

7-10-23 Arts Commission Minutes

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Arts Commission**

6:30 PM
July 10, 2023

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

Bridget Agabra
Chris Craven
Mary Deraitus (excused)
Kimberly Kapustein
Tina Velazquez Hays
Treasure Hinds
Tracie Mahadeo
Eric Morgret
Fred Poyner IV
Albert Wang
Rachel Wright

Administration/Staff:

Amy Dukes, Cultural Arts Manager

Guests:

Christina Bruning, DIA
Corby Casler, DIA

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WRIGHT moved to approve the minutes of May 8, 2023. CRAVEN seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Corby Casler, Executive Director of DIA, gave arts and culture program updates from DIA.

CHAIR REPORT

WRIGHT reported on the new Artwork @ Work pop up program. Artist Rachel Yo's work will be on display at the Maple Building July 17-November 3. She invited arts commissioners to the opening/ice cream social at the building on November 18.

STAFF REPORT

DUKES gave an update on the upcoming Issaquah Film Festival to take place Saturday, July 15 11am to 8pm at the Fleming Art Center. Student Filmmakers have done a good job of organizing the festival. There will be a filmmaker meet and greet at the end of the event.

AGENDA ITEMS

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A Art in the Schools Grant Recommendations

After discussion about all grant applications, POYNER moved to fund the grant requests of ACT, Issaquah High School and Clark Elementary and not fund Maple Hills Elementary, due to its ineligibility outside the city limits. MORGRET seconded. The motion passed with all in favor except HAYS. Commissioners agreed to clarify eligibility of multi-school partnerships when one or more of the partners are outside the Issaquah city limits for future applicants.

B Utility Box Artwork Selection

Commissioners reviewed the artwork submissions for the utility box wraps and narrowed the selection to twelve artists. MAHADEO motioned to use the artwork for the twelve selected artists in 2023-24 (Adelson, Bae, Baker, Hillgrove, Hynes, Jahn, Lilly, Rau, Rollinger, Shellan, Smith-Becker, Tono) MORGRET seconded and the motion passed unanimously. There are 7 locations to be wrapped in September 2023.

C Summer Events Volunteering and Site Visits

Commissioners discussed volunteering at the upcoming Chalk Art Festival on July 25 as well as making site visits to summer programs that are being funded by arts grants. DUKES will resend the sign up forms.

D NW Trolls Project Update

DUKES gave a presentation with updates on the NW Trolls/ Way of the Bird King project. The Thomas Dambo artist team will be in Issaquah August 22 – September 1. Volunteer Sign Ups will begin at the end of the month. There will be a public event for the community to hear Thomas Dambo's artist talk.

E Economic Vitality Commission Joint Meeting Debrief

MAHADEO recapped the joint meeting and solicited additional feedback. Arts Commissioners may have an opportunity to participate in the Economic Action Plan focus groups. There will be a focus group centered on creative economy.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next arts commission meeting will be held on Monday, August 21 – just prior to the NW trolls Issaquah build kick off.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.