

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH  
ARTS COMMISSION**

December 11, 2017  
6:30

City Hall  
Coho Room

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Trish Bloor, Chair  
Tracey Craig  
Leslie Moore Pflug  
Wendy Oliver, Vice-chair  
Claire Pei  
Jyotsna Warikoo  
Morgan Fitzpatrick, Student  
Rhea Manohara, Student

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT**

Sherry Smith, Recording Secretary  
Amy Dukes

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Fred Hopkins  
Julie Griffin  
Cynthia Freese  
Emily Moreano  
Eric Morgret

**VISITORS PRESENT**

Sharon Freas, Owner, Art by Fire & Downtown Issaquah Association  
Catherine Kelley, Downtown Issaquah Association  
Brenda DeVore, Downtown Issaquah Association  
Jen Kodosky, Downtown Issaquah Association  
Sheri Gehrke, Sister Cities Commission  
Robin Kelley, Sister Cities Commission, FISH, DIA  
Tina Eggers, Sister Cities Commission

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***OLIVER moved to approve the minutes of November 6, 2017. WARIKOO seconded. Motion carried.***

**CHAIR REPORT – BLOOR**

*Bloor* welcomed the new Student members. They shared a bit about themselves.

**STAFF REPORT – *Amy Dukes***

**2018 Arts Grants**

The grants were approved by Council last Monday so we will begin contracting very soon.

**Creative District Certification**

ArtsWA is launching a Creative Districts certification program based on state legislation passed in May. Dukes and Moore Pflug spoke with ArtsWA program manager Annette Roth about the new program. Hopefully Roth will be able to present to the Arts Commission, Economic Vitality Commission and others in early 2018 to provide more information about creative district certification.

### **Arts Visioning Process**

Una McClendon who assisted with the Arts Visioning Process, will be attending the February meeting for an update for 2018. BLOOR suggested having the update after the new commissioners begin in the spring. Dukes will look at other scheduling options for May or June.

### **AGENDA**

#### **a) Updates from Downtown Issaquah Association – Devore, Executive Director**

Devore introduced Kodosky, Kelley, and Freas and Robin Kelley. She thanked the Arts Commission for their support. Kodosky submitted their 2018 DIA calendar of events. She spoke about the organization's events in 2017. Gas Station Blues had an average of 200 attendees per night (record attendance). In 2017 it was a struggle to procure artists for Art Walk, mostly due to the hours. In 2018, ArtWalk will be moved to Saturdays 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. Both the artists and attendees have expressed their desire to combine WineWalk and ArtWalk. ArtWalks will also focus on different cultures. Kodosky explained that DIA is currently finding out what kind of events can be in Confluence Park. She also explained a new Progressive Dinner concept that will involve downtown restaurants. DIA completed a Call for Artists for a mural on the North wall of Japanese Ginger. They hope to announce the artist on January 15. There was a contest for artists of all ages to design a water bottle. Devore showed the designed water bottle, which is being sold as a fund raiser. They can be purchased at the Shell Station for \$22. DIA sends out "Historically Hip Happenings" and would love any input from Commission members on events to include, etc.

#### **b) Fish Hatchery – Robin Kelley**

The mosaic wall at the fish hatchery is beautiful and a wonderful attraction for visitors.

#### **c) Sister Cities Commission – Tina Eggers**

Eggers introduced Robin Kelley and Sheri Gherke. The Sister Cities Commission is excited to bring artists from Morocco and Norway to Issaquah. While here the artists visit local schools providing hands-on demonstrations, and are a part of an art show at University House. They are here the week of Salmon Days representing their country and their culture. The Sister Cities Commission is preparing their work plan for the year and would appreciate the Art Commission's input. They would enjoy having a separate meeting in 2018 to collaborate on projects.

#### **d) SE 62nd Public Art-Initial Concepts Review**

Susan Zoccola was selected for the SE 62<sup>nd</sup> Street public art project. *Dukes* shared concepts of the proposed art which would be established in a traffic circle. Commission members preferred the first and third concept. Members would like to see some landscaping on the concept, and kinetic features for the sculpture (concept 1) would be great.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be January 8, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., in the Coho Room of City Hall.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Arts Commission  
December 11, 2018

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sherry Smith  
Recording Secretary