



# ARTS COUNCIL MINUTES

## REGULAR VIDEO MEETING

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

---

### CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Erin Vivion called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Amy Barnes, Erik Gordon, Suzanne Skone, and Gaylene Vaden participated remotely using Zoom (video teleconferencing platform).

City Council liaison Salim Nice, staff members Sarah Bluvas and Ryan Daly, and consultant Emily Moon also participated remotely via Zoom.

### PUBLIC APPEARANCES

*No public appearances.*

### STAFF REPORT

Sarah Bluvas, Economic Development Coordinator for the City, updated members on plans for returning to in-person meetings, the second round of recruitment for City boards and commissions, routine public art maintenance, and other arts community happenings.

### REGULAR BUSINESS

#### 1. Approval of Minutes – May 12 Regular Video Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Gordon, seconded by Barnes to:

**Approve the May 12, 2021, Regular Video Meeting Minutes as amended.**

Passed 5-0-1

FOR: Barnes, Gordon, Skone, Vaden, and Vivion

ABSENT: Anumeha

#### 2. Arts Immediate Action Plan: *The Prairie of Possibilities* Interactive Arts Experience

James Gwertzman and Casey Marvin from The Moonlight Collective presented a proposal for *The Prairie of Possibilities*, a temporary, interactive arts experience, and staff reviewed several factors relevant to approving the project.

It was moved by Skone, seconded by Gordon to:

- **Pursue *The Prairie of Possibilities* as part of the 2021 Community Arts Project;**
- **Direct staff to negotiate a final project scope with The Moonlight Collective; and**
- **Utilize 4Culture Sustained Support funds to support this project.**

Passed 5-0-1

FOR: Barnes, Gordon, Skone, Vaden, and Vivion

ABSENT: Anumeha

#### 3. Arts Immediate Action Plan: Timeline and Committee Updates

Consultant Emily Moon and staff plan to bring a draft recreation budget to the Parks & Recreation Commission in September, which will include an organizational plan for staff support for the Arts Council.

#### 4. 2021 Arts Council Bylaws Review

Mercer Island Arts Council Special Video Meeting – 09.14.21

Approval of Minutes: July 14, 2021, Regular Video Meeting

*The board postponed the 2021 Bylaws Review due to time constraint.*

5. 2021 Meeting Schedule

The board canceled the September 8 Regular Meeting and scheduled a Special Meeting to take place on Tuesday, September 14, at 6:30pm via Zoom.

6. 2021 Volunteer Hours

Staff reminded board members to report any additional volunteer hours outside of regular meetings, which she will already track on behalf of members.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

*No other business.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Video Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.