

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Arts Commission

6:30 PM
December 14, 2020

Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

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

Administration/Staff:

Amy Dukes, Arts Program Administrator

Guests:

Christina Bruning, DIA Board
Corby Casler, DIA Executive Director

Absent:

Julie Griffin, Chair (excused)

CALL TO ORDER

BLOOR called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

- a) Commission Membership

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) FREESE motioned to approve the minutes of September 14, 2020. BLOOR seconded the motion. Minutes were approved, unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a) Corby Casler, new executive director of the Downtown Issaquah Association, introduced herself and gave winter DIA programming updates.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **2021 Municipal Art Fund Budget**
Amy Dukes, Arts Program Administrator
Commissioners reviewed the 2021 City Council approved municipal art fund budget.
- b) **2021 Arts Grant Funding –**
Arts Commission Discussion
The 2021 Arts Granting budget has been approved at \$150,000. Arts Commission made the following suggestions for the 2021 arts grant process:
- At least two application rounds to allow for maximum flexibility and changing COVID 19 restrictions.
 - Application focused on community-based projects (versus a community based application and a school based application)

- Flexible Timeline:
Round #1: 2021 Q1 application, review and recommendations to Council
Round #2: 2021 Q2/3 application, review and recommendations to Council.
- Allow as much flexibility as possible in the projects – first round will likely focus on projects that can be virtually.
- No need to limit or direct specific request amounts at this time.

c) **Public Art Updates**

Presented by:

Amy Dukes, Arts Program Administrator

The mural at SE 62nd Street was completed by artist Devin Finley in November. Community response has been great. Artist will return in early spring to apply graffiti resistance coating and make touch ups.

“Forest Trail” at Central Park will get maintenance in early 2021 which will require its deinstallation, welding repair and reinstallation.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.