

10-9-23 Arts Commission Minutes

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Arts Commission**

6:30 PM
October 9, 2023

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

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

Administration/Staff:

Amy Dukes, Cultural Arts Manager

Guests:

Fidelma McGinn, Scan Design Foundation
Corby Casler, DIA

Zoe Iacomini – youth representative (excused)

CALL TO ORDER

MAHADEO called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WRIGHT moved to approve the minutes of September 11, 2023. CRAVEN seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CHAIR REPORT

WRIGHT reported on the arts center survey and research of 33 regional arts centers. She also thanked commissioners who attended the council meeting to receive the October as National Arts and Humanities Month proclamation.

MAHADEO reported on the completion of the Rotary art calendar and shared purchasing options.

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STAFF REPORT

DUKES shared information about the Doors Open ordinance at the King County Council. More information can be found at Inspire Washington's website. The proposed ordinance will be discussed at upcoming KC COW meetings as well as KC Regional Policy Committee meetings with a councilmanic vote by end of 2023.

DUKES also shared that the new utility box wraps have all been installed. There are seven traffic signal locations with new artwork.

AGENDA ITEMS

A **NW Troll Project Media Outcomes (I)**

Scan Design Foundation President Fidelma McGinn gave a presentation about the media outreach and outcomes related to the NW Trolls Project. There were an estimated 33 million traditional media impressions from June to August 2023.

B **Creative District Update (I)**

Creative District Program Coordinator Leslie Moore Pflug gave an update on the Issaquah Creative District Program. The seasonal lighting program for creative businesses in the district will continue this winter. PSE is providing partial sponsorship. The district continues to work on identifying artmaking space as a priority.

C **Comprehensive Plan – Cultural Element Updates (D)**

Arts Commissioners reviewed the cultural element and discussed reorganization of the element to better align with the arts strategic directions. Item was continued for more discussion at the November meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAYS reported on a site visit to Drawing Herd at the Farmers Market.

CRAVEN reported on attendance of the Eastside Culture Coalition meeting and the work of East Hub in Sammamish.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.