



SEATTLE ARTS COMMISSION
Minutes
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday July 14th, 2015
City Hall: Boards and Commissions L280

Commissioners present: Jeff Benesi, Jonathan Cunningham, Priya Frank, Jerry Garcia, Terri Hiroshima, Amy Piñon, Vivian Phillips, Kelly Rodriguez, Gian-Carlo Scandiuzzi, Michael Seiwerath, Huong Vu, and Sharon Williams

Commissioners absent: Jeff Benesi, Perri Howard, Fidelma McGinn, Billy O'Neill, Tracy Rector

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

Guests present: None

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Welcome: Vivian Phillips

Vivian Phillips welcomed the new Get Engaged commissioner Ashraf Hasham, Deputy Director of Teen Tix, to the commission.

June Minutes

Michael moved to approve the June minutes. Huong seconded. All present approved.

Public Comment

None

Mayor's Arts Awards Update: Calandra Childers

Mayor's Arts Awards is September 4th at 4:00pm with commission photos at 3:00pm.

Civic Poet: Kelly Rodriguez

A panel interviewed seven poets and selected Claudia Castro Luna to be the first Civic Poet. On top of being a season poet, Luna has worked with diverse communities and has a background in education.

Director's Report: Randy Engstrom reporting



Payton Bordley has been hired as the racial equity liaison and Amanda Standley, formerly from the Office of Policy and Innovation, is ARTS' new operations coordinator. The new director of OED, Brian Surrat, has asked Randy and Kate Becker, from the Office of Film + Music, to help develop a plan for creative industries in Seattle. Randy met with Capitol Hill Housing to discuss the idea of an arts public development authority. ARTS is a partner with the Seattle Art Fair and helped negotiate King Street Station for the Out of Sight art exhibition.

Special Guest: Councilmember Nick Licata

Councilmember Nick Licata sat down with the SAC to talk about his tenure on city council and his involvement in the arts. When asked by SAC what Licata saw as his art legacy he said he wants to see flexibility in the percent for art ordinance, more youth involvement in government, and a strategy for how public spaces can house arts organizations.

Artist Presentation: Juliana Ross and Carol Williams

Juliana Ross from SPACE gallery in Magnusson Park talked about her involvement with the U.S. Department of Arts and Culture and asked for SAC help with an "Imagining" session she is hosting. "Imagining" are arts infused events where people imagine the culture they want to have in the future. Artist Carol Williams spoke about an exhibition she is co-presenting with artist Robert Horton at SPACE gallery on August 2nd about race and climate change.

Get-Engaged Debrief: Amy Piñon

Amy Piñon talked about her experience in the year-long Get Engaged program. Piñon recommended the following ideas for creating a meaningful experience for future Get-Engaged commissioners; more equity training, create action items after each meeting, bring in outside facilitators, and invite youth to commission meetings. Piñon also suggests the monthly meetings have art experiences.

Announcements:

- Hip Hop Residency at EMP has final performance Friday July 31st from 5-6:30pm
- Embolden at the Theater Off Jackson "The Rise and Fall of King Bolden" July 23rd-August 3rd
- Satellite Seattle, a satellite art fair, is Saturday August 1st
- Rent Control Debate in City Hall on July 20th at 6:00pm
- Community Gathering on Linkage fees July 14th at 5:30pm in BKL in City Hall
- July 22nd Charleston 9 Tweet Up at 2312 gallery

Adjournment: 5:40pm