

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH  
ARTS COMMISSION**

April 4, 2016  
6:30

City Hall  
Coho Room

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Joan Probala, Chair  
Trish Bloor, Vice Chair  
Cynthia Freese  
Julie Griffin  
Leslie Moore Pflug  
Wendy Oliver

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT**

Amy Dukes

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Erin Cameron-Murillo  
Fred Hopkins

**VISITORS PRESENT**

Karen Donovan, Executive Director, DIA

***PROBALA called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.***

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***BLOOR moved to approve the minutes of March 14, 2016. OLIVER seconded. Motion carried.***

**CHAIR REPORT - PROBALA**

None

**STAFF REPORT – Amy Dukes**

Dukes reported on the 2016 interview and selection process for City of Issaquah boards and commissions. Newly appointed arts commissioners will attend the May 9 meeting.

**AGENDA****Downtown Issaquah Association, Karen Donovan, Executive Director**

Karen Donovan gave an update on DIA programs. DIA will produce a total of 26 events in 2016. Wine Walk has been successful this year, with April wine walk selling more than 400 tickets. DIA continues to incorporate more artists and music into Wine Walk events. Planning for ArtWalk (first Fridays of July and August) is underway and a call for artists has been disseminated throughout the region. A selection committee will meet in May to select artist vendors. ArtEast, Museo and NW Artist Alliance are all participating in ArtWalk this year and there will be many hands-on arts activities. Donovan also provided information on the Gas Station Blues summer music series and the Fantastic Fly In September event.

**Public Art****Central Park Public Art Update**

Lydia Aldredge was selected as the artist for Central Park project, during a public art review panel in March. Aldredge will design artistic elements for fencing and common areas for the Central Park Pad 1 multi-use turf fields.

## **Programs**

### **2016 Chalk Art Festival**

The Chalk Art Festival will be held on Tuesday, July 26, noon – 5pm. There will be a kids concert, featuring “Recess Monkey,” on the community center lawn, just prior to the Chalk Art Festival. This likely will bring a much larger audience to the Chalk Art event this year. Commissioners brainstormed ideas to accommodate a larger crowd.

## **Arts Grant Planning**

Commissioners discussed the possibility of moving the application and grant review/recommendation timelines this year. It was decided that no major timeline changes would be made in 2016, but would be worked toward for 2017. Ideally, arts grant recommendations would be approved prior to the final budget approval process. In addition, in future months, arts commissioners will look at the program’s grant making guidelines to better align them to the strategic directions being identified in the current arts visioning process.

## **OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be May 9, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Coho Room in the Police Building.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Dukes, Arts Coordinator