

1-18-24 Arts Commission Minutes

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Arts Commission**

6:30 PM
January 18, 2024

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

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

Administration/Staff:

Amy Dukes, Cultural Arts Manager

Guests:

Christina Bruning, DIA
Lindsey Pinkston, Issaquah Highlands
Council

CALL TO ORDER

MAHADEO called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Christina Bruning, DIA, thanked the arts commission for the review of the 2024 arts grants and for 2023 grant support. She also highly recommended “Becoming Dr. Ruth” at Village Theatre.

CHAIR REPORT

WRIGHT shared that there will be an art exhibit – “Expressions of Winter” at Blakely Hall. Opening reception will be Saturday, Jan 27, 12-2pm. Issaquah Arts will be there as well to share information about the new organization.

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STAFF REPORT

DUKES provided information about upcoming arts commission items at Council Services and Safety Committee and Planning Policy Commission. There is also a community celebration for Doors Open at the Bellevue Botanical Garden 1/20 at 7pm. Registration is online at Inspire Washington's website.

AGENDA ITEMS**A 2024 Art Grant Recommendations (A)**

MAHADEO outlined the process and criteria for evaluation and funding recommendation of the applications. Arts Commissioners reviewed all 40 arts grant applications and the cumulative scores each received. They collectively agreed upon funding recommendations as follow:

Applicant Organization	Project Title	Funding Recommendation
Village Theatre	Arts Partnership	\$35,000
Issaquah History Museums Downtown Issaquah Association	Arts Partnership	\$8,500
Downtown Issaquah Association	ArtWalks & Music Strolls	\$5,000
Downtown Issaquah Association	Confluence Music Festival	\$5,000
Downtown Issaquah Association	Gas Station Blues	\$5,000
Friends of Lake Sammamish State Park	Meadows Shelter Art Project	\$5,000
Friends of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery	Salmon on Sunset Community Music Stage	\$5,000
Greater Issaquah Chamber of Commerce	Salmon Days Festival Art	\$5,000
Highlands Council	Global Grub & Groove	\$5,000
Influence the Choice	12th Annual Student PSA Art Contest	\$5,000
Issaquah Cultural Circle	Club Inclusive	\$5,000
Issaquah Cultural Circle	Cultural Workshops	\$5,000
Issaquah Cultural Circle	Day of the Dead Celebration	\$5,000
Khan, Saira	Literary Nights	\$5,000
Marcus, Ali - Happy Time Studio	Issaquah Open Studio Tour	\$5,000
Tarot 77 Entertainment	Issaquah Film Festival 2024	\$5,000
Welcoming Week	Welcoming Week Artists	\$5,000
Garage, a Teen Cafe	Arts Programming at the Garage	\$4,500
Issaquah Singers	Free Choir Concerts at Senior Living Facilities in Issaquah	\$4,500
Highlands Council	Persian Gallery Exhibition and Nowruz Community Celebration	\$4,000
Downtown Issaquah Association	Historically Hip Artisan Market and Literary Programming	\$3,600

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Aidoo, Annmarie	Public Art Wayfinding - Pilot Project	\$3,400
So There	Makers Gallery	\$3,300
Downtown Issaquah Association	Wine & ArtWalks	\$3,200
Friends of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery	Spring Salmon Smolt Release Cultural Arts Event	\$3,200
Issaquah Cultural Circle	The Art Circle	\$3,000
Seattle Shakespeare Company	Wooden O, Free Shakespeare in the Park	\$3,000
Friends of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery	Salmon Hatchery Arts Creation Lab	\$2,700
Downtown Issaquah Association	Cultural Celebration for AAPI Month	\$2,500
Master Chorus Eastside	Independence Day Celebration	\$2,500
Downtown Issaquah Association	Music in the Streets	\$2,400
Mathur, Rohini	Blooming Harmony: Petals & Pollinators	\$2,100
Friends of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery	Cultural Salmon Driftwood Artwork	\$0
Friends of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery	Fish Venetian Mask Making Workshop	\$0
Friends of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery	Salmon on Sunset Orchestra Flash Mob	\$0
Highlands Council	Photography Contest and Exhibition	\$0
	Echoes of India: Celebrating Issaquah's Vibrant Heritage	\$0
House of Kala	Children's Day and Seniors Celebrations	\$0
Issaquah Cultural Circle	Nritya Lab	\$0
Sadhana	Cat Art Show	\$0
Wong, Anita Yan		\$0

\$166,400

Set Aside for 2024 Arts in the Schools Grant Program

\$25,000

\$191,400

MAHADEO moved to accept the 2024 arts grant funding allocations, totaling \$191,400, as recommended by the arts commission. MORGRET seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Allocation recommendations will be forwarded to Council Services and Safety Committee on January 23, 2024.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.