CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Arts Commission

6:30 PM
February 13, 2023

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

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

Administration/Staff:
Amy Dukes, Arts Program Administrator

Guests:
Mark Clemens, Executive Director, DIA
Rose Clemens, Clark Elementary PTA

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, 2023. POYNER seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

DIA Executive Director Mark Clemens gave updates on DIA programming downtown.
Rose Clemens reported that over 600 students at Clark Elementary benefited from the 2022 arts grant for their visual art program.

CHAIR REPORT

MAHADEO reported on a visit to the Garage Teen Café as well as participation in the Thomas Dambo artist visit.

STAFF REPORT

DUKES gave updates on the NW Trolls project with Thomas Dambo. The artist team, Scan Design Foundation staff and members of the Snoqualmie Tribe attended a site visit in Confluence Park on February 9. The artist also explored some potential sites within the City of Issaquah trails system. Next steps will include artwork concepts for commission review.

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AGENDA ITEMS

A **2023 Arts Grant Process - Review and Feedback**
Arts Commissioners discussed the 2023 changes to the granting program. Commissioners agreed that the scoring criteria and ranking method was an improvement over the previous process. They discussed making the public benefit to Issaquah a more heavily weighted criteria in the next funding cycle.

B **Arts in the Schools Grant Program Planning**
Commissioners reviewed the new Arts in the Schools grant application to be released in March. A link to the draft application was provided and is open for commissioner comments until the March arts commission meeting. The majority of changes are related to eligibility – with only in city limits schools or schools with majority Issaquah residents eligible. Application has also been streamlined over all, with criteria matching the 2023 Arts Projects grant program.

C **Public Art Updates**
DUKES provided updates on upcoming projects including a mural for the 235 Building and utility box wraps for 2023.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm (ended early due to inclement weather - snow, ice).