

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
ARTS COMMISSION**

January 8, 2018
6:30

City Hall
Coho Room

MEMBERS PRESENT

Trish Bloor, Chair
Emily Moreano
Cynthia Freese
Claire Pei
Tracey Craig
Leslie Moore Pflug
Julie Griffin

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Sherry Smith, Recording Secretary
Amy Dukes
Jennifer Fink - Parks
Bill Ramos, Councilmember

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Wendy Oliver, Vice-chair
Jyotsna Warikoo
Fred Hopkins
Eric Morgret

BLOOR called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BLOOR moved to approve the minutes of December 11, 2017. Moore Pflug seconded. Motion carried.

CHAIR REPORT – BLOOR

Amy Dukes and BLOOR are participating on the panel to select the artist for the downtown mural. The selected artist will be interviewed on January 19. The Arts Commission will have an opportunity to review the design before it is finalized. The City does own the building where the mural will be painted.

STAFF REPORT – *Amy Dukes***ArtsWA**

The state legislature passed a bill in 2017 to fund the Creative District program. ArtsWA has created this program to promote and support the creative industries in Washington to expand the economy, grow jobs, and enhance our quality of life. This is a pilot program, and Issaquah has reached out for more information. If designated, there would be marketing support, technical assistance and possibly additional funding. ArtsWA will attend the February 12 meeting and provide a presentation about the program.

AGENDA**2017 Art in Parks Project Recap - Fink**

Jennifer Fink thanked the Commission for their funding for art in the Skate Park and Confluence Park. She provided a presentation of the Confluence Park bridge, showing the progression of the bridge foot panels and installation. She then provided slides of the skate park and its art, as well as the artist in action.

Parks Strategic Plan

Last fall Parks gathered information from the public as to what projects they may be interested in. The information should be finalized within the next few weeks. Goals and Policies are also being updated as well as the vision for the parks system. The end result will be posted online, and there will be a meeting for the public to attend. There will also be opportunities for public input online.

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Central Park

Parks is in the final weeks of the project. The field is done, the lights are up, and there are some final details to be completed. It should be finished in February. Some of the fence artwork has been fabricated. The artist will need to let Issaquah know if it can be installed before the park opens or if it needs to wait for summer.

2018 Arts Commission Workplan

Amy Dukes provided a spreadsheet of projects for 2018. She reviewed and updated members on several of the projects.

Utility Boxes

At the March meeting *Amy Dukes* will provide a map for the utility boxes that still need to be wrapped. BLOOR would like to get students involved and Commission members discussed a scholarship. It should be open to all students. PEI suggested leaving one box for children with disabilities.

Maintenance on Art

Maintenance should be completed in spring/summer on public art.

Film Festival

It was determined that admission to the 2018 festival would be first come, first served. *Ramos* suggested brainstorming additional ways to get the word out. GRIFFIN and FREESE agreed to assist during the festival.

Neighborhood Arts Pilot Program Planning

\$20,000 has been approved in the 2018 budget. The Commission will work closely with the neighborhoods to see how best to support the projects. Moore Pflug updated members with different ways neighborhoods could use funds. The Highlands, Newport, Sycamore, and Providence Point were suggested neighborhoods.

Public Art Updates

PEI would like to move the horse to a different area. *Amy Dukes* will check on its current location and landscaping issues.

Art Brochure

MOREANO volunteered to work on the brochure if it needs updating.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be February 12, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., in Eagle Room of City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sherry Smith
Recording Secretary