CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Arts Commission

6:30 PM
March 13, 2023

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

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

Administration/Staff:
Amy Dukes, Arts Program Administrator

Guests:
Leslie Moore Pflug, Creative District
Jen Davis Hayes, Economic Development Manager
Juliana da Cruz, Economic Development Coordinator
Farel Otieno, Economic Development Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MORGRET moved to approve the minutes of February 13, 2023. POYNER seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

n/a

CHAIR REPORT

MAHADEO reported on attending POYNER's book signing at Café Ladro on March 11.

STAFF REPORT

DUKES asked for members to assist with arts commission candidate interviews to fill open positions for terms beginning May 2023. CRAIG, MOGRET and POYNER volunteered.

The 2023 Arts in Schools grant application will be released in late March with a May deadline. Applications will be reviewed and funding recommendations will be made at the June meeting.

A doodle poll will be sent out to reschedule the April 13 arts commission meeting since it falls on a religious holiday.

AGENDA ITEMS

A **Issaquah Film Festival Proposal**
Local students Beckett Hobbs, Logan Sarzalejo and Henry Schriber presented a proposal for a summer shorts film festival in Issaquah this year. They are targeting mid-July and looking for a venue. MORGRET offered to provide some guidance on film recruitment, logistics, budgeting, etc. Commissioners expressed support of the idea. DUKES will work to help identify an available venue. Updates to be given at the April meeting.

B **Economic Development Overview**
The City's Economic Development team provided a presentation of their current focus areas and goals as well as information about partnerships and collaboration with arts and creative district. The Arts Commission and Economic Vitality Commission will schedule a joint meeting later in the year to further discuss areas of collaboration and synergy.

C **Creative District Update**
Creative District Program Coordinator Leslie Moore Pflug gave an overview of the Creative District's recent initiatives and work plan for the year. The Creative District Advisory Board is actively recruiting new members from the creative sector. The 2023 Creative District Seasonal Lighting Project will focus on further expansion this year. The District continues to have a long term goal of supporting local artmaking through an arts center within the district.

D **Public Art Updates**
DUKES reported on current public art maintenance projects – "Forest Trail" at Central Park, "Zephyr" on Rainier, and Skate Park Artwork – all maintenance should be complete by early summer. She also provided un update on the NW Trolls Project. A finalized location and initial concept should be shared soon by the artist team.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

A spoken word event, organized by commissioners, will take place at 55 Sunset Café on March 24 at 6pm. KAPUSTEIN also mentioned a Monday night art group that meets at the Café regularly.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.