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Salt Lake City Art Design Board Meeting
August 5, 2021
4:00 – 5:00 pm
Webex Online

PRESENT: Aurelio Velazquez Tiffini Porter
Maggie Troilli

Staff Members

Renato Olmedo-Gonzalez, Public Art Program Manager
Felicia Baca, Arts Council Executive Director

I. Call to Order/Approval of Minutes

Mr. Renato Olmedo-Gonzalez called the meeting to order in the absence of a board president. Ms. Felicia Baca advised the board that, per city regulation, does not have a quorum therefore the business related to this meeting will be limited to deciding on potential board members to fill vacancies and updates from the Arts Council.

Ms. Baca recapped the decision the Mayor made regarding the mural for the 9th Street Roundabout public art project. She also recapped the process of selecting the sculpture for the roundabout that began in 2019. It involved two reiterations in the Request for Qualifications and Proposals for the sculpture with the second round including a mural element.

II. Art Design Board Vacancies

Mr. Olmedo-Gonzalez presented the candidates that he and Ms. Maggie Troilli interviewed for the open positions on the Board. First candidate is Mr. Alejandro Moya from District 1, a bilingual queer artist, designer, and arts educator from the US-Mexico borderlands. Mr. Moya was very thoughtful in the way he addressed their questions and in the way he sees public art intersect with the public. Mr. Aurelio Velazquez commented on the strength of this candidate. Ms. Tiffini Porter asked for clarification on the process of recommending board members and what criteria is needed on the board right now, such as the district they live in, their profession, and diversity.

Mr. Olmedo-Gonzalez responded that we are recruiting a professional architect, a requirement per the City Ordinance, artist, arts educator, arts administrator, or community member. The current Districts the Board is recruiting for are Districts One, Four, Five, and Six. The Board can have up to two representatives from a district if the person fits the other criteria well. The Art Design Board is a seven-person board. Ms. Baca said that the Arts Council will advertise for new Board Members in the coming weeks, particularly the architect position.

Mr. Olmedo-Gonzalez next presented Ms. Kate Jarman-Gates, also from District 1. Ms. Jarman-Gates is a mixed-media artist and arts educator. She is a good candidate but isn't as experienced as other candidates.

Ms. Colour Maisch was the third candidate, a mixed-media sculptor. In her interview she mentioned that she has great business skills and is good at diplomatic work and bringing people together through challenging discussions and decisions.

The current members discussed the composition of the board further and made the decision to move forward with recommendations. Ms. Troilli made a motion to recommend Mr. Moya to the Mayor to join the board. Mr. Velazquez seconded, and all members voted in favor.

After further discussion Ms. Porter motioned to recommend Ms. Maisch to the Mayor to join the Art Design Board and Ms. Troilli seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

III. Art Council Update

Ms. Baca updated the board on the Seven Canyons Fountain. Consultants hired by the city initially recommended two options: decommission the artwork and remove it or leaving it as a dry fountain. The City created a survey for community members regarding what they would like to have happen to the sculpture, and many responses wanted to know if there were other options. The city has requested the consultants and two of the original artists to research if there are any additional recommendations possible.

IV. Public Comment

No public present.

V. Other Business/Adjourn

a. Staffing Update

Kellie Call, Performing Arts Coordinator for the Arts Council, is leaving and her position will be open soon.

b. Next meeting September 2, 2021 meeting, 4:00pm

Mr. Velazquez motioned to close the meeting; Ms. Porter seconded. All members voted in favor.