CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Arts Commission

6:30 PM
August 21, 2023

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

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

Administration/Staff:
Amy Dukes, Cultural Arts Manager

Guests:
Corby Casler, DIA
Zoe Iacomini
Amelia Jensen, Mithun

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MORGRET moved to approve the minutes of July 10, 2023. HAYS seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CHAIR REPORT

WRIGHT reminded commissioners to visit the new Artwork @ Work pop up in the Maple Street Building. Thanks to arts commissioners who attended the opening/ice cream social. Artist Rachel Yo's work will be on display until November 3. Planning continues to expand the Artwork @ Work program to new sites, including the creative district.

MAHADEO reported on the Issaquah Rotary's calendar project. Rotary would like the arts commission's help publicizing their call for artwork and also with artwork selection.

STAFF REPORT

DUKES welcomed Zoe Iacomini to the meeting as a youth representative. Zoe will be a senior at Issaquah High School. Arts Commissioners introduced themselves and welcomed Zoe.

DUKES also introduced an additional item for the Agenda – review of a mural concept for the 235 building.

AGENDA ITEMS

A **Community Investment Strategy Project Updates, re: Pedestrian Park and Senior Center Plaza (I)**
Amelia Jensen of Mithun gave a presentation about the parks community investment projects and the corresponding community engagement and design processes to date. She introduced several art opportunities within the project as well as some existing public artwork that will require relocation. This topic will be discussed further at the arts commission's September meeting. Timeline for construction of these projects in by end of 2024.

B **NW Trolls Project – The Way of the Bird King – Project Schedule and Updates (I)**
DUKES gave a presentation with updates on the NW Trolls/ Way of the Bird King project. The Thomas Dambo artist team will kick off the build onsite tomorrow, August 22. Volunteer Sign Ups are nearly full. A Thomas Dambo artist talk and Q&A is scheduled for August 28, 6pm at Big Picture.

C **Site Visit Reports (D)**
Commissioners discussed their recent site visits to summer arts grant funded programs including Gas Station Blues, Global Grub and Groove, Wooden O Shakespeare, and Issaquah Film Festival.

D **Urban Artworks Mural on 235 Building – Draft Design Review (D)**
Arts Commissioners reviewed the draft mural design submitted by Urban Artworks. Commissioners provided feedback for the artist, including toning down some of the colors and abstracting the salmon. A revised draft will return to the commission in September. Painting is planned for late September.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.