



Auburn Arts Commission
June 4, 2024 - 4:30 PM
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Auburn Ave
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chris Olds called the meeting to order at 4:32PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Kristine De Leon, Tammy Dwight, Tracy Gallaway, John Harris, Amber Lott, Trisenda Mayfield, Ann Marie Natali, Chris Olds, Tori Olsen, Dinah Rau, Rocky Salvador

Excused: Carol Smetheram

Unexcused: None

Staff: Julie Krueger, Arts & Events Manager; Allison Hyde, Arts Program Supervisor; Amanda Jenkinson, Arts Assistant

Guests: Lucile Chide, Sound Transit; Ryan Feddersen, Artist; Sam Obrovac, Artist; Barbara Luecke

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. ZOOM and In-person Attendance options

This meeting was held both in person and virtually.

2. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of April 2024 Minutes

Commissioners were asked to review minutes for the April 2, 2024 meeting. Dinah Rau moved that the minutes be accepted as written. Trisenda Mayfield seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

V. DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

- A. Sound Transit Presentation

Sound Transit representative Lucille Chide introduced artists Sam Obrovac and Ryan Feddersen, and explained the collaboration process between Sound Transit and various public artists. During the construction process for new transit infrastructure, artists are selected to provide design concepts and Sound Transit holds the responsibility to fabricate and implement artwork in the finished infrastructure.

The Auburn Sounder Garage, approved by voters in 2008 and estimated to open in 2027, will prominently display a Muckleshoot design created by the artist Sam Obrovac. Obrovac was selected and on board since 2023 to work in tandem with the development of the garage. Upon the opaque and semi-opaque glass of the elevator tower will be a "story pole," created with themes of transmission, waterways, and traditional means of transportation.

Central Salish artist Ryan Feddersen introduced the Auburn Retrofit Project. At the Auburn Transit station, 72 glass panels will be replaced with art glass designed by Feddersen to be installed in July 2024. Each section upon each canopy will represent different Northwest plants and their relationship to people, and are inspired by beadwork, patterns, and Interior Salish history.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Project Support Grant

Allison Hyde gives context to the commission on the Doors Open initiative. Sustained Support funding, provided by 4Culture, consistently funded the grants supplied by the City of Auburn. With Doors Open, non-profit businesses previously funded by grants through the City of Auburn and other institutions could now apply to be directly funded by Doors Open. The City of Auburn proposes that we support the efforts of non-profit businesses by directing them to 4culture to utilize their resources and receive funding for their programs.

Motion to discontinue the Project Support Grant as it currently exists made by Rocky Salvador, seconded by Dinah Rau.

B. Individual Artist Support

Hyde discusses the impact eliminating the Project Support Grant will have on individual artists, who are not eligible for Doors Open funding yet, and suggests the commission consider the idea of repurposing a portion of those 4Culture Sustained Support funds once used for the Project Support Grants to create a new grant opportunity to specifically fund individual artist projects that benefit the City of Auburn community. Depending on the number of and feasibility of applicants that apply annually, there may be more flexibility to keep arts funding fluid for other programs such as artist in residence, public art projects, and other art-based programming.

City arts staff recommended the Arts Commission consider creating an

individual artist support grant with an annual donation maximum of \$2,500 for the first year, with grants typically in the award amount of \$500-\$1,000. Commission Chair Chris Olds requests a motion to approve the creation of this new opportunity. Trisenda Mayfield motions; Tori Olsen seconds. All approve.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourns at 5:58pm.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Jenkinson.

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