

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
ARTS COMMISSION**

March 12, 2018
6:30

Police Facility
Coho Room

MEMBERS PRESENT

Trish Bloor, Chair
Emily Morano
Cynthia Freese
Claire Pei
Tracey Craig
Leslie Pflug
Jyotsna Warikoo
Wendy Oliver
Eric Morgret
Rhea Manoharan – youth rep
Julie Griffin

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Sherry Smith, Recording Secretary
Amy Dukes, Arts Coordinator

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Fred Hopkins

VISITORS PRESENT

Brian Carr, Pastor – Missiongathering Issaquah
Brianna Eigner – Missiongathering Issaquah

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FREESE moved to approve the minutes of February 12, 2018. Warikoo seconded. Motion carried.

CHAIR REPORT – BLOOR

None.

STAFF REPORT – Amy Dukes

Amy Dukes will not be out of town for the April 9 meeting. She will send out a Doodle Poll to members to see if members want to re-schedule.

AGENDA**Stand Against Racism – Activism Through Art – Brian Carr, Pastor**

Pastor Carr introduced himself. MissionGathering is partnering with YWCA for Stand Against Racism Day, and will be holding an event on Thursday, April 26, 2018, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. The theme of the event is Activism through Art. Various artists will discuss how they use their art in taking a stand against racism. After the panel discussion, will be a catered artist's reception where the artists will display some of their art. ArtEast will coordinate a kid's community art project. There will also be a DJ. It's a great time for the community to get to know each other. The Mayor will be opening the event. They would love the support of individuals on the Art Commission, and are also looking for additional funding.

BLOOR moved to provide \$1,000 to the Stand Against Racism Day Event to be designated toward the artist's honorariums. PFLUG seconded. Discussion. FREESE suggested additional funding. Original Motion vote - 7 Agreed 1 opposed - Majority rules.

Arts Visioning/Strategic Directions Check In

Amy Dukes printed out the Strategic Directions for members to discuss areas of opportunity. This subject will be moved to the April meeting.

Creative Districts Follow Up/Next Steps

Amy Dukes submitted the Washington State Arts Commission Creative Districts Program Overview to members. She also stated that she had reviewed their Webinar. Once the application becomes available from ArtsWA, a working committee, including arts, economic development, DIA, etc. will be established to develop the application.

Village Theatre Sculpture Project

Amy Dukes presented photos of the tree that had been taken down in front of Fins Bistro, and the piece of the trunk that had been saved. Village Theatre has reached out to ArtEast to do an RFP for an artist to carve the remaining piece of the trunk. They are asking for funds to have this done. Members discussed the possibility of funding the project, but would like to wait for a more specific proposal. The proposal could be submitted prior to next year's grant process.

Public Arts Updates

Utility Box Art Program 2018

Members had discussed school-based art. *Amy Dukes* has connected with the Reflections Program and should be receiving samples. There are about 5 utility boxes budgeted. 17 locations are currently wrapped. PSE is now considering having their boxes wrapped.

SE 62nd Street

The artist, *Amy Dukes* and the project engineer from KBA went out on a site tour. Originally the art was to be placed in the round-a-bout, but due to landscaping and other issues, it has been requested that an alternate location be identified. *Amy Dukes* showed an additional location where the art can be placed. Members liked the design of the copper/silver photo that was shown. *Amy Dukes* will ask the artist to attend a future commission meeting.

Neighborhood Arts Program

Amy Dukes has reached out to the various neighborhood contacts. Highlands, Sycamore, Providence Point and various communities along Newport. *Amy Dukes* will meet with the neighborhood contacts before April to get more information on their projects.

SIFF

Cinebarre can offer their theatre September 15 and 16. MORGRET suggested creating a landing site on the City's web page. Commissioners discussed soliciting original shorts for the 2018 festival.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be TBD, at 6:30 p.m., in the Coho Room of the Police Building.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sherry Smith
Recording Secretary