

12-12-22 Arts Commission Minutes

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Arts Commission**

6:30 PM
December 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
Julie Griffin, Alternate (excused absence)
Eric Morgret, Alternate (excused absence)

Administration/Staff:

Amy Dukes, Arts Program Administrator

Guests:

Christina Bruning, Board President, DIA
Mark Clemens, Executive Director, DIA

CALL TO ORDER

MAHADEO called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

HAYS moved to approve the minutes of November 14, 2022. POYNER seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CLEMENS and BRUNING gave updates on December DIA programming downtown.

CHAIR REPORT

MAHADEO thanked Arts Commissioners for their time and expertise throughout 2022. She reported out on recent local arts events attended.

STAFF REPORT

DUKES reported on the November 19 “Light Up the Night” City tree lighting event in the Creative District. The event was very well attended and there is desire to continue the tradition in 2023.

She also thanked commissioners for their valuable contributions in 2022.

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AGENDA ITEMS

A 2023 Issaquah Arts Grant Review Orientation

Arts Commissioners reviewed the list of applications for the 2023 Arts Grants program and signed up to be primary readers for the applications. The criteria and scoring system were discussed. Grants will be formally reviewed at the January 9 arts commission meeting and at an additional, special, arts commission meeting later in January.

WRIGHT shared a data overview of the applications.

B 2022 Accomplishments and 2023 Workplan

DUKES shared a presentation outlining the accomplishments of the arts program in 2022, including arts granting, public art installation, creative district placemaking and community events. After several years of COVID restrictions, 2022 saw an increase in public events and arts participation.

Commissioners reviewed each of the Arts Strategic Directions and linked them to action items for the 2023 workplan. Increasing literary arts events in 2023 was also discussed.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POYNER initiated a discussion on involving local artists in the NW Trolls Project in 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.