

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH  
Arts Commission**

6:00 PM  
July 7, 2020

Virtual Meeting

**MINUTES**

**COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Alternate Meeting Format: On March 6, 2020 the Mayor declared a civil emergency due to the outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19). On March 24, 2020 the Governor issued Proclamation 20-28 prohibiting open public meetings from occurring in person. The proclamation has been extended to Aug. 1, 2020. Due to these factors, the meeting was held using a remote meeting platform.

*Commissioners:*

Julie Griffin, Chair  
Trish Bloor, Vice Chair  
Bridget Agabra  
Eliza Chan  
Tracey Craig  
Cynthia Freese  
Eric Morgret  
Tracie Mahadeo

*Administration/Staff:*

Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator  
Amy Dukes, Arts Program Administrator  
Jeff Watling, Director, Parks and Community Services

*Absent:*

Wendy Oliver (excused)

**CALL TO ORDER**

DUKES called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) AGABRA moved to approve the minutes of February 10, 2020. MORGRET seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) **Supplemental Nonprofit Funding / COVID 19 Crisis, (D)**

*Presented by:*

*Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator*

*Frank Stilwagner, Director of Advancement, Village Theater*

Commissioners reviewed an emergency supplemental funding request from Village Theatre, due to the impacts of COVID 19 and the inability to deliver their mainstage programming. BLOOR moved to recommend an emergency supplemental grant of \$25,000 to Village Theatre in 2020. GRIFFIN seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (with the recusal of MAHADEO due to a conflict of interest).

**b) East Lake Sammamish Parkway Mural Artist Selection, (A)**

*Presented by:*

*Amy Dukes, Arts Program Administrator*

Commissioners reviewed the RFQ finalist submissions for the East Lake Sammamish Parkway Mural project. After review, evaluation and ranking, MORGRET moved to select artist Devin Finley for the commission. CHAN seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**c) Arts Granting Program - 2021 Funding Approach, (D)**

*Presented by:*

*Amy Dukes, Arts Program Administrator*

DUKES and commissioners discussed moving the 2021 arts grant application process to first quarter 2021 (instead of August 2020) to allow arts organizations more time to plan for arts programming and events with COVID restrictions. Commissioners felt it would be very difficult for organizations to predict in August what programs and events they could provide the public in 2021 and agreed moving the application process to 2021 would allow applications to be more realistic and informed.

**OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.