*CITY OF ISSAQUAH
ARTS COMMISSION

March 11, 2019
6:30 PM

City Hall – Police Building
Coho Room

MEMBERS PRESENT
Trish Bloor, Chair
Wendy Oliver, Vice Chair
William Bartholomew, Alternate
Julie Griffin
Tracey Craig - alternate
Cynthia Freese
Jyotsna Warikoo

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT
Sherry Smith, Recording Secretary

Mayor Pauly
Una Mcalinden

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT
Claire Pei – (Open alternate)
Emily Moreano (Open alternate)
Eric Morgret
Leslie Moore Pflug

VISITORS PRESENT

CALL TO ORDER
BLOOR called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
None. Moved to the April meeting.

Mayor Mary Lou Pauly
Mayor Pauly introduced herself and all Commission members shared a little of their background. Mayor Pauly has lived in Issaquah 25 years and participated on the Development Commission 20 years. She has been researching to refresh the Board and Commission selection process. Mayor Pauly would also like to review best practices for chairmanship with each Board and Commission. She prefers that alternates only vote on the issues that they are most comfortable, not based on who arrives first. She was asked what one of her goals is – broadening the number of participants who get to serve on boards and commissions. Another Community Goal is for better communication between the Council, the Mayor and the citizens. Also, a new citizens group has been formed regarding transportation in Issaquah.

CHAIR REPORT
None.

STAFF REPORT
None

AGENDA ITEMS

ARTS AND CULTURE PLAN REVIEW 2018
Una Mcalinden led Commission members in reviewing their previous notes for their strategic directions:

- **Expanding Arts Access throughout the Community**
  - Our Learning Insights
    - The need to engage the neighborhoods more effectively
    - The need to engage our elected officials – is a priority – funding and awareness
    - The opportunity to get connected to other local art associations

        - Social media engagement
- **Integrating Arts-policies Systems**
    - Our Learning Insights
        - Need more staffing
        - Develop a plan to increase percent for Arts
        - Building the relationships – takes the time and effort
- **Increasing Capacity to Meet Growing Community Needs**
    - Our Learning Insights
        - Increasing FTE is going to be critical
        - Working groups for specific projects/areas
        - Commission turnover is an issue
- **Including/Celebrating our Diverse Multicultural Communities**
    - Our Learning Insights
        - Individual commitments need to be honored
        - Increase Commission diversity – encourage and recruit
- **Fostering the Arts/Primary Part of Community Identity**
    - Our Learning Insights
        - No consistent media presence – no Issaquah Press
        - Engaging other groups to discuss arts could help
        - Pickering Barn partnership
        - School engagement – collaborating with the PTSA Council

Commission members selected their individual Strategic Direction.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

NEXT MEETING
The next regular meeting will be at 6:30 p.m., April 8, 2019, in the Coho Room.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry Smith
Recording Secretary