

***CITY OF ISSAQUAH
ARTS COMMISSION**

**August 19, 2019
6:30 PM**

**City Hall
Coho Room**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bridget Agabra
Trish Bloor – Vice Chair
Eliza Chan
Julie Griffin – Chair
Tracie Mahadeo
Eric Morgret
Wendy Oliver
Jyotsna Warikoo

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Sherry Smith, Recording Secretary
Amy Dukes
Cynthia Freese

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

William Bartholomew (excused)
Tracey Craig (excused)

VISITORS PRESENT

Julie Martin, Executive Director DIA
Christina Bruning, Board Chair DIA

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING: September 9, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CHAN moved to approve the minutes of July 22, 2019, FREESE seconded. Motion carried.

CHAIR REPORT – Vice Chair Trish BLOOR

BLOOR attended the festival of New Musicals at the Village Theatre, and it was fantastic.

The Chalk Art Festival had a great turnout. Kudos to Wendy OLIVER for her leadership with the event. The event likely will held noon to 4pm, versus 5pm in 2020 – to accommodate Concerts on the Green load in.

STAFF REPORT – Amy Dukes**Creative Art District**

Leslie Pflug is working on the Creative Art District designation process and application. She will attend the August Economic Vitality Commission meeting. Input has been received from the Senior Center, library, and downtown events via DIA, and input will be requested at the Farmers Market. *Amy Dukes* submitted a sign-up for the Farmer's Market.

New Administrator

The City selected a new City Administrator, Wally Bobkiewicz . He will begin September 30, 2019.

Sisters Cities Commission

Sister Cities will be bringing a Norwegian folk guitarist to Salmon Days this year. Arts Commissioners will have opportunities to participate in the artist's visit.

AGENDA ITEMS**DIA**

Bruning submitted touch cards for upcoming events. She shared that artists could set up a display at the Thursday Gas Station Blues series.

Issaquah Welcomes You Event – Welcoming Week

The City of Issaquah has been partnering with the Library and ISF to plan an event for Welcoming Week. This year it will

be September 20 at the Issaquah Community Center. Food trucks, cultural dance groups, music, artist, speakers, story-telling, photo booth, and informational activity groups will be in attendance. There is a request of the Arts Commission for various stipends for artists/performing groups. GRIFFIN suggested encouraging them to apply for a grant in the future. Commission members discussed how to contribute funds.

MORGRET Moved to allocate \$3,000 for Welcoming Week (City of Issaquah) FREESE seconded. Discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

2020 Arts Grant Planning

Arts Grant applications will be released within the next week. The deadline is October 4 at 5pm. Discussion – should organizations be limited to one application? Members suggested leaving the process the same as in the past. *Amy Dukes* submitted the current Arts Grant Application form for input. Commissioners made minor edits to formatting for ease of completion.

Public Art – Front Street Streetscape Update Concept

Amy Dukes provided photos of the latest concept for the screens. Businesses feedback was that the screens are too transparent. Members did not think the concept effectively achieved more opacity and felt it was too busy. They asked that the concept be further revised and are also open to new concepts from the artist.

Traffic Signal Boxes

Commissioners reviewed art submissions for seven new traffic signal wrap locations.

Film Festival - MORGRET

Eleven short films have been selected. SIFF will have the features line up confirmed next week. Promotion is set to begin August 30.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry Smith
Recording Secretary