

**Salt Lake City Arts Council
Board Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2020
WebEx Online**

Present:

Andrea Ashdown	Matthew Castillo
Efren Corado Garcia	Kathy Davis
Annie Dayton	Erika Hill
Susan Koles Rickman	Leah Langan
Dave Mortensen	Torle Nenbee
Katherine Potter	

Staff Members: Felicia Baca, Arts Division Director
Kelsey Ellis, Assistant Director
Sylvia Richards, City Council Office
Ben Kolendar, Acting Director of Economic Development

Excused: Larry Cohen, Kanika Welch

Not present: Steve Barth

I. Call to Order

Ms. Katherine Potter called the meeting to order at approximately 5:35pm and welcomed new board members: Andrea Ashdown, Kathy Davis, Erika Hill, and Torle Nenbee.

II. Approve Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Susan Koles Rickman made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 22nd meeting; the motion was seconded by Mr. Dave Mortensen and passed unanimously.

III. Management Update

A. Executive Director Updates

1. Strategic Planning

Ms. Felicia Baca began her update by sharing that staff and the board participated in virtual working groups with Jake McIntire of Union Creative and are midway through the strategic planning process.

2. Program Updates

Finch Lane Gallery: the gallery remains closed through the current exhibition of 35x35 but exhibition sales are available online. The next exhibition is set to open on June 19th and will feature works by Andrew Alba and Laura Hendricks.

The second iteration of Finch Lane Flash Projects will take place online June 11-13 and will feature Queer Spectra, Kristina Lenzi, and Macie Hamblin in coordination with Pride Month.

Every Tuesday between 10:00am-1:00pm, the gallery is used as an emergency food distribution site in support of the Salt Lake Education Foundation's COVID-19 response.

Living Traditions: staff is exploring outreach programming related to storytelling called Living Legacy and hopes to continue in the future.

Twilight Concert Series: staff has not yet made a public announcement regarding canceling the series. Ms. Baca will meet with the Mayor's team on May 21 to discuss.

3. COVID-19 Updates

Ms. Baca reported 506 applications were received for the emergency artist relief fund. The applications will be panel-reviewed by June 22 and payments are expected to be dispersed by mid-late June.

IV. Budget Updates

A. Budget/Financial Update

Ms. Kelsey Ellis provided an overview of the forecasted budget for fiscal year 2020 and 2021. She also reviewed a three year budget comparison.

V. Board Update

A. New Board Members

Ms. Potter welcomed the four new board members and thanked them for joining.

B. Discussion of officer nominations

Ms. Potter stated current officers' terms are set to expire in June. She encouraged members to consider the following roles: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Current members: Ms. Potter, Mr. Mortensen, Ms. Leah Langan and Mr. Matthew Castillo provided a brief summary of the roles and time commitments. Members were asked to notify Ms. Baca and Ms. Potter by June 5 if they are interested in filling a position.

VI. Arts Event Discussion

Mr. Mortensen shared that SONDERImmersive is staging an in-car rendition of Romeo & Juliet entitled *Through Yonder Window*.

Ms. Baca mentioned the SLC Concert Cruise was held on May 16th and featured 9 musical acts that audiences experienced via bike ride.

Ms. Potter noted that Parker Theatre reopened with *The Corona Conundrum*, a socially-distanced theatre experience.

Ms. Annie Dayton shared that Salt Lake City is seeking public submissions for their flag redesign. Ms. Baca is on the selection committee and the winning design will be awarded \$3,000.

VII. Public Comment – None Given

VIII. Other business/Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:34pm.

APPROVED