

**San Anselmo Arts Commission (SAAC)**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**May 10, 2021**  
**via Zoom**

**1. Call to Order:** 7:03 p.m.

**2. Roll Call:** Commissioners/Town Representatives present: Kathy Edwards, Piper Bruner, Elizabeth Grasso, Kathee Shatter, Addison Bugas, Barbara Shands, Mattie O'Grady (Town Liaison)

**Absent:** none

**3. Approval of April 12, 2021 Minutes :** approved

**4. Public Expression (non agenda items):** Treasurer commented that bank balance is \$10,525

**5. Staff Updates**

Dog Park- Mattie updated the commission that the dog park utility box is actually a shed. Kathy did a site visit and opportunity is front and 1 side for most visibility. Both agreed this should be considered for the mural project.

Commission Positions Update: Two have applied for the open commission positions. Interviews to be conducted by town council and new commissioners could start as early as July

Three have applied for the open youth commissioner positions. Both Addie and Piper have expressed interest in continuing. Mattie explained that we have an opportunity to expand but the team agreed to wait to expand until we had additional commission to support this.

**Discussion Items:**

**A. Art on the Avenue**

- Current show up through end of May is John Frances
- June artist is Martha Cedarstrom- Mattie to make sure update in Newsletter
- The landlord has agreed to continue allowing artist to show through July

**B. Scholarships**

We had a winner! Naomi Esparza

- Needs to be put in town Newsletter-Mattie to add
- How to improve for the future
  - Timing
  - Amount maybe 2 \$1K awards
  - Open referrals to any adult rather than counselors by way of google sheet or equivalent website entry
- What to do about the Jazz Scholarship?

Will need to tee up subcommittee meeting end of summer to iron out changes/improvements

### **C. Youth Project**

- Project Postponed to fall
- Theme might need to be updated-Addie and Piper to revisit

### **C. Public Art**

- Town has requested we approach as pilot program
  - Should we wait for new commissioners? August start date
  - Need subcommittee to meet in late June, Kathy, Elizabeth, Barbara & Mattie
  - Look at small or pilot projects, would dog park location work?

### **D. Types of Projects to Support?**

Broader Scope of the Arts Commission has changed

Was focused on music, music in the park, Beatles now shift to visual arts..

Discussion:What do we want to pursue? What is the commission's purpose? Need to support both visual and performing arts

How to get back into music in the coming year?

- Mattie to notify when things open up so SAAC can be part of reopening
- Recruiting commissioners try to find people with specific skill set, Need music expertise, marketing and fundraising specialists
- Kathy to change/update verbiage to Mattie to reflect this in recruitment of additional commissioners

### **Action Items**

- Open floor discussion for new head of committee
  - Kathy Edwards and Barbara Shands expressed interest in Chair of the Commission
    - Both have agreed to work as co-chairs
    - Motion made by Kathee for co-chairs to lead commission. Motion passed unanimously
    - Elizabeth to take over, taking minutes and passing on to Mattie for distribution temporarily (6 months).

### **Harmony**

- Exhibit to start in June but reception date TBD in August
- Kathee reports- good news 28 artists @1.5 pieces of art per person, it looks to be a robust, juried exhibit
  - -Request for parklet in front of Cedars for additional space - 3 store fronts wide (Mattie to help with this)
  - Could be time when street is closed anyway, dates/plans still unknown
  - Request small budget for reception

- Make action item for June to discuss what/or dollar amount to provide for partnership with Cedars for this exhibit

**Future Agenda Items**

**Harmony Budget**