

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Arts Commission**

6:30 PM
October 11, 2021

Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

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

Administration/Staff:

Amy Dukes, Arts Program Administrator

Guests:

Cynthia Freese, Co-founder Artists Sunday
Christopher Sherman, Co-founder Artists Sunday
Christina Bruning, Board President, DIA
Sierra Sharp, Interim Executive Director, DIA

CALL TO ORDER

MAHADEO called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) HAYS moved to approve the minutes of September 13, 2021. AGABRA seconded the motion. Minutes were approved, unanimously.

CHAIR REPORT

MAHADEO shared information about the Inspire WA Cultural Candidate Forum.

STAFF REPORT

DUKES reported that in 2022, City of Issaquah board and commission members will be eligible for a stipend for their participation in monthly meetings. More information will be coming soon.

The Issaquah PTSA Council has put in an off cycle small grant request which will be added as new business at the end of the agenda.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **Artist Sunday 2021**
Cynthia Freese and Christopher Sherman, Co-founders Artists Sunday
FREESE and SHERMAN gave a presentation on the 2021 Artists Sunday initiative. This is the second year of the program to support artists during the holiday shopping season. There are more than 4,000 participating artists and 500 participating communities across the country.
- b) **2022 Arts Grant Application**

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Amy Dukes, Arts Program Administrator

DUKES discussed that the 2022 Arts Grant application is currently being reviewed by the City's equity consultant to help further improve its accessibility. Arts Commissioners discussed final revisions to the arts grant application.

c) **Site Visit Report Outs**

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Commissioners gave reports of recent funded programs that they attended, observed or participated in..

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Arts Commission reviewed an off cycle grant request from the Issaquah PTSA Council to support display grids for the Issaquah School Districts Reflections Program.

OLIVER motioned to support the PTSA Council with a \$800 arts grant, MAHADEO seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The commission also discussed the need to have an official out of cycle grant process for emergency requests.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.