

11-14-22 Arts Commission Minutes

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Arts Commission**

6:30 PM
November 14, 2022

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

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

Administration/Staff:

Amy Dukes, Arts Program Administrator

Guests:

Tina Zou, student
Jeff Watling, Director, City of Issaquah Parks and Community Services

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WRIGHT moved to approve the minutes of October 10, 2022. MORGRET seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

CHAIR REPORT

MAHADEO attended the Tasveer Youth shorts showcase. Unfortunately it was not well attended, though the 5pm time on a Friday was likely the reason. The films were well done.

WRIGHT reported on her Creative District presentation at the Economic Vitality Commission which was well received. There was substantial interest in collaboration among the commissioners.

STAFF REPORT

DUKES reported on the newly installed utility box wraps in the Creative District. She also noted upcoming event dates including, November 19 "Light Up the Night" City tree lighting ceremony in the Creative District and November 27 "Artist Sunday" with reception at the artisan market at the train depot.

The 2023 Issaquah Arts Grant application is online with a deadline of December 9. There will be a virtual grant workshop on November 16 at noon.

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AGENDA ITEMS

A **Confluence Park Bridge Public Art Update**

WATLING gave an overview of the maintenance issues on the confluence park bridge decking and the maintenance solution's impact to the public art element in the bridge decking surface. The sculptural Mayfly element is intact and not impacted.

B **NW Trolls Project**

DUKES shared an update on the environmental art / regional temporary sculpture project organized by the Scan Design Foundation. The project currently has 7 sites that have expressed interest in participating. The Snoqualmie Tribe is being contacted to gauge their interest in engaging with the project. Commissioners expressed enthusiastic support of Issaquah's participation in the project and support of engaging the tribe in the initiative.

MORGRET motioned to recommend Issaquah's participation in the NW Trolls project with up to \$75,000 of public art funding over 2022-2023. AGABRA seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

C **We Are Issaquah Photograph Collection Loan / Acquisition**

Arts Commissioners discussed the possibility of borrowing or acquiring artist LeLieta McKill's photographs from the "We Are Issaquah" Project. Commissioners expressed interest in the works but were concerned about the ability to care for the large collection (28 photographs) and the ability to properly display the works in a public setting. It was recommended that the Arts Program Administrator contact the artist to gauge interest in a digital loan of the works until a more ideal exhibiting opportunity could be identified.

D **Issaquah Artist Roster**

WRIGHT gave an update of the artist roster project and the commission discussed various types of rosters and uses for each. This item will be added to the 2023 workplan.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POYNER reported on visiting the Beaver Lake Middle School art exhibition. AGABRA reported on her participation in the moving Dia de los Muertos celebration at the Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.