

In Attendance:

Matthew Coles
Richard Taylor
Lana Taylor
Caitlyn Tursic
Jeff Driggs
Hannah Nielsen
Kate Jarmin-Gates
Torle Nenbee
Susan Rickman
Katherine Potter
Travis English
Thomas Kessinger
Kathy Davis
Sabrina Martinez

Excused:

Sarah Longoria

Guests:

Lorena Rizzo Jensen
Sylvia Richards

April 17th, 2024

BOARD MEETING

5:30 – 7:00 P.M.

54 FINCH LANE, SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84102

*This meeting will occur in-person. Remote option for the public or those unable to attend in person.

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AGENDA

I. Call to Order and Welcome Guests

Ms. Rickman called the meeting to order and invited Board members to share their experiences with the arts over the past month.

II. Arts Event Discussion

Ms. Davis saw Bitter Lemon at Plan B and Pretty Woman at Eccles. She also saw the eclipse in Texas.

Ms. Taylor went to DC and attended 5 different art museums. In addition, she saw SLAC's production of the Bald Sisters, went to the Symphony and attended the Westminster Student Dance Recital.

Ms. Baca saw an ABBA cover band at the Utah Symphony. Prior to the attending, she attended a UMOCA art making activity that was disco themed.

Mr. Driggs stated he saw ABBA in 1979 during their only official tour of the United States.

Mr. Kessinger visited the Three Creeks Confluence Park and admired its "public art gallery" installation.

Ms. Nielsen and the Leonardo Museum hosted the second annual indigenous fashion show.

Sabrina Martinez attended the Royal Ballet in London and saw Swan Lake. In addition she went to the Tate Modern and saw the Ono Oko exhibition.

Travis English attended the Millcreek Commons and was excited by the various different ways the space has been activated, including crafts area for children, a market, restaurants and the occasional weiner dog race.

Ms. Rizzo-Johnson joined the meeting virtually and thanked for the ability to listen in.

III. Approve Board Meeting Minutes — February/March 2024 (Action)

Ms. Rickman explains that due to a clerical error, the February meeting minutes file was corrupted, and the Board needed to take action to approve both the February and March minutes.

Kathy Davis motions to approve minutes.

Travis English seconds the motion to approve the minutes.

All vote in favor. The motion passes.

IV. Management

A. Program/Administrative Updates

i. Introduction of New Staff-Mariah Johnson

Ms. Baca introduced a new staff member Mariah Johnson and Siri Vlasic.

Mariah Johnson joined the Council the new Communications Coordinator. Ms. Johnson explained that she is from Ogden and has a background in graphic design. She earned her

degree from Weber State. She works part time at the Ogden Contemporary Arts and previously at the Shaw Gallery. In addition she has experience with non-profits and social media management.

The Council also hired a Great Salt Lake Coordinator, Siri Vlasic.

Ms. Vlasic introduced herself as a Salt Lake resident. She earned a bachelor's degree in environmental science from Westminster College. Afterwards, she worked for the Friends of Alta. She then earned her Masters Degree in Environmental Studies and Sustainability in Sweden. Her thesis was on the intersection between sustainability and art, and specifically "how art can be used as a catalyst for emotion" that can be used to produce systemic change. She is excited about her role and to be part of the team.

ii. Program Updates-Felicia Baca

Ms. Baca provided an update on programming.

Tickets for Twilight went on sale and are going well.

The Council is close to finalizing their agreement with Bloomberg. With the hope it will be in by the end of April. Ms. Baca explained that once the agreement is finalized the Council will need to perform a budget amendment in May. Grant applications close on 4/18 for the Wake the Great Salt Lake grant with over 90 applications as of 4/17.

Finch Lane is participating in the Salt Lake Gallery Stroll on 4/19.

Living Traditions has reached their fundraising goal and exceeded foundation support goals. Ms. Baca encouraged all Board members to sign up for a volunteer shift. Ms. Nenbee asked if friends and family could volunteer and Ms. Baca replied in the affirmative.

Applications are open for the Buskerfest. In addition, Primrose Productions provided her feedback on the Salt Lake Street Performer ordinance which will advance to City Planning soon.

Ms. Baca has asked for the RDA and the Housing Stability Program to present on their programming in May or June which will inform the Board about housing affordability generally that can be shared with artist communities.

Ms. Baca gave a shout out to Ms. Day for drafting a whistle blower policy which is part of our strategic plan.

iii. Budget Process Updates

A draft of the Mayor's budget was released. A draft will be provided to the Board in May and the Board will be asked to approve the budget at the June meeting.

V. Budget/Financial

A. Review of Financials – Caitlin Tursic

Ms. Tursic provided a review of the financials. The Council's finances are in good standing. The largest expenditures were to event producers, Primrose Productions and S&S Presents. Ms. Tursic also let the Board know that the draft 990 is available for review and Ms. Baca stated that the Council's taxes will be filed in May.

Ms. Rickman thanks Ms. Tursic for her presentation and invites Mr. Coles to present on a potential new Board Member.

VI. Board

A. Potential New Member, Gabriella Huggins-Matthew Coles-(Action)

Mr. Coles reviews Ms. Huggins background and makes a motion to advance her as a candidate to the Mayor's Office. Mr. Driggs seconds the motion.

All vote in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

B. Officers Election/Committee updates and term renewal-Susan Rickman

Ms. Rickman reminds the Board that officer elections are coming up for the Board's Executive Committee. Interested Board members should reach out to Ms. Rickman or Ms. Baca. Executive Committee members are Officers, except for the at-large position.

The Strategic Planning and Governance Committee will need additional members soon.

VII. Public Comment

None.

VIII. Other Business

* The Salt Lake City Arts Council Board reserves the right to act on any agenda items.

Ms. Rickman informs the Board that they can create a text thread to invite other Board members to arts event outings.

Ms. Taylor asks about what form the text thread will take, for example a WhatsApp group, and Ms. Baca responded that we are going to use basic text for now.

Ms. Taylor moves to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Jarmin-Gates seconds.

The meeting is adjourned.

APPROVED