

6-10-24 Arts Commission Minutes

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH  
Arts Commission**

6:30 PM  
June 10, 2024

**MINUTES**

**COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

*Commissioners:*

Bridget Agabra  
Rachel Brannon  
Chris Craven  
Tina Velazquez Hays  
Treasure Hinds (excused)  
Kimberly Kapustein  
Tracie Mahadeo (excused)  
Eric Morgret (excused)  
Caroline Thienes  
Albert Wang  
Rachel Wright

*Administration/Staff:*

Amy Dukes, Cultural Arts Manager  
Tisha Geiser, City Clerk

*Guests:*

Corby Casler, DIA  
Dani Franich, Village Theatre

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

AGABRA moved to approve the minutes of May 13, 2024. KAPUSTEIN seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Corby Casler gave arts and culture program updates from DIA.

**CHAIR REPORT**

WRIGHT reported on the Artist Pop-in event hosted at Pickering Barn by Issaquah Arts and City of Issaquah Economic Development. The networking and learning event was well-attended. Thanks to Bridget Agabra for leading the tech workshop and Toni Pinto for taking headshots.

**STAFF REPORT**

DUKES relayed that the Mayor will be in Morocco in June and will learn about visiting artist selection. Some of the resources that will be needed during the artists' visit will include translators (Arabic/French), Issaquah school / teacher connections to support school visits and volunteers for hosting artists at various activities.

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## AGENDA ITEMS

### A **Arts Commission By-Laws Update (A)**

City Clerk Tisha Geiser gave a presentation about updating the Issaquah Arts Commission By-Laws. Taking the discussion and suggestions from the commission into consideration, she will provide an updated set of by-laws for the arts commission to approve at a later meeting in 2024.

### B **Senior Center Plaza Public Art Relocation (D)**

Cultural Arts Manager Amy Dukes gave a presentation highlighting possible relocation sites for three pieces of artwork (Salmon Cycle, River Run and The Pillars) that will need to be moved with the upcoming Senior Center Plaza construction. The arts commission narrowed the list to the following possible sites: Salmon Run Park, Margaret's Meadow, Pickering Trail, Front Street. Further exploration of these sites will be discussed at future commission meetings.

### C **Summer Events Planning and Updates (D)**

#### **Chalk Art Festival, Film Festival**

Arts Commissioners discussed upcoming summer events including the Chalk Art Festival (July 23) and the Issaquah Film Festival (August 3-4). The commission discussed the desire to elevate the Chalk Art Festival to a more artist-centered event, while still maintaining accessibility and the fun, family atmosphere. The commission will work on a plan to add new elements to the event for 2025. The film festival planning is going very well. The festival received 88 film submissions and using a juried process narrowed the films to present to approximately 40.

## OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Caroline Thienes made a site visit to the Literary Nights program at the Train Depot. She reported that it was well attended and executed.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.