



CREATIVE SONOMA ADVISORY BOARD
Between Meeting Update
August 2023

Administration

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will be meeting this month to begin the discussion about new candidates to our “pool” list. Additionally, the Committee will consider its recommendations for Board Officers since O’Meara and Gia’s terms both expire at the end of this calendar year.

Director Transition & Search

The job announcement for the Director position went live this week and will be posted at a wide variety of sources. These include local, regional, and national arts sites, economic development associations, grantmakers organizations, regular job sites (Indeed, etc.), local publications (Press Democrat, La Voz, etc.), regional universities and colleges, the Creative Sonoma newsletter, and more. You should have received a separate email from me yesterday that include the description and link for circulation to anything or any site you think is appropriate. The link is here:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/sonoma/jobs/4132732/creative-sonoma-director?keywords=creative&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>.

Programs

Arts Education

Debbie is in planning mode for the coming school year, organizing the Arts Education Alliance (AEA) committees – their personnel, their meeting schedules, etc. She has also been able to meet with the new District Superintendent in Sonoma Valley who is a strong arts champion.

The next AEA meet up is scheduled for August 9 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm at the Mitote Food Truck Park in Roseland. If you would like to attend and meet some of the great arts educators in the county, click [here](#) to RSVP.

AIGO/AEF Grants Go Live

We will be opening the application portal for the Arts Impact Grants for Organizations and the Arts Education Framework grants this week. They will be featured in our next newsletter coming out shortly and we will do other outreach per the usual media channels. Last years application totals exceeded all prior years. We anticipate a similar response this year.

Public Art Consultancy

The Public Art Ad Hoc committee met in July to discuss final details of the proposed Public art Policy and Master Plan. We received feedback on the remaining key questions and guidance from the CAO that are strong enough for us to finalize drafts and bring them forward to the full Board of

Supervisors in September. The Master Plan will be posted to the Creative Sonoma website with an encouragement for public feedback. We will have one more meeting of the Ad Hoc to review final drafts and board presentation materials.

ArtSurround

We are still working on securing a venue and developing the program for a culminating event for the ArtSurround program. We will invite all of the participating artists as well as the Advocate hosts to share the key learnings from this project and to celebrate the results. The event is set for Wednesday, September 13th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm at The Lost Church in Santa Rosa (427 Mendocino Ave). If you would like to attend, please email Bernadette at Bernadette.Marko@sonoma-county.org.

Fire Memorial

We held the first meeting of our Fire Memorial Task Force in July, and it was really fantastic. We had 6 of the 7 members in attendance and the group was incredibly thoughtful and collegial. They are taking the responsibility very seriously – as we all imagined and hoped they would. And our Project Manager, Karin Demarest, led the group with a careful and thoughtful agenda to get things started right. Their first task will be to work with staff on preparing a set of recommended potential sites for the Memorial, a complex process given that we will be working with multiple departments in the County as well as with the City of Santa Rosa to develop the list.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: IN PERSON

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

5:00 – 6:30 pm

Meetings are Face-to-Face at 141 Stony Circle, Santa Rosa unless otherwise notified.