

1-18-23 Arts Commission Minutes

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH  
Arts Commission**

6:30 PM  
January 18, 2023

**MINUTES**

Youth Lounge,  
Issaquah Community Center

**COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

*Commissioners:*

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

*Administration/Staff:*

Amy Dukes, Arts Program Administrator

*Guests:*

Christina Bruning, Board President, DIA  
Tony Frederickson, WA Blues Assoc.  
Dorothy Hay, Issaquah Singers  
Virginia Knight, Issaquah Singers  
Bryce Van Parys, Hammond Ashley

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

AGABRA moved to approve the minutes of January 9, 2022. MORGRET seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Arts Grant applicants thanked the arts commission for reviewing their grant applications and reiterated the need for grant support.

**CHAIR REPORT**

MAHADEO thanked Arts Commissioners for their flexibility on scheduling the special meeting.

**STAFF REPORT**

DUKES reported that the 2023 arts grant recommendations will go to the Services, Safety and Parks Committee on January 23. The meeting will be held in council chambers at 6:30pm with a virtual option as well.

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**AGENDA ITEMS****A 2023 Issaquah Arts Grant Review**

Arts Commissioners reviewed the final, cumulative scoring of all applications and discussed how to allocate funding based on the criteria: Public Benefit, Artistic Value and Managerial Capacity. It was decided that applications with scores of 11 (out of 15) or higher would be funded.

**B 2023 Issaquah Arts Grant Funding Recommendations**

MAHADEO moved to fund the 2023 Issaquah Arts Grants as detailed below, for a total expenditure of \$163,380. MORGET seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

<b>Arts Grant Applicant</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Funding Recommendation</b>
Coco Allred Studio	Drawing Herd	\$ 5,000
Downtown Issaquah Association	Confluence Music Festival	\$ 5,000
Downtown Issaquah Association	ArtWalks & Music Strolls	\$ 5,000
Downtown Issaquah Association	Gas Station Blues	\$ 5,000
Downtown Issaquah Association	Musician Arts Program	\$ 5,000
Downtown Issaquah Association	Wine & ArtWalks	\$ 5,000
Downtown Issaquah Association	Visual Community Arts Projects	\$ 5,000
Downtown Issaquah Association	Performing Arts Program	\$ -
Friends of Lake Sammamish State Park	Art Projects in the Park	\$ 5,000
Greater Issaquah Chamber of Commerce	Salmon Days Arts Program	\$ 5,000
Heartstone Studios	The Magic of Noise Documentary Multimedia Presentation	\$ -
Highlands Council	Veterans Day in the Highlands	\$ 1,750
Highlands Council	Native American Heritage Month Gallery Exhibition and Reception	\$ 2,750
Highlands Council	Global Grub & Groove	\$ 5,000
Highlands Council	Issaquah Highlands 25th Anniversary Mural	\$ -
Influence the Choice	11th Annual Student PSA Video Contest	\$ 5,000
Issaquah Cultural Circle	Inclusive Circle Art Program	\$ 3,780
Issaquah Cultural Circle	Children's Day and Seniors Celebrations	\$ 4,100

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Issaquah Cultural Circle	Day of the Dead Celebration	\$	5,000
Issaquah Cultural Circle	Cultural Workshops	\$	5,000
Issaquah Philharmonic Orchestra	Free Public Concerts / Young Composer Competition	\$	5,000
Issaquah Singers	9 Free Concerts at Senior Living Facilities in Issaquah	\$	4,500
Master Chorus Eastside	Master Chorus Eastside - 4th of July Celebration	\$	2,500
Seattle Shakespeare Company	Wooden O, Free Shakespeare in the Park	\$	5,000
The Garage, a Teen Cafe	Arts Programming at the Garage	\$	4,000
Village Theatre	Arts Partnership Support	\$	35,000
Welcoming Week Planning Group	Issaquah Welcomes You Celebration	\$	5,000
	Arts Partnerships and Arts Projects: Total Funding Recommendations	\$	<b>138,380</b>
	Arts in the Schools Grant Program (Spring 2023)	\$	<b>25,000</b>
	Total All Arts Grants 2023	\$	<b>163,380</b>

**OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

POYNER will be having book signing/talk for his new work on February 11 at Wall to Wall Books and on March 11 at Café Ladro.

HAYS would like to initiate an open mic poetry event. MORGRET will join her in the planning effort.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.