

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Arts Commission**

6:30 PM
July 12, 2021

Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

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.

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

Bridget Agabra
Tracey Craig
Julie Griffin
Tina Velazquez Hays
Tracie Mahadeo
Eric Morgret (*excused absence*)
Fred Poyner (*excused absence*)
Wendy Oliver, Alternate (*-serving as Regular member*)
Rachel Wright, Alternate (*-serving as Regular member*)

Administration/Staff:

Amy Dukes, Arts Program Administrator

Guests:

Benton Coblenz, Economic Development,
City of Issaquah
Christina Bruning, DIA Board Chair
Dorothy Hay, Issaquah Singers
Virginia Knight, Issaquah Singers

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) AGABRA moved to approve the minutes of June 14, 2021. HAYS seconded the motion. Minutes were approved, unanimously.

CHAIR REPORT

GRIFFIN confirmed that Chalk Art Festival will return this year and take place on Tuesday, August 17. GRIFFIN welcomed meeting guests and invited public comment.

STAFF REPORT

DUKES gave a brief overview to the arts grant process and called for any conflicts of interest with applications from arts commissioners. Mahadeo declared a conflict with Village Theatre and Hays declared a conflict with Highlands Council. Commissioners with conflicts will abstain from voting on the related applications.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **American Rescue Plan Act**

Benton Coblentz presented an overview of the American Rescue Plan Act and asked commissioners for input on possible areas of investment for City ARPA funds.

b) **Arts Grant Round Two Review & Recommendation**

Arts Commission

Arts Commissioners reviewed and discussed nine grant applications, requesting a total of \$61,400, for round two funding. After review, discussion and deliberation, Arts Commissioners recommended funding nine arts grant applications in round two, as follows:

Applicant	Project	Funding Recommendation
Friends of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery	Cameo Murals	\$8,000
Friends of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery	Fin-Dango! Dance Project	\$3,500
Greater Issaquah Chamber of Commerce	Arts Program for Salmon Days 2021	\$5,000
Issaquah Highlands Council	Global Grub and Groove Series	\$4,600
Issaquah Philharmonic Orchestra	YouTube Channel and Community Concert	\$5,000
Issaquah Singers	Concert CDs for Senior Living Centers	\$1,900
Tasveer	South Asian Lit Fest	\$1,900
Village Theatre	Return to Stage 2021	\$11,250
Welcoming Week	Welcoming Celebration Artist Stipends	\$3,000
		\$44,150

OLIVER made a motion to recommend the nine arts grants totaling \$44,150. CRAIG seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.