

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH  
ARTS COMMISSION**

**February 12, 2018  
6:30**

**City Hall  
Eagle Room**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Trish Bloor, Chair  
Cynthia Freese  
Julie Griffin  
Leslie Moore Pflug  
Emily Moreano  
Wendy Oliver  
Claire Pei  
Jyotsna Warikoo

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT**

Amy Dukes, Arts Coordinator

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Tracey Craig  
Fred Hopkins  
Eric Morgret

**VISITORS PRESENT**

Annette Roth, ArtsWA  
Christina Bruning, Downtown Issaquah Association  
Tim Dutter, Economic Development Manager, City of Issaquah  
Frank Stilwagner, Village Theatre  
Jenifer Wright, ArtEast

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***FREESE moved to approve the minutes of January 8, 2018. MOORE PFLUG seconded. Motion carried.***

**CHAIR REPORT – BLOOR**

*None*

**STAFF REPORT – Amy Dukes**

The City of Issaquah's board and commissions recruitment is underway. More information is available on the City's website. Bloor, Griffin, Hopkins, Morgret and Pei have terms ending in April 2018. Oliver, Moore Pflug and Freese offered to help interview arts commission candidates in March.

Commissioners discussed best format for having Una re-engage with the arts visioning process and the arts commission with new members coming on in May.

**AGENDA****Creative District Program Presentation**

*Annette Roth, ArtsWA Creative Districts Program Manager* gave a presentation about the new Creative Districts Program administered through Arts Washington. In 2018, ArtsWA hopes to designate its first round of Creative Districts throughout the state. There are currently about 18 cities and towns that have shown active interest in the program. Roth gave an introduction to and overview about the program and conducted a question and answer session with commissioners and guests. She also provided creative vitality index information for Issaquah's two zip codes.

### **OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tim Dutter, Economic Development Manager, gave an update on **LTAC's** effort to create a Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) for Issaquah. The effort will be discussed at the February 13 Services and Safety Committee Meeting.

**Village Theatre** is proposing to create an original sculpture out of the diseased heritage tree that was removed from in front of Finn's restaurant. They saved a large section of the tree for this project. They will work with ArtEast to select an artist for the project. The new sculpture would be located near Finn's and Village Theatre along Front Street and could serve as a "gateway to downtown" artwork. They are seeking funding to help support this project. Commissioners agreed to table discussion about this project to the March 12, 2018 arts commission meeting.

Christina Bruning, DIA Board President, gave updates on DIA programming and invited Commissioners to the March 3, 2108 ArtWalk.

### **NEXT MEETING**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Dukes  
Arts Coordinator