



**Meeting Minutes**  
Tuesday, Jan. 19 2021 @ 11:00 a.m.

\*\*\*Meeting Held Remotely Via GoToMeeting\*\*\*

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**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**  
**Call to order: 11:03 AM**

Present: Danyelle Tinker-Lowder, Jennifer Crockett, Jesse Fan, Merilyn Taylor, Dave Ambrose, Stuart Emmons, Sarah Andrews-Collier, Katherine Lacaze, Sheila Martin  
Theresa Dursse (County Staff)

Absent: None

Guests: Ray Merritt (AVA), Lindsey Aarts (Papernoten)

**2. Introductions**

New and former council members introduced themselves and provided brief personal background information.

**3. Officer Selection**

- David said he was interested in stepping back from the position of council chair.
- Sarah nominated Sheila for chair. Katherine seconded. Council approved nomination.
- Sheila nominated Katherine for vice chair. Sarah seconded. Council approved nomination.
- Dave was selected to serve as interim secretary while new members get acclimated.

**4. Additions/Deletions/Modifications of the Agenda**

Council members modified the agenda to discuss the bylaws draft after the strategic plan (Dave/Jennifer).

**5. Approval of Minutes from Dec. 15, 2020, Meeting**

The minutes were approved (Dave/Jennifer).

**5. General Business**

### Presentation on “Astoria Home for the Holidays”

- Lindsey gave a recap of the “Astoria Home for the Holidays” event, which took place Dec. 2, 2020.
- She started organizing the event in the beginning of November. It was a community online shopping event for artisans and small businesses in the region. She did it to help boost commerce and support local businesses, entrepreneurs and craftspeople. It was also a safer way for people to shop, given the COVID-19 pandemic.
- In all, 67 nonprofits, individual craftspeople, makers, etc. participated. There was \$10,700 worth of commerce in that single day. They also raised donations for local nonprofit organizations.
- Lindsey explained her process for organizing the event, marketing on social media, collecting email lists, and setting up a web page.
- Arts Council discussed how this event could happen again the future.
- Lindsey said she couldn’t volunteer the amount of time she did this year (about 300 hours), but she’d love to see it happen. She feels the event needs to become a community thing, with more help from other individuals to pull it off on an annual basis.
- In general, the event was an easy and convenient gateway into selling things online for certain vendors and individuals who don’t have experience with that market. It was nice to put everyone on the same playing field, Lindsey said.

### Review Strategic Plan

- Arts Council members discussed the strategic planning workshop that Brian Rodgers facilitated last year. In particular, Goal 5 mentions clarifying the Arts Council’s responsibility and authority.
- Sheila noted that, as members of a public advisory committee, Arts Council members have to uphold certain standards and procedures, as per Oregon’s public meeting laws. She said the council can’t vote to make certain changes via email; those decisions have to be made during public meetings.
- The council also has to follow Robert’s Rules of Order and various Oregon statutes.
- Sheila asked Jennifer to present at the February meeting.
- Arts Council members split up responsibilities pertaining to different Strategic Plan goals. Jennifer and Merrilyn said they could research artist-in-residence programs for cultural enrichment in schools. Dave and Danyelle agreed to collect information on public art. Katherine, Sarah and Jennifer agreed to compile calendar sources to share with local artists and organizations. Dave agreed to gather information about resources for musicians.
- Ray shared about a public art sculpture next to the Columbia Maritime Museum that was done with support from AVA and the Astoria Regatta. Dena is the current AVA Artist in Residence.

### Arts Council Bylaw Update

- Dave said a lot of discussion about the proposed bylaw changes already took place by email. He said he is not in favor of increasing the membership. He said the council has the option of asking for help from past members and other volunteers when it comes to large projects, like the annual Arts Summit and economic prosperity survey. People don't have to be voting members of the council to help out in that capacity.
- Sarah agreed with Dave, saying membership should stay where it is. She agreed with the idea of electing officers in December to start the following calendar year.

#### Discussion of Meeting Day/Time

- Danyelle said that for daytime meetings, Wednesdays and Fridays work better for her.
- The council decided to leave the established day/time where it is for the time being (third Tuesday of the month at 11 a.m.

#### **6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.