

9-12-22 Arts Commission Minutes

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Arts Commission**

6:30 PM
September 12, 2022

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

Bridget Agabra
Tracey Craig (excused absence)
Kimberly Kapustein
Tina Velazquez Hays
Tracie Mahadeo
Fred Poyner IV
Rachel Wright
Carleen Cafferty, Alternate
Julie Griffin, Alternate (excused absence)
Eric Morgret, Alternate (excused absence)

Administration/Staff:

Amy Dukes, Arts Program Administrator
Tisha Gieser, City Clerk

Guests:

CALL TO ORDER

MAHADEO called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WRIGHT moved to approve the minutes of July 11, 2022. POYNER seconded the motion. Minutes were approved, unanimously.

CHAIR REPORT

MAHADEO welcomed all commissioners to the first in-person meeting since 2020 and gave a quick update of summer arts and culture events. Vice Chair WRIGHT gave an update on the creative district initiative and its effort to gather input from creative businesses.

STAFF REPORT

DUKES reported on the July 26 Chalk Art Festival. The event was well attended despite the extremely high temperatures. Feedback from participants was very positive. Thank you to all the commissioners who volunteered to make the event a success.

AGENDA ITEMS

- A **Open Government Training**
Presented by Tisha Gieser, City Clerk
City Clerk Tisha Gieser provided commissioners with an overview of the Open Public Meetings Act and the Public Records Act.

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B Utility Box Artwork Selection and Location Assignments

The call for artwork resulted in 48 submissions. Arts Commissioners unanimously agreed to select artworks by Mya Mendiola, Ryan Henderson and Rohini Mathur to wrap traffic signal boxes this fall. "Moons" by Vikram Madan will be reinstalled at the intersection of Front and Clark Streets. Commissioners discussed where to locate the new selected artworks.

C Arts Granting 2023 Planning

Commissioners discussed the 2023 arts granting process and guidelines. The application was revised in 2022 with an emphasis on accessibility and equity. For 2023, commissioners discussed the possibility of creating categories for funding – general support for arts organizations; project support for arts organizations/non-arts organizations/artists, etc.; and school projects. Commissioners also discussed focusing on Issaquah residents/Issaquah city limits.

D Arts Strategic Plan Follow Up

Item was tabled to future meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members discussed the 2022 Welcoming Week Celebration.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

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