

Minutes

Meeting: Kirkland Cultural Arts Commission
Date: March 20, 2024 @ 5:45 PM
Location: Council Chambers
Zoom Conference Room 2

1. CALL TO ORDER - Chair, Chris Lye called the meeting to order at 5:45pm
2. ATTENDANCE
Members: Chris Lye, Ana Aguirre, Prashant Walia, Alisa Sargsyan, Sage Sommer, Maya Park-Weber, Luana Hancock
Staff: Erika Mascorro and Carmine Anderson
Absent: Vivian Liu (excused)
3. PUBLIC COMMENT - No public attendance
4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
 - a. The February 21, 2024, meeting minutes were unanimously approved with no changes or objections.
5. ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Election of new officers
 - i. Chris Lye nominated Alisa Sargsyan for Chair. By acclaim, and no objections, Alisa Sargsyan elected as new chair.
 - ii. Chris Lye nominated Prashant Walia to serve a second term as Vice Chair. By acclaim and no objections, Prashant elected as Vice Chair.
 - b. Finalize Bylaws – Erika Mascorro
KCAC unanimously approved the Bylaws as amended.
6. BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION
 - a. Meeting with Mayor Curtis and Deputy Mayor Arnold – Chris Lye
 - i. Mayor Curtis and Deputy Mayor Arnold liked the idea of including Performing Arts in the City's Public Art Program.
 - a) Could the Kalakala project incorporate performing art?
 - b) To also include ephemeral art and asphalt art.
 - ii. Truck Eating Bridge art. Mayor requesting outreach to Everest Neighborhood when deciding on the art. Alisa will contact the neighborhood association.
 - iii. Mayor and Deputy Mayor praised the work of the KCAC on implementing a welcoming and DEIB theme in their art calls.
 - b. Email from Cm Neal Black – Erika Mascorro
 - i. Adding Cascadia College and Lake Washington Institute of Technology to the art call main list to be shared with art students.
 - c. Fire Stations 1% Art Committee Update – Chris Lye – No Updates
 - d. Stores to Shores 1% Art (Greenways) Committee Update – Luana Hancock
 - i. Art concept to be proposed for review in May.
 - e. Support Infrastructure Committee Update – Prashant Walia
 - i. Connected with City GIS team. Should have a mock-up in next week.

- ii. Connected with Audio Files. Reviewed proposal. Pending on what GIS team comes back with as they may have similar capabilities.
 - iii. Created a communications template to be incorporated into art calls. Submitted to the City for review to see what staff resources are available.
- f. Mural Committee Update – Ana Aguirre
 - i. April meeting Jenna/Public Works presentation Totem Lake mural
- g. Utility Box Art Wraps – Vivian Liu – No Update
- h. Park Lane Exhibit Update – Alisa Sargsyan
 - i. Structural inspection report from Integrity Structural Engineering. All but two of the sculptures in the current exhibit were considered adequately installed for their size.
 - a) Plinth #6 needs seismic restraints due to the height of the sculpture Prevail. The sculpture needs no restraints. Only the cement plinth.
 - b) Plinth #5. Due to its height and girth, the sculpture Salmon in Frame did not pass inspection. Staff will contact artist to schedule early deinstall.
 - ii. Vacant Plinth #5. 4Culture budget for this exhibit is not enough to cover another stipend to an artist to replace Salmon in Frame. Remaining budget is encumbered.
 - iii. Future art calls will incorporate new guidelines that sculptures must meet for seismic stability on the existing plinths.
- i. Kalakala Project Update – Alisa Sargsyan – No Updates
- J. DEIB Training – Erika Mascorro
 - i. Video “Implicit Bias and Stereotyping” followed by discussion:
 - a) Need to update art call interview questions to be DEIB minded. Are we asking the right questions?
 - b) Are we currently requesting a DEIB statement from applicants?
 - c) How to incorporate DEIB responses into scoring rubric.
 - d) How to make the artist comfortable in answering DEIB centered questions.

7. GOOD OF THE ORDER

- a. Thank you to Chris Lye for your service as Chair.
- b. Group photo

8. ADJOURN – Chris Lye adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm

Next meetings:

April 17 – Presentation: Totem Lake Mural Project - Jenna McGinnis, Public Works Department

May 22 - Presentation: Sound Transit Art Program – Ashley Long

June 19

July 17

August 21

September 18

October 16

November 20

December – no meeting