



SEATTLE ARTS COMMISSION

Draft Minutes

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

Seattle City Hall

Commissioners present: Jeff Benesi, Cassie Chinn, Jonathan Cunningham, Priya Frank, Steve Galatro, Terri Hiroshima, Vivian Phillips, Tracy Rector

Commissioners absent: Juan Alonso-Rodriguez, Jerry Garcia, Ashraf Hasham, Gian-Carlo Scandiuzzi, Billy O'Neill, Kelly Rodriguez, Huong Vu, and Sharon Williams

Staff present: Payton Bordley, Calandra Childers, Randy Engstrom, Elisheba Johnson,

Guests present: Patty Liang, Anna Mansell

Call to Order:

Vivian Phillips called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

City Council Presentation Report Back

Jeff, Ashraf and Tracy presented the 2016 work plan to City Council on Tuesday, March 8th. They all agreed that Councilmember Herbold was receptive to their work plan and praised the historic work of the commission.

Presentation: Deaf Spotlight

Patti Liang, the Executive Director of Deaf Spotlight, presented about her organization and the upcoming biennial event, the Seattle Deaf Film Festival. Deaf Spotlight provides workshops and exhibits for deaf artists with a focus on cinema, visual art, and performance art. This year's Deaf Film Festival will be April 1-3 at Northwest Film Forum, and will feature 39 films (subtitled in English), 10 programs, and 5 genres.

Approval of the January minutes

Tracy moved to approve the January minutes. Terri seconded. All present approved.

Director's Report: Randy Engstrom reporting

- ARTS is hiring an architect to advise the move to King Street Station. Bathrooms and a commission room will be on the second floor, the third floor will be part office space, and ARTS will also have a satellite space – likely in City Hall, connected to the Office of Planning and Community Development.
- On March 9th there will be a working session for the new board of the Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute.
- Cultural Access Washington (CAWA) was discussed at the last Arts Funders Roundtable meeting, and Randy recommends reframing the conversation into one which imagines what CAWA should look like.



Director's Report: Discussion

- CAWA will be on the county ballot in November of 2017. In preparation, the Commission will dedicate the April SAC meeting to speaking with CAWA leadership and stakeholders to better understand the legislation.
- The Commission suggested that the Community Development and Outreach committee merge with Facilities and Economic Development committee during the King Street Station outreach and engagement phase.
- The Commission's budget priorities letter is due on May 1st.

Create City Update

At this year's event, the Mayor will make his public announcement of the King Street Station outreach and public engagement plan. There will be a "meet the commissioners" space where folks can mingle and learn about the Arts Commission. Calandra will have focused messaging and talking points by April 13th. The Commission recommends that ARTS look for food options within the ID community.

Announcements

- Applications are open for SAM's paid Summer internship program: <http://seattleartmuseum.org/about-sam/careers#int> – apps close on April 1st
- Pratt Open House: Saturday, April 2nd, 6-9pm: <http://www.pratt.org/event/springfever2016/>

Adjournment: 5:30pm