

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
ARTS COMMISSION**

August 14, 2017
6:30

City Hall
Coho Room

MEMBERS PRESENT

Trish Bloor, Chair
Emily Moreano
Wendy Oliver
Claire Pei
Tracey Craig
Leslie Moore Pflug
Cynthia Freese

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Sherry Smith, Recording Secretary
Amy Dukes

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Fred Hopkins
Jyotsna Warikoo
Eric Morgret-alternate
Julie Griffin

VISITORS PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FREESE moved to approve the minutes of July 10, 2017. OLIVER seconded. Motion carried.

CHAIR REPORT - BLOOR

Prop 1

Proposition 1 was not approved by the voters. Approximately 50 percent rejected and 49 percent approved.

July 25 Presentation by the Art Commission

The presentation to the Council went well. The Council does understand that the Art Commission would like to have their public art capital funding increased.

STAFF REPORT – Amy Dukes

Public Art Policy

There will need to be some work completed on the policy referring to public art. *Amy Dukes* will put together a recommendation for the policy and bring it before the Commission.

Friends of Fish

The Art Commission funded a mosaic wall at the hatchery, and the unveiling is August 21.

AGENDA

2018 Arts Grant Program Planning

Review of calendar

August 21, application is released

October 4, all applications need to be completed

October 6, grant applications will be submitted to Commission members

October 9, This meeting may be set to a future date.

Nov 6, Review of grants

Amy Dukes explained the grant process. She submitted an updated 2017 Arts Grant Application for review.

2018 Pilot Neighborhood Arts Grant Program

MOORE PFLUG explained the Neighborhood Arts pilot program to other Commission members.

Grant funding discussion

The Commission discussed how to move forward with funding projects versus general operating support, and how to ensure the funding pool is allocated diversely.

FREESE moved to change the Commission's granting policy. No individual grantee will be funded more than 25 percent of the grant budget for 2018. OLIVER seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Grant Scoring

Members agreed that Olympic scoring would be implemented immediately for the granting process.

Conflicts of Interest for Commission Members Voting

Members discussed those who may have a conflict of interest on the board for grant voting. Currently, a conflict of interest would be if a Commission is paid by an organization, or if a Commission member cannot be objective. *Amy Dukes* will check with the City Clerk to see if there may be a monetary threshold for those who may receive monies from an organization.

Absentee Guidelines

Members discussed the absentee guidelines. There are some guidelines in the by-laws, and revision of the absentee portion will be on the Agenda for a future meeting. *Amy Dukes* will send members a copy of the by-laws for their review. A short-term solution will be that *Amy Dukes/BLOOR* will have a conversation with any members who have been absent several meetings in 2017.

Neighborhood Arts Pilot Program

There have been several conversations about who could be funded for the pilot program, and what could be funded, as well as tax drawbacks to individuals or groups. These issues will be discussed in more length for 2018. Members are encouraged to attend one the neighborhood summits coordinated by Leeson.

Public Art Update

Skate Park

Art installation will begin on the Skate Park in September.

Central Park Art

Lydia Aldredge will install fence artwork in November.

Utility Boxes

Six more boxes will be wrapped in September.

Artist Visitation

Norwegian Artist Bergljot Hals from Issaquah's Sister City Sunndal will be visiting over Salmon Days.

2017 Grant Contracts

Kisik Alma and Samammish Symphony have not initiated their contract. *Amy Dukes* will contact DIA about their mural.

OTHER BUSINESS

FRESE will be attending Redmond's chalk fest to see how they manage it.

PEI attended the Philharmonic Symphony and found it to be very enjoyable although there was a late start.

BLOOR attended Village Original's weekend of musicals and it was very good.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be September 11, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., in the Coho Room in the Police Building.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry Smith
Recording Secretary