

4-24-23 Arts Commission Minutes

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH  
Arts Commission**

6:30 PM  
April 24, 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:*

Scott MacDonald, Arts Consultant, Ambergris Project  
Christina Bruning, DIA

**CALL TO ORDER**

MAHADEO called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Christina Bruning, Board President of DIA, gave arts and culture program updates from DIA, including June 21<sup>st</sup> Make Music Day and December 9 Local Author event.

**CHAIR REPORT**

MAHADEO reported on participating as a juror for the Friends of Lake Sammamish State Park recycled arts competition. She also reminded commissioners of the Influence the Choice video contest event at Pickering Barn on April 25.  
WRIGHT reported on making public comment at city council about community artmaking space needs and issues.

**STAFF REPORT**

DUKES gave an update on the student Issaquah Film Festival plans. The group is planning for a mid July event to be held at Fleming Art Center.  
Friends of Lake Sammamish State Park will be holding the Walk n Wag event on May 7. If any arts commissioners would like to staff a booth, space is available.

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The economic vitality commission has invited the arts commission to have a joint meeting at their June 21 meeting. The arts commission will still hold its June 12 meeting to review art in the schools grant applications.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**A NW Trolls Project**

Scott MacDonald, Arts Consultant, provided updates on the NW Trolls project including the story development for the troll. The Issaquah installation is scheduled for August 23-24 and August 28 – September 1, 2023. All recycled wood pallets are being donated by Republic Services.

**B Spoken Word Program**

HAYS provided a summary of the spoken word event at 55 Sunset. Participants delivered a range of material and writing styles. There was a very diverse age range. Many participants expressed interest in future literary events. 55 Sunset staff who coordinate special events are leaving, but hopefully this will not affect future program opportunities.

**OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

POYNER reported on his attendance at the Sammamish Arts Commission meeting as well as a visit to the Pacific Northwest Writers Cottage.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm.