

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
ARTS COMMISSION**

City Hall, Coho Room
6:30 p.m.

August 8, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Trish Bloor, Chair
Cynthia Freese
Fred Hopkins
Leslie Pflug
Claire Pei – alternate
Erin Cameron-Murillo-alternate

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Sherry Smith, Recording Secretary
Amy Dukes

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Wendy Oliver
Joan Probala, Chair
Julie Griffin, Vice Chair
Eric Morgret-alternate
Jyotsna Warikoo

VISITORS PRESENT

Karen Donovan, DIA
Robyn Barfoot, DIA
Keith Watts, DIA
Brenda DeVore DIA
Carla Villar, ArtEast
Frank Stilwagner, Village Theatre

BLOOR called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FREESE moved to approve the minutes of July 11, 2016. PEI seconded. Motion carried.

CHAIR REPORT

None.

STAFF REPORT – Amy Dukes

4Culture Meeting

4Culture local arts agencies will be meeting September 22 at Blakely Hall in Issaquah Highlands. They would like to hear about the Arts visioning and see the partnership between Blakely Hall and ArtEast. The meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. and lasts for approximately three hours. Arts Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

Annual Retreat

Una MacAlinden will attend the arts commission’s September 12 meeting to discuss moving the arts visioning’s strategic directions to a 2017 workplan. This meeting can serve as the commission’s annual retreat. The meeting will be slightly longer (5:30 – 8:30 p.m.).

AGENDA ITEMS

Downtown Issaquah Association Update – Karen Donovan

Donovan introduced her staff team and board members in attendance. Commission members introduced themselves. Donovan recapped the events that the Art Commission sponsors. Leslie shared her experience at the most recent Art Walk. Donovan shared about the most recent Make Music Day. Issaquah was the first city in Washington to in involved in Make Music Day and now other cities have started including the national day in their events. Gas Station Blues has been very successful at the Historic Shell Station. Brenda DeVore shared what Fantasy Friday will look like on August 26. Carla Villar shared additional information about the event. Donovan explained that the Shell Station is being upgraded and a call for artists is planned for a mural on the side of the Station. It is estimated the project will cost about \$5,000.

2017 Art Grant Program Application Update - PFLUG

PFLUG provided a report on the 2017 Issaquah Arts Grants. *Amy Dukes* showed the online Grant Application. One change is that the strategic directions developed during the Arts Visioning process have been included with a related application question. *Amy Dukes* suggested releasing the grant applications at the latter part of August, and due in early October, in order for the process to easily be completed November 14, then the decisions are forwarded to the Council. Commission members suggested keeping schools separated with a different application. Members also wished to focus on funding projects versus general operating support.

Program Updates and Planning

Shakespeare in the Park

Pei shared her experience attending Loves Labors Lost.

Utility Box

The utility box art wraps are scheduled to be installed in September.

Pool Sculpture

Benson Shaw will install the outdoor sculpture at the pool in early Fall.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be September 12, 2016, at 5:30 p.m., location TBD.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry Smith
Recording Secretary