

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH  
ARTS COMMISSION**

February 13, 2017  
6:30

Police Facility  
Coho Room

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Trish Bloor, Chair  
Cynthia Freese  
Leslie Moore Pflug  
Wendy Oliver

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT**

Amy Dukes

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Erin Cameron-Murillo  
Julie Griffin, Vice Chair  
Fred Hopkins  
Eric Morgret  
Claire Pei  
Joan Probala  
Jyotsna Warikoo

**VISITORS PRESENT**

*BLOOR called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*MOORE PFLUG moved to approve the minutes of January 9, 2017. OLIVER seconded. Motion carried.*

**CHAIR REPORT**

None.

**STAFF REPORT – Amy Dukes**

City boards and commissions are currently recruiting and the deadline for applications is later this week. Dukes asked for a volunteer to help her and Chair Bloor with the interviews. Oliver volunteered. Interviews will take place in March. Recommendations will be forwarded to the Mayor in April and new commissioners will begin their terms in May.

**AGENDA ITEMS****Cultural Access Washington – Access for All**

Commissioners reviewed information put together by Cultural Access Washington on the Access for All Initiative for King County. The proposal would increase the County sales tax by 0.1% to fund arts and cultural programs in four primary areas: Education for Kids, Equity and Inclusion, Opening Doors for All; Investing in Local Communities. Village Theatre would be positively impacted by this program, as well as other arts organizations and local schools. Commissioners discussed their support of the proposed tax increase and agreed to forward a letter of support to Mayor Butler.

**Arts Grant Site Visits**

Arts Commissioners signed up to conduct site visits for organizations funded in the 2017 arts grant cycle. After commissioners make site visits, they will be asked to report out at future meetings.

**2017 Work Plan:**

**Public Art**

Dukes gave public art project updates on various projects in progress. The Confluence Park bridge will be installed in late February and March. Benson Shaw will begin the Diver sculpture installation at the pool later this month. Installation will be a two part process, with the “splash” bubble/spheres installed after the metal diver figure. Skate Park and Confluence Park projects will go out bid in the next few months and then the artwork components can get going again. The artwork design contract for the SE 62<sup>nd</sup> Street project is being initiated. REI has donated the artwork “Pedaling Man” to the City. Possible installation sites for this artwork will be discussed a future arts commission meeting.

**Advocacy**

Arts Commissioners prepared to meet with city council members and discussed talking points. Goals of meetings are to discuss last year’s arts visioning process and new strategic directions as well as discuss the possibility of increasing the public art ordinance percentage from ½% to 1%.

**Programming**

Second Saturday Film was very well attended. Dukes will be talking with Regal later this week about the 2017 Issaquah International Film Festival and the possibility of holding it at Cinebarre or Regal Highlands this October.

Chalk Art Festival is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25 this year. There will be a kids concert prior to the event.

**OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be March 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Coho Room of City Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Dukes  
Arts Coordinator