CITY OF ISSAQUAH
ARTS COMMISSION

June 13, 2016 **Police Facility**
6:30 **Cougar Room**

MEMBERS PRESENT
Trish Bloor, Chair
Cynthia Freese
Wendy Oliver, Co-Vice Chair
Leslie Moore Pflug
Claire Pei – alternate
Jyotsna Warikoo
Julie Griffin, Co-Vice Chair
Eric Morgret-alternate

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT
Sherry Smith, Recording Secretary
Amy Dukes

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT
Joan Probala - alternate
Fred Hopkins
Erin Cameron-Murillo-alternate

VISITORS PRESENT
Jake Wagoner, Public Artist

BLOOR called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
FREESE moved to approve the minutes of May 9, 2016. GRIFFIN seconded. Motion carried.

CHAIR REPORT
None.

STAFF REPORT – *Amy Dukes*
A site visit spreadsheet is available online for Commissioners to sign up. Most events are June-August. Dukes will send the spreadsheet link via email.

AGENDA ITEMS

Skate Park Public Art
Public Artist Jake Wagoner gave a presentation of the proposed skate park artwork. Artwork includes an artful fence as well as paint treatment to stairs, walls and planter boxes. Artwork includes crane imagery and abstracted shapes. Arts Commissioners responded positively to the artwork and concepts.

Annual Elections
MOORE PFLUG nominated BLOOR for the position of Chair. FREESE seconded. BLOOR accepted the nomination. Motion carried and BLOOR was elected as Arts Commission Chair for 2016-17.

OLIVER nominated GRIFFIN for the position of Vice Chair. BLOOR seconded. GRIFFIN nominated OLIVER for the position of Vice Chair. BLOOR seconded. GRIFFIN and OLIVER accepted the nominations and proposed to be Co-Vice Chairs. Motion carried and GRIFFIN and OLIVER were elected as Arts Commission Co-Vice Chairs for 2016-17.

Confluence Park Public Art

Arts Commissioners reviewed final designs for public art in the Confluence Park bridge project. Artwork was designed by public artist Jack Mackie and consists of a mayfly sculpture on the bridge as well as artful terrazzo bridge decking. The artwork budget has well exceeded the ½ of 1% of the construction budget. Parks has asked the arts commission to consider providing $40,000 for the artwork. Commissioners discussed how the process of having a pre-selected public artist on the design team distanced the arts commission from the project's public art process and in the future, they would like more involvement in the overall art process. Commissioners agreed this is an important project for the city and an important project to include prominent artwork. They also agreed that the artwork is very well executed within the project.

FREESE moved to recommend funding support of $40,000 from the municipal art fund toward public art in the Confluence Park bridge project. PEI seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2017 Arts Grant Planning

MOORE PFLUG presented some concepts for revising the 2017 arts grant program to improve the evaluation of applications and to better align with the strategic directions identified during the arts visioning process this year. Commission will discuss this topic in depth during the July meeting.

Program Updates

Forwarded to July

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be July 11, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Coho Room in City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Dukes
Arts Coordinator