

**Salt Lake City Arts Council
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 16, 2020
WebEx Online**

Present:

Andrea Ashdown
Steve Barth
Matthew Castillo
Kathy Davis
Annie Dayton
Erika Hill

Jared Jones
Leah Langan
Dave Mortensen
Torle Nenbee
Kat Potter
Susan Koles Rickman

Public Guest:

Ben Kolendar
Taylor Knuth (staff in process of hiring).
Sylvia Richards

Staff Members:

Felicia Baca
Kelsey Ellis

I. Call to Order and Welcome Guests

Mr. Dave Mortensen called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

II. Approve Board Meeting Minutes

Unanimously approved

III. Management Update 5:35

A. Executive Director updates

- a. Ms. Felicia Baca introduced our new Assistant Director, Taylor Knuth. Taylor is coming to us from Weber State as a development director.
- b. Ms. Baca thanked the Board for their service through the challenging year. We provided critical funding for many artists. The Mayor sends her thanks as well.

The Winter art installation at Finch Lane was canceled because an artist came in contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case.

c. Budget revisions

Ms. Kelsey Ellis shared some high-level changes:

- a. Revenue: SLC Non-departmental line went up in relation to what was approved in the budget.
- b. Contributions remained about the same.
- c. Earned income has a more modest projection due to modifications in the Living Traditions festival.
- d. County grants (ZAP funding) – conservative projection, we will likely get more than what was projected last year.

- e. State grants increased – due to relief funding coming in from the Utah Division of Arts & Museums.
 - f. Federal increased – CARES dollars and two \$20,000 NEA grants. Carry over from last year and one for the 20-21 festival.
 - g. Public art put in through audit process – was absent in last year’s budget so this is a correction.
 - h. Expense changes – expenses will be far lower than what was approved due primarily to COVID-19 changes. Reallocated funds from 2020 to next year’s programming.
 - i. Projecting a fund balance of \$62,000.
 - j. A second amended budget will be presented when some projected funds are settled after the beginning of the year.
- b. Mr. Matt Castillo motioned to approve the budget, Ms. Kat Potter seconded. Unanimously approved.

IV. Budget/Financial Update

Mr. Castillo reports that the budget and finances are looking good, spending is limited, and the balance sheet looks great. No issues or concerns to report on.

V. Board Updates

A. Board Member Nominations

Governance Committee met with two prospective board members:

- i. Ms. Erika Hill met with Sonali Loomba, who specializes in Indian classical dance form, has been in arts and culture for over a decade, and hopes to represent the diversity of SLC.
- ii. Ms. Leah Langan spoke with Nicole Dicou, a local artisan candlemaker, worked with Jim Matheson in Washington, D.C., and was the Associate Director of Equality Utah.
- iii. Action to approve new board members
Ms. Annie Dayton motions to approve, Jared Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Felicia looking for prospective members of the Art and Design board, specifically people in academia as a recent vacancy.

VI. Arts Event Discussion

Ms. Potter shared info about events surrounding the 125th anniversary of Utah statehood in January. These events on January 4 highlight arts and culture in Utah. Will air on local network affiliates at 6:30 PM.

Ms. Kathy Davis shared that the Salt Lake Acting Company will be streaming a performance of Tigers. Pioneer Theatre is doing readings of A Christmas Carol. Ballet West is doing a free stream of the Nutcracker.

VII. Public Comment

Happy Holidays from Mr. Ben Kolendar.

VIII. Other Business/Adjourn

Board meeting adjourned at 6:01 PM.