

Salt Lake City Arts Council
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 19, 2021
WebEx Online

Present:

Andrea Ashdown
Annie Dayton
Nico Dicou
Erika Hill
Dave Mortensen
Torle Nenbee
Kat Potter
Susan Rickman

Staff:

Felicia Baca
Kelsey Ellis
Lorena Rizzo Jensen
Ben Kolendar
Sara Montoya

Public:

Ariana Williford

Excused:

Matthew Castillo

I. Call to Order and Welcome Guests

Mr. Dave Mortensen called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

II. Approve Board Meeting Minutes – April 2021 (Action)

No comments or correction to the April minutes. Ms. Susan Rickman motioned to approve the minutes and Ms. Nico Dicou seconded that motion.

III. Management Update

a. General Updates & Programs

i. May Programs: Living Traditions, Grants, Busker Fest, Finch Lane, Brown Bag, Twilight

Ms. Felicia Baca shared that there was great attendance of about 4,500 people at Living Traditions. The event was a huge success with good crowd flow.

Twilight Concert Series went on sale last week – 822 season passes have been sold so far and 92 of those are season VIP passes. General admission tickets will go on sale on Thursday.

Grants are moving along under the direction of Mr. Taylor Knuth.

There is a Brown Bag concert tomorrow night as well as open street concerts later in June.

The mural call for the public art project (“Out of the Blue” on 900 South) is now open. The three murals at the homeless resource centers are moving forward. Contracts are being managed with our arts coordinator, Ms. Claire Taylor.

ii. Equity Consultant – future meeting

The new equity consultant will attend our next board meeting. Ms. Torle Nenbee, Mr. Jared Jones, and Mr. Taylor Knuth have been working closely with them.

b. Mayor's Office Updates

i. Mayor's FY22 Proposed Budget

Ms. Coletta Lynch has been named as the equity consultant for the city.

ii. Any discussion or feedback on Seven Canyons Fountain

Ms. Baca has received 950 survey responses. The two options are to decommission the work or refurbish the artwork and leave as a dry fountain. The majority supported the refurbishment option.

IV. Budget/Financial Update

a. Review of Financials

Ms. Kelsey Ellis shared that not much has changed since the March reconciliations. The profit/loss report will show the most activity during May and June due to activity surrounding the Living Traditions. We are still in a very good position.

On our balance sheet, the grant checking account and grants payables do not match up. This was due to an expense that was accidentally taken from the wrong checking account. This has now been resolved and will be reflected in next month's financials.

b. Review of Forecast for FY21 Budget & Review of FY22 Projected Budget

Ms. Baca shared that next Tuesday, we are scheduled for our budget presentation to council. Mr. Ben Kolendar said that the exact time will be released on Friday. Ms. Ellis touched on our approved amended FY21 budget. We projected that we would have a net position of \$162,000. We are currently sitting closer to \$190,000. Some of the activities we planned were not executed. Our ZAP award for calendar year 2020 was higher than in our budget. At the time of approval, there were still projected numbers for Living Traditions that are currently being dialed in.

Ms. Ellis shared our projected budget for FY22. This will be presented to City Council on Tuesday. As soon as we learn more about the American Recovery Funds, that will be added into the budget. \$650,000 was requested for programming funding. \$612,000 was approved, and programming cuts have been made accordingly. There is more funding going towards staff training and support, according to Mr. Kolendar. Over the long run, this could potentially increase our ZAP award, according to Ms. Ellis.

c. City Budget Process & Discussion (American Recovery)

Ms. Baca shared that we are still waiting on direction on possible funds that may come from the American Recovery Funds.

V. Board Updates

a. Officers & Committees

i. Board member departure

Mr. Jared Jones and Mr. Steve Barth are leaving the board at the end of the month. The board and city express their deep appreciation for their service.

ii. Executive Committee Nomination (Action)

Mr. David Mortensen proposes to nominate Ms. Annie Dayton as the vice-chair. Ms. Kat Potter seconds Mr. Mortensen's proposal.

iii. Officers & Recruitment

Ms. Kat Potter will be looking at incoming applications at the end of May. We are looking for more representatives from 3, 5, and 7, but applications are open from all districts. If anyone is interested in joining the nominating committee, please reach out to Ms. Potter or Ms. Baca. If anyone is interested in serving in the executive committee, please reach out to Ms. Baca by the first week of June.

VI. Arts Event Discussion

There is a Living Traditions event this Saturday.

Ms. Rickman watched Ballet West's choreographic festival. There should be a video online.

There will be a free Michelle Moonshine concert at Lincoln Street Farm (156 S Lincoln Street) this Saturday from 6-9 PM.

VII. Other Business/Adjourn

Motion to end meeting by Ms. Rickman, seconded by Ms. Nenbee. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.