



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Springfield City Hall, 225 5th St., Springfield, OR 97477

January 10, 2023

5:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Springfield Arts Commission was held on January 10, 2023. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 5:32p.m virtually and in the Library Conference Room 2.

Present: Summer Young-Jelinek, Kelly Moninger, Meredith Branch, Uyen-Thi Nguyen, Leonard Stoehr
Staff Liaison: Mindy Linder

5:32-5:38 FINANCIAL REPORT MINDY

Mindy went over budget and showed the additional \$7,000.00 that was rolled over for the mural restoration project.

5:38-5:43 GALLERY COMMENT BOOK MINDY

Mindy went over issues with the Gallery comment book. Someone had drawn inappropriate pictures in it and had a few racially insensitive comments. She asked if the book gets checked by the Gallery person occasionally. Kelly said yes, the book does periodically get checked since the artists like to read it and take pictures of it during deinstall.

Summer suggested maybe going to QR code or google form for a digital comment book. Meredith was concerned that many technical inexperienced people would not be able to utilize a digital comment book. Kelly suggested using comment cards and a locked comment box.

5:44-7:00 SAC RESIGNATIONS, RECRUITMENT AND ARTWALK/GALLERY

RESIGNATIONS - Kelly and Antonio submitted resignations. Antonio did not attend the meeting and will not be back. Kelly will stay on to help until February 1st to make sure the February artist gets installed. After Kelly Leaves the SAC will be down to only 3 members.

ARTWALK- Summer suggested temporarily pulling out of the art walk until more volunteers can be found. Volunteering options are limited. Cascade couriers could poster up art exhibit info for us. Discussed getting outside volunteers perhaps from DITCH and EAC. Need reliable, consistent people. Priority is to recruit new commissioners, and then work on outside volunteers after the SAC recruitment period is over.

The November show with Antonio got pushed back and there was misunderstanding and event conflict, which was very surprising to Meredith, since she had coordinated 12 flutists for that same day. There was also miscommunication on other accounts regarding use of the space and the arts commission not knowing that another event was happening at the same time. Mindy will see how we can avoid future conflicts.



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MOTION: To sponsor EAC \$25 for Artwalk sponsorship. - Summer.

Meredith 2nds.

PASSES

RECRUITMENT - Commissioner Recruitment is opening this month and closing in mid-February. There is very little notice for commissioners to promote the info. Mary Bridget suggested we present a proposal to Councilor Stoehr to take to the retreat to get it on the agenda as an item. SAC is in a state of crisis with only 3 members, we need assistance recruiting more members, request a temporary change in 4 yr term requirement, as that has been a detractor.

MOTION: To create, distribute, and follow up on promotional materials for recruitment. - Summer

Thi 2nds.

PASSES

MARKETING - Mindy met with Amber re communications in web and social media. We can add photos, slide gallery, some navigation and subpages- there are options to flesh it out. Re social media, commissioners can email Amber with FB events and posts and she will put them up. The arts commission could have a more commanding presence.

Ideas to distribute recruitment info: to Rotary, organizations that we gave special money to last year, the library, maybe run ads in the Eugene Weekly

HAG- Due to the loss of commissioners, Summer volunteered to take on the lead of HAG since she's the only one left who has done it before.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) Kelly will install February artist and contact remaining artists to let them know we are pausing Artwalk events until we have enough volunteers.
- 2) SAC needs to find someone to deinstall February and install future artists.
- 3) Summer will create a recruitment poster with a QR code that links to web info on ways you can participate, Kelly will make a ¼ sheet, and Thi will create language for the website describing roles/info on being a commissioner. Thi will also draft some replies to the questions posed by council liaison AJ Nytes.
- 4) Marketing subcommittee will meet Saturday, Jan 14 at 1 pm via zoom.
- 5) Summer will email Councilor Stoehr with a proposal to get on the agenda for the retreat ASAP to address the SAC recruitment crisis.

7:00-7:01

COUNCIL UPDATE

LEONARD

Council Stoehrer advocated using the arts commission as an example to make it as flexible as possible for the housing commission. Unlimited people within urban growth boundary, and at least 2 people. City council swore in two new members.



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The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Uyen-Thi Nguyen, Secretary