

10-10-22 Arts Commission Minutes

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Arts Commission**

6:30 PM
October 10, 2022

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

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

Administration/Staff:

Amy Dukes, Arts Program Administrator

Guests:

CALL TO ORDER

MAHADEO called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MAHADEO moved to approve the minutes of September 12, 2022. KAPUSTEIN seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

CHAIR REPORT

MAHADEO thanked Cafferty, Kapustein, Poyner and Wright for attending the October 3 City Council meeting to accept the National Arts and Humanities Proclamation on behalf of the Arts Commission.

STAFF REPORT

DUKES also thanks commissioners for attending the October 3 City Council meeting. She noted an item to be added to the agenda in Other Business - the NW Trolls Project.

AGENDA ITEMS

- A **2023 Municipal Art Program - Mayor's Proposed Budget (I)**
DUKES reviewed the proposed 2023-24 Municipal Arts Fund Budget. The municipal art fund budget proposal includes a \$200,000 general fund contribution for 2023, to acknowledge the loss of revenue via the reduced admission tax during the pandemic. Discussions about municipal art fund revenue beyond 2023, will need to happen in Q1-2 of 2023 for the 2024 budget. Proposed expenditures for arts granting and public art are in line with previous, recent

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years. City Council will be discussing the city's proposed two-year budget throughout the month of October, with possible adoption in early November.

B 2023 Arts Grant Program Guideline Updates (D)

Arts Commissioners discussed options for new categories of funding within the arts granting program. There was support of general operating requests from Issaquah-based nonprofit arts organizations and also arts project requests from groups and individuals. Commissioners also discussed support of school-based arts projects and recommended reaching out to arts commission staff/leadership at the other cities that are served by the Issaquah School District to better coordinate funding opportunities. DUKES will prepare the new application to be released in late October/early November.

C Public Artist Roster (D)

Vice Chair WRIGHT led a discussion about the possibilities and benefits of creating an Issaquah artists roster - including helping match artists with space. The commission will discuss this item at future meetings as the roster is developed.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

DUKES provided an overview of the NW Trolls Project with the Scan Design Foundation and artist Thomas Dambo. Issaquah is being considered as a potential artwork site. Lake Sammamish State Park was initially selected, but unable to participate in 2023. This item will be discussed further at the November Arts Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.