

2-12-24 Arts Commission Minutes

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Arts Commission**

6:30 PM
February 12, 2024

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

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

Administration/Staff:

Amy Dukes, Cultural Arts Manager

Guests:

Corby Casler, DIA
Lindsey Pinkston, Highlands Council

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

POYNER moved to approve the minutes of January 18, 2024. AGABRA seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

DIA gave updates on DIA programming downtown.
Highlands Council provided updates on upcoming programming at Blakely Hall.

CHAIR REPORT

WRIGHT provided information about the arts presentation at the Planning and Policy Commission meeting in January. The changes to the arts and culture element were well received.

STAFF REPORT

DUKES announced that the Issaquah Creative District has been awarded a \$112,500 capital grant for public art within the downtown plazas project.

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AGENDA ITEMS

- A **Arts Program 2024 Workplan and 2024-25 Funding Discussion**
Commissioners reviewed the proposed workplan for 2024, including schedules for arts granting, public art and programming. Commissioners also discussed needs for diversified funding sources for the arts program in 2024 and beyond. This funding issue will be addressed in a presentation at the February 27, 2024 Council Services and Safety Committee meeting.

- B **Arts Granting 2024 Process Evaluation / Planning for 2025** Arts Commissioners discussed the 2024 arts granting process and made recommendations for further refinements and improvements. Commissioners discussed the need to limit the number of applications one organization can submit.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Art of Freedom exhibit to celebrate Black History Month will be held at the Issaquah Community Center on February 24-25, 2024, 10a-4p. The exhibit is organized by Onyx Fine Arts Collective.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.