Creative Consultancy

-How do we create/sustain momentum with these projects?

-Logistic barrier: Share point or teams instead of city emails. Working on shared drives, email for definite.

Damian talked about having a set of “Guiding Principles”

- On and off Island recruiting for high value
- Sustainability
- Arts & education - pre & post shows at MMIP
- Wealth of art groups to tap into (on/off Mercer Island)
- Build a culture, it's ok to experiment
- Long term strategies of why we're doing things

It was discussed that members may be certain skills that could help other members/committees. Sarah discussed a board matrix for skills that could also be used for recruiting.

- Gaylene: Editing on communications
- Erin: List of other involvements on and off Mercer Island that could benefit this group.

2020 Priorities:

Staff vs. Arts Council Work

- Staff: contracts, agreements, invoices, admin-type duties
- Arts Council: Resourcing art, bands, programming, marketing, recruiting volunteers

Sarah talked about having a list of those guiding principles/common goals for bringing ideas to the board. A foundation needs to be laid first.

Budget explanation (Diane Mortenson)

Art of the Water update

Event leads: Damian, Suzanne, Erin

Friday, March 27 | 7-9 pm, Community Center

Total ticket sales to date: 10/200

- Runners at each station are needed. All members should be in attendance to help.

Creative Consultancy Reminder/Update:

Project leads: Erin, Amy, Sarah

2018/2019: Applied for the first round of this new grant program from 4Culture

2019: Received \$10,000 grant to work with creative consultant/artist George Lee to reimagine the Greta Hackett Outdoor Sculpture Gallery

2020: Beginning engagement with George in March and applied for additional funding in the second round

Round 1: Pre-Design Activation Prototyping

- Collaborate with Arts Council task force test and identify promising improvements to enhance the outdoor gallery using signage, lighting, and spatial framing (temporarily installed from June to September 2020)
- Final product: Loose concept design of improvements

Round 2: Requested \$30,000 to:

- Integrate Phase I work into related Town Center developments
- Develop an “Artist Signature Detail” to extend from the outdoor gallery through the rest of Aubrey Davis Park

Other 2020 Events:

- Art Uncorked: Save the Date, Friday, September 11, 2020
- Mostly Music in the Park:
 - Poster Contest (Matt)
- Public Art Policy
- Gallery Exhibits
 - Sponsor the gallery exhibits, music, promote “Meet the Artists,” Culture pairing, promote more and invite friends.
- Friday Films
- Budget Planning
- Branding & Messaging

Adjournment

Chair Vivion adjourned the meeting.