



ARTS COUNCIL MINUTES JANUARY 10, 2018

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Rene Stratton, at 6:32 pm at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center, 8236 SE 24th St., Mercer Island, WA 98040

Roll Call

Members Present: Amy Barnes, Joy Liechty, Matt Lome, Angelina Odievich, Jessica Prince, XiXi Shakes and Rene Stratton.

Members Absent: Joy Langley, June Silverberg, An Tootill, and Erin Vivion.

City Council: City Council Member Salim Nice

MIVAL Liaison: Claudia Zimmerman

Staff: Kai Fulginiti and Eileen Hemmis Trifts

Appearances:

Evan Maxim, Planning Manager, City of Mercer Island Development Services Group

The city is in the process of updating the city's Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is utilized in decisions the planning council might make. The plan does not currently contain an art element.

The purpose of this appearance is to ask the Arts Council to contribute to creating page or two of policies and goals for inclusion in the plan, and that could potentially be used when going to the City Council for approval of an art project. They should not be specific, but fairly broad in scope and reflect a long term commitment. The goal is to craft material that is valuable to the city and the Arts Council over time, but doesn't lock them into specifics.

Based on the Arts Council mission statement, staff will create a draft to bring to the February meeting for Arts Council input.

Minutes:

Matt Lome motioned to approve the minutes of December 13, 2017 as submitted. The motion was seconded and passed.

Chair Report

No Report.

Special Projects, Rene Stratton, Chair

No Report.

Mostly Music in the Park – Joy Liechty, Chair

The deadline for submissions is January 25. Responses are pouring in!

Public Art, Erin Vivion, Chair

No Report

Indoor Gallery, Amy Barnes, Co-Chair

Invitation extended to all members to Gallery Reception for current exhibit. Thursday, January 11th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Outdoor Gallery, Angelina Odievich, Co-Chair

No Report

Ad Hoc Committee Report:

Matt Lome – Community Dance

The band is Little Blue and the Blue Notes. They play swing and blues music. Most of the details have been ironed out. Volunteers will be needed as the dance draws closer. Ticket sales start tomorrow. Advertising venues include Facebook, Flyers, the Mercer Island Reporter and Mercer Island Next Door.

Staff Report: Kai Fulginiti

Russian Chamber Concert: The Arts Council discussed funding the Russian Chamber Orchestra performance at Luther Burbank Park again this year or skipping a year and put the funds towards a higher quality (MMIP) band.

Matt Lome motioned to decline funding the Russian Chamber Orchestra for the upcoming year. The motion was seconded and passed.

Retreat Info: The Arts Council retreat will be held at the Community & Event Center on Saturday, January 20, from 9:00 am until 12:30 pm. Amber Britton will be the facilitator. Jim Kelly, recently retired from 4Culture, will be a guest speaker. Please advise if you will be unable to attend.

Outdoor Gallery Update:

- Sculpture Garden Plaques – Plaques and stands have been received and will be installed by Parks Maintenance crew in February.
- Rippling Waters Sculpture by Ingrid Lahti – Approved and installation is currently being coordinated.

2017 Chair Reports: Kai requested that chairs submit their committee annual report by the February meeting. Committee Chair reports are an integral part of the Arts Council Annual Report which will be presented to the City Council. Pictures are helpful and can be submitted with reports.

Staff Report: Eileen Hemmis Trifts

Reminder to watch OPMA YouTube video, Joy Liechty and Xixi Shakes have viewed the video. Angelina Odievich, Erin Vivion and June Silverberg yet to be confirmed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM

Rene Stratton, Vice Chair

Attest:

Eileen Hemmis Trifts, Scribe