

8-12-24 Arts Commission Minutes

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Arts Commission**

6:30 PM
August 12, 2024

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

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

Administration/Staff:

Amy Dukes, Cultural Arts Manager

Guests:

Christina Bruning, DIA
Corby Casler, DIA
Dani Franich, Village Theatre

CALL TO ORDER

MAHADEO called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WRIGHT moved to approve the minutes of June 10, 2024. AGABRA seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dani Franich announced that Village Theatre has hired Derek Watanabe as its new Managing Director.

Corby Casler gave arts and culture program updates from DIA and thanked the arts commission for its grant support.

Rachel Wright shared information about Issaquah Arts' Labyrinth of Lanterns project.

CHAIR REPORT

MOHADEO reported on the Issaquah Film Festival and IFF Opening Night party hosted by Regency Centers. Both were well produced and attended. Film blocks were entertaining with lots of local talent.

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STAFF REPORT

DUKES gave updates about the visiting artists from Morocco. Artist selection should be finalized by September. An artist reception at Providence Point is being planned for early October. She also provided information about Jakob Two Trees' Birthday Celebration on Friday, September 6 at 3:30pm along Rainier Trail. Culture Fest: Issaquah Welcomes You will follow at 5:30p at the Community Center, with numerous artistic activities and performances.

AGENDA ITEMS

- A **Arts Commission Rules and Regulations Update (A)**
Arts Commission reviewed the final draft of the updates to its rules and regulations. WANG made a motion to approve the updated Arts Commission Rules and Regulations. MAHADEO seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- B **Issaquah Arts Grant Program: 2025 Application Planning Discussion (Part One) (D)**
Arts Commissioners discussed the arts grant application process and budgeting in 2024. Some suggested items to focus on for the 2025 arts grant guidelines and application process are: performance/program space as an alternative/compliment to funding; clarifying guidelines about the number of applications an organization can submit; providing better guidance on budget development/budget notes; need for explanation of how the project ties to the applicant's mission; clarity about what the arts program prioritizes for support (e.g. artist fees, art materials and supplies); more clarity about who can apply for arts partnerships support (arts versus heritage organizations); exploration of a "nimble fund" to help address off-cycle requests; use of final reports from previous years in evaluation of applications from the same organizations.
- C **Senior Center Plaza Public Art Relocation Site Visits (I)** Arts commissioners, staff and guests made visits to possible relocation sites for three pieces of artwork (Salmon Cycle, River Run and The Pillars). Sites visited included Senior Center Plaza, Margaret's Meadow, Salmon Run Park, Front Street properties. Arts Commissioners will discuss the locations in more detail and make final relocation suggestions at a future meeting in the fall.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm.