

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH  
Arts Commission**

6:30 PM  
December 13, 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  
Fred Poyner  
Wendy Oliver, Alternate (excused absence)  
Rachel Wright, Alternate (excused absence)

*Administration/Staff:*

Amy Dukes, Arts Program Administrator

*Guests:*

Avena Fan, Issaquah Youth Board  
KyuHong Lee, Issaquah Youth Board

**CALL TO ORDER**

MAHADEO called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) MORGRET moved to approve the minutes of October 11, 2021. HAYS seconded the motion. Minutes were approved, unanimously.

**CHAIR REPORT**

MAHADEO shared information about Village Theatre's return to stage and holiday concerts.

**STAFF REPORT**

DUKES announced that the deadline for the 2022 round one arts grant applications will be January 21, 2022, with the second round released in spring 2022. She also provided information about the seasonal lighting initiative in the Creative District. Lighting sponsors included Puget Sound Energy and Virginia Mason Franciscan Health. Lights will be up until late January.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) **Public Art: Festival Street Asphalt Mural Concepts Review**  
Commissioners reviewed two initial concepts by artist Will Schlough for the Alder Festival Street asphalt mural. Commissioners provided feedback to the artist and requested that both concepts be refined and reviewed at the next arts commission meeting.
- b) **2022 Municipal Arts Fund Revenue and Expenses Discussion**  
*Amy Dukes, Arts Program Administrator*

DUKES gave an overview of the 2022 municipal art fund budget. The 2022 budget includes expenses of \$337,300 for programs and public art and moves toward a more “normal” budget for the program after an approximate 50% reduction in 2021. Challenges around income remain due to decreased admissions tax throughout the pandemic. Admissions tax income will continue to be monitored and alternate funding solutions will be discussed in 2022.

c) **Arts Grant Site Visit Reports**

*Arts Commission*

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

**OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.