

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
ARTS COMMISSION**

May 8, 2017
6:30

Police Facility
Coho Room

MEMBERS PRESENT

Trish Bloor, Chair
Emily Moreano
Wendy Oliver
Claire Pei – alternate
Eric Morgret-alternate
Leslie Pflug
Julie Griffin, Vice Chair
Jyotsna Warikoo
Tracey Craig

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Sherry Smith, Recording Secretary
Amy Dukes, Arts
Lesan Marshall, Neighborhood Engagement

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Fred Hopkins
Cynthia Freese

VISITORS PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

OLIVER moved to approve the minutes of April 17, 2017. PFLUG seconded. Motion carried.

CHAIR REPORT

BLOOR welcomed the new Commissioners and each one introduced themselves. Commissioners gave a short bio of themselves to other members later in the meeting.

STAFF REPORT – Amy Dukes

SIFF

October 14 and 15 will be Issaquah’s film festival in partnership with SIFF. May 18 is SIFF’s main festival opening night. The festival runs to June 11. Films will be screened in Seattle, Shoreline, Bellevue, Kirkland. Full schedule is online at SIFF.net.

Give Big

Give Big, sponsored by the Seattle Foundation is Wednesday May 10. If you are interested in supporting local nonprofits, visit: givebigseattle.org.

Strategic Planning

Cultural planning consultant Una McAlinden will attend the June Arts meeting to conduct a refresh of the Commission’s planning process.

ArtEast

The Director of ArtEast has resigned.

Skate Park

Groundbreaking for the Skate Park is Tuesday, May 9 at 1:00.

Sister Cities Anniversary

The Sister Cities Commission has extended an invitation to the Arts Commission to join them for a picture at the Blue Door at 7:00p May 9 to celebrate their 10 year anniversary.

AGENDA ITEMS

Lesan Marshall - Neighborhood Engagement Initiative/Neighborhood Arts Grants Pilot Program

Lesan Marshall provided background about the creation of the neighborhood engagement position which became effective September 1, 2016. Her goals are to facilitate connectivity, energy and engagement; provide information and collect feedback, and attend neighborhood meetings. She also meets with other regional partners. A few of her program goals are: create a culture of effective public participation; build trust and partnerships within the community, and improve efficiency and effectiveness in decision making. She also attends summits – neighborhood “champions”, identifying neighborhood priorities and issues, identifying preferred communication, and building long-term partnerships. The City now has an account on Next Door (neighborhood app). There are 6,200 active Issaquah users. Posts on Next Door can be geo-targeted. The city’s online maps will become more user-friendly soon. The Arts Commission will partner with the Neighborhood Engagement effort to provide pilot neighborhood arts grants in 2017.

Utility Box Artwork Review

The goal is to have all city-owned utility boxes wrapped. Unfortunately other utilities such as PSE will not allow their boxes to be wrapped. *Amy Dukes* presented commissioners with new designs to select from. They selected their top five designs.

Legislative Update

A state bill has been introduced for counties to include legislation on their ballots for a portion of sales tax for art within individual counties. King County Council recently voted in favor of including the Access for All proposition on the August ballot for citizen vote. See the Cultural Access Washington website for more info.

OFFICER ELECTIONS / NOMINATIONS

PFLUG nominated **BLOOR** to remain chair. **MORGRET** seconded. Motion passed.

GRIFFIN nominated **OLIVER** for vice-chair. **MORGRET** seconded. Motion passed.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be June 12, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Coho Room in the Police Building.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry Smith
Recording Secretary