

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH  
Arts Commission**

6:30 PM  
February 22, 2021

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 relating to the COVID-19 emergency and open public meetings. The proclamation has been extended. Due to these factors, the meeting was held using a remote meeting platform.

*Commissioners:*

Julie Griffin, Chair  
Trish Bloor, Vice Chair  
Bridget Agabra  
Tracey Craig  
Eliza Chan  
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  
Sharon Freas, DIA Board  
Tina Velazquez Hays, Artist

**CALL TO ORDER**

GRIFFIN called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a) **Minutes of Dec. 14, 2020**

FREese moved to approve the minutes of December 14, 2020. AGABRA seconded the motion. Minutes were approved, unanimously.

**STAFF REPORT**

DUKES requested arts commissioners to declare conflicts of interest with any of the 2021 Arts Grant Applicants. Mahadeo declared a conflict with Village Theatre (staff). Bloor declared a conflict with Influence the Choice (board). These commissioners did not participate in the discussion or voting on the individual applications for the respective agencies.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

a) **2021 Arts Grant Application Review – Round One**

*Arts Commission*

Arts Commissioners reviewed and discussed 16 grant applications, requesting a total of \$116,660, for round one funding.

b) **2021 Arts Grant Funding Recommendations***Arts Commission*

After review, discussion and deliberation, Arts Commissioners recommended funding 15 arts grant applications in round one, as follows:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>2021 Funding Recommendation</b>
Club Inclusive	Epic Art	\$2,000
Downtown Issaquah Association	DIA Arts and Culture Program	\$27,500
Friends of Lake Sammamish State Park	Event Entertainment	\$600
Friends of Lake Sammamish State Park	Sculpture in the Park	\$4,600
Freehold Theatre Lab / Studio	Engaged Theatre Tour and Residency	\$4,000
Gibson Ek HS / William Raines	From Green to Grey Visual Art Exhibition	\$40
Tina Velazquez Hays	Stronger Together: A Creative Engagement Series	\$2,800
Influence the Choice	Student Video Contest	\$2,700
Issaquah Highlands Council	Photography Exhibition	\$2,300
Issaquah History Museums	Issaquah's Skyport: A Virtual Exhibit and Story Stroll	\$3,300
Issaquah Philharmonic Orchestra	New Music Creation	\$1,000
Latino Club of Issaquah	Day of the Dead Celebration	\$1,500
Master Chorus Eastside	4th of July Celebration	\$2,200
Sunbird Art Works	Welcome Immigrants Public Art Installation	\$ -
Tasveer	16th Annual Tasveer South Asian Film Festival	\$3,000
Village Theatre	Youth Arts Education Program	\$25,000
		<b>\$82,540</b>

OLIVER moved to recommend \$82,540 to fund 15 arts grant projects as detailed above. FREESE seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 pm.