

ELEMENT 11, INC.
Q4 TOWN HALL
November 14, 2015, at 4:00 p.m.
Utah Arts Alliance

PRESENT: Jeff Reese, Chairman; Joe Russo, Vice Chair; Cathi Kennedy, Secretary; Cassie Plant, Treasurer; Kari Larson, General Manager; Sara Tiger; Michelle Davis; J. Wilford Neville; David Born; JP Bernier; Stan Clawson; Martin Gassner.

1. Welcome:
 Jeff opened the meeting and welcomed the Board Members and the community members.
2. YartSale:
 Derek Dyer explained the YartSale being conducted by the Utah Art Alliance. The proceeds from today will be divided 50/50 between the Utah Art Alliance and Element 11.
3. New Board Members:
 Kari introduced the newly elected Board Members, along with their proposed departments:
 Olga Nikishin – Organizational Manager
 Daren Sabin - Technology Director
 Matt Vagabond - Arts Committee
 Topher Cranney - EPW Director
 Wynn John - SMERC Director
4. Board Members Rolling Off:
 Joe thanked the three Board Members who have completed their three-year terms: Cathi, JP, and Jeff.
5. New Executive Committee Members:
 Jeff announced the Executive Committee Members elected for 2016 and their positions:
 Joe Russo - Chair
 David Born - Vice Chair
 Michelle Davis - Secretary
 Cassie Plant - Treasurer
 Kari Larson - General Manager
6. Finances:
 Cassie reported the current account balances, which total \$112,969.77; the year-to-date income of \$129,678.46; year-to-date expenses of \$87,966.59; with a net income of \$46,560.62. Included within these figures are funds totaling \$4,848.75 belonging to the Regional Contacts that are being held in the Element 11 account until they set up their own account and the funds can be transferred.

7. Dates Announcement:

Stan announced that for 2016 an extra day, Wednesday, has been added to the festival. The official festival dates will be July 13 through July 17, 2016. Precompression will take place around the first of March.

8. 2016 Art Grants:

David announced that the application period for 2016 art grants will open on December 1, 2015, and will close on January 31, 2016. Art grant awards will be announced February 15, 2016.

Only art grant recipients will be invited to participate in Precompression 2016.

David is drafting a new Art Grant Policy, which will include some changes.

The total amount to be awarded in art grants in 2016 will be determined at the beginning of the year.

9. Volunteers:

Olga spoke of the need for volunteers for 2016 to fill a variety of positions, including Burning Angels and for activities leading up to the festival. She encouraged those interested in fulfilling a volunteer role to join the Element 11 Volunteers Facebook page.

JP explained the evolution of the MedTent and the Medical department. The ideal is to have one Lead with medical credentials covering each shift, with two Assistants who have a current CPR certification. However, a lot of the shifts in the past have been covered by just one person.

10. Community Survey:

John Ward summarized the community survey that the Regional Contacts recently created and from which they collected data. There were 206 participants. He also passed out laminates that contained some of the results and stated that the complete results will be made publicly available soon.

John introduced the Regional Contacts and explained their role within the community.

11. Decompression:

Forrest Millheim thanked everyone who attended and participated at Decompression this year. There were over 500 attendees, which included a couple dozen kids. There were a number of art projects and Theme Camps represented, such as Cosmic Recess, Crypster Casino, the Weiner Zone, and the Jellyfish 12,000.

There were no major incidents reported and only one theft.

Forrest thanked the volunteers who helped make the event a success, as well as thanked JP for staffing the MedTent during the entire event.

The event netted approximately \$8,100, of which a portion will be donated to Burners without Borders and the Element 11 art grant fund.

An After Burn Report will be available in a few days.

12. All Ages Discussion:

Jeff explained that Burning Man has always been an all-ages event and that they consider including kids to be in accordance with the principle of Radical Inclusion. Because of their position, the Element 11 Board is researching and creating a list of issues that need to be addressed before our festival can become an all-ages event. This includes, among other things, interfacing with local law enforcement, looking into local laws, increasing our infrastructure, including Ranger support, and considering upgrades to our medical support. Once all of the necessary issues have been adequately addressed and resolved, the Element 11 Board will decide on whether or not to transition to an all-ages event.

The following points and questions were raised by community members present at the Town Hall:

- Kids attending will count toward the total head count.
- Our community already has a number of other all-age events.
- Some parents can be irresponsible.
- Is it possible and/or desirable to disassociate from Burning Man and engage in our own self-determination on this issue? Would doing so increase or decrease our ability to secure insurance and liability coverage?
- We exist because of Burning Man, and it is our culture.
- Is our festival just a party in the desert or is it a cultural movement?
- There should be a certain spot for kids, such as Kids Camp.
- It was suggested that we allow kids for only 2 days of the festival, but this would be difficult to enforce.
- While allowing kids to attend the festival will be challenging, we should move in that direction.
- The community survey indicated a low number of parents would bring their kids.
- Do Utah laws allow kids to be present at this type of a festival?
- The Board was thanked for tackling this issue and discussing it with the community.

Members of the Board pointed out that they are taking this matter very seriously and taking everything into consideration. Burning Man originally made this request of Element 11 to transition to an all-ages event for 2015. However, because of a number of factors, Burning Man agreed that we could revisit the issue for 2016.

Jeff encouraged the community members to forward any comments, positive or negative, concerns, and suggestions they have on this issue to the Board email address at bod@element11.org.

13. Temple:

Bobby Gittins, Alice Toler, and John Ward announced that they have submitted a proposal to Burning Man to build the 2017 temple. The award will not be announced until approximately five months before the build.

The Temple group is forming a non-profit and is looking for a large work space. There is a need for designers, buildings, bronze casters, and other assistance. A Utah Temples Facebook

page has been created, and they encouraged anyone interested in participating in this project to join. A fundraising campaign has begun, and they will be applying to have a 25% model out at Element 11.

14. Farewell:

Jeff thanked the community and the Board of Directors for giving him the opportunity to serve on the Board for the last three years and as Chair in 2014 and 2015.

15. Opportunity Drawing:

Lisa Marie Schull and Heather Schmidt

Concluded at 5:25 p.m.