

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
ARTS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING**

**November 4, 2019
6:00 PM**

**City Hall
Coho Room**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bridget Agabra
Trish Bloor – Vice Chair
Eliza Chan
Wendy Oliver
Cynthia Freese
Tracey Craig
Tracie Mahadeo
Eric Morgret

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Sherry Smith, Recording Secretary
Amy Dukes

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

William Bartholomew
Julie Griffin
Jyotsna Warikoo

VISITORS PRESENT

Sharon Freas, DIA
Susan Marshall, DIA
Cheryl Smith, Issaquah Alps Trails Club
Virginia Knight, Issaquah Singers
Ekta Gupta, DIA
Katie Brookshire, DIA
renda DeVore, Issaquah Chamber
Sue Byron, IPO
Anne Newcomb, Issaquah Alps Trails Club
Tony Fredricksen, DIA

April Creasley, Issaquah Siners
Robb Hunt, Village Theatre
Hope Chirico, DIA
Dorothy Hay, Issaquah Singers
Madeleine Erhard
Shana London, DIA
John Sherwin, Issaquah Alps Trails Club
Robin Kelley, FISH
Lindsay Frickle, Issaquah Alps Trails Club

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING: December 9, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Eagle Room.

BLOOR called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FREESE moved to approve the minutes of October 14, 2019, OLIVER seconded. Motion carried.

CHAIR REPORT – None.

STAFF REPORT – Amy Dukes

Conflict of Interest Form

Amy Dukes explained the Use of the Conflict of Interest Form. She also explained to the audience the process of funding requests.

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AGENDA ITEM

PUBLIC COMMENT OPEN 6:15 pm. PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED 6:33 pm.

- BLOOR - Downtown Issaquah Association – Sharon Freas shared her appreciation of the Arts Commission Funding as well as what the funding is used for. Susan Marshall also shared her appreciation of the DIA events. Ekta Gupta shared about several projects over the year and the many artists of different ethnicities and ages who participated. Tony Fredericksen shared how the Gas Station Blues has made such a difference in Issaquah. Requested \$51,848 – Recommendation \$30,875. Members agreed to add approximately \$700 in residual funding to DIA at the end of the funding process.
- MAHADEO - Freehold Theatre Lab Studio – Funding of a new play to Echo Glenn – Requested \$4,000. Recommendation - \$4,000.
- CRAIG - Friends of Issaquah Salmon Hatchery – Robin Kelley explained how they have invested funding from the Arts Commission. Cheryl Smith is a mosaic artist and thanked the Arts Commission for funding the mosaic salmon wall. The wall has been on television and has brought in many visitors to Issaquah. They would now like to use funding for two mosaic benches. They will be bringing in many diverse groups to work on this project. Requested \$13,792. Recommended \$7,625.
- OLIVER - Friends of Lake Sammamish State Park – Entertainment for Park events. Requested \$1,200. Recommended \$1,075.
- FREESE - Friends of Lake Sammamish State Park – Parkadilly – Requested \$5,150. Recommended \$4,125.
- MORGRET - The Garage, a Teen Café – Art supplies – Requested \$2,917. Recommended \$2,717.
- AGABRA - Greater Issaquah Chamber of Commerce – Brenda DeVore shared there were approximately 230,000 people at Issaquah Salmon Days this year. About 11,000 people attended the stages that were funded by the Commission. Over 20,000 watched Salmon Days as it was being streamed live. Requested 20,000. Recommended \$17,531.
- MORGRET - Influence the Choice – Video Contest – Requested \$5,000. Recommended \$4,315.
- MAHADEO - Issaquah Alps Trails Club – John Sherwin and Cheryl Smith shared a little about the mosaic project they have planned. The project will be located on a kiosk across from the Harvey Manning statue. This project will also be inclusive of many diverse people groups. Lindsay Frickle also shared the history of the Trails Club. Requested \$8,577. Recommended \$7,062.
- MAHADEO - Issaquah Highlands Council-Highlands Day Festival – Requested \$5,000. Recommended \$4,100.
- CRAIG - Issaquah Highlands Council – Cultural Celebration – Requested \$1,500. Recommended \$1,500.
- AGABRA - Issaquah Philharmonic Orchestra – Sue Byron distributed materials depicting the Orchestra. The oldest member is 91 years old and the youngest is in high school. She thanked the Commission for their funding. Requested \$5,000. Recommended \$5,000.

- OLIVER - Issaquah Singers – Dorothy Hay shared the history of the Issaquah Singers and her appreciation of the Commission’s support. Requested \$4,500. Recommended \$4,500.
- FREESE - Kirkland Arts Center – Rain Village Project. Requested \$3,000. Recommended \$1,562.
- CHAN - Master Chorus Eastside - 22nd Annual Celebrate America Concert – Requested \$3,000. Recommended \$2,400.
- BLOOR - Fred Poyner IV – Requested \$600. Recommended \$0.
- CHAN - Ravishing Women – Holi Festival. Requested \$5,000. Recommended - \$1,413.
- MORGRET - Seattle Shakespeare – Wooden O. Requested \$4,000. Recommended \$4,000.
- BLOOR - Village Theatre – Robb Hunt shared the lineup for the year, and his appreciation for the Commission’s funding. Requested \$50,000. Recommended \$50,000.

TOTAL – \$175,000 – To be discussed at the November 18 meeting on the Consent agenda.

- Challenger Elementary – An all inclusive library – MORGRET – Recommended \$2,500.
- Clark Elementary – Hands on 3D Art Form - FREES – Recommended \$2,500.
- Issaquah High School – Exploration of non-traditional materials in visual art – Recommended \$2,500.
- Issaquah Middle School – Drama club performance microphones BLOOR – Recommended \$2,500.
- Issaquah Valley Elementary PTA – 5th grade dancing classrooms – OLIVER – Recommended \$2,500.
- Newcastle Elementary – Experiential learning art activities – AGABRA – Recommended \$1,200.
- Pine Lake Middle School – Theatre Arts – MAHADEO – Recommended \$2,500.
- Skyline High School – Pug mill (recycle clay) – CRAIG – Recommended \$2,500.
- Sunny Hills Elementary – Music and Movement of Brazil; guest residency – CHAN – Recommended \$2,500.

FREESE motioned to approve \$175,000 to fund the above projects. MORGRET seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The meeting adjourned at 7:20.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry Smith
Recording Secretary