

10-14-24 Arts Commission Minutes

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Arts Commission**

6:30 PM
October 14, 2024

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

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

Administration/Staff:

Amy Dukes, Cultural Arts Manager
Tisha Geiser, City Clerk

Guests:

Corby Casler, DIA
Victor Bello, Sister Cities Commission
Paul Winterstein, Issaquah History Museums

CALL TO ORDER

MAHADEO called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WRIGHT moved to approve the minutes of September 9, 2024. HAYS seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Corby Casler gave arts and culture program updates from DIA.
Paul Winterstein provided updates on programs and operations from the Issaquah History Museums.
Victor Bello thanked the arts commission for support of the Moroccan visiting artist and provided an overview of the artist’s activities while visiting.

CHAIR REPORT

WRIGHT reported on the interest in local arts groups scheduling performances at the Issaquah High School Performing Arts Center. ISD is currently in discussions with Issaquah Philharmonic.

STAFF REPORT

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DUKES echoed Sister Cities Commissioner Victor Bello's comments about the success of the Moroccan artist visit during Salmon Days. She also provided an overview of the 2025-26 City of Issaquah budget process. She thanked HAYS and THIENES for their participation in the City Strategic Plan Update Workshop in September.

AGENDA ITEMS

- A Public Art Update: Deaccession "Wing on Wing" by Edward McCarthy (A)**
DUKES relayed the staff memo outlining the need to deaccession "Wing on Wing" after a vehicle struck the sculpture this summer. HINDS made a motion to formally deaccession Edward McCarthy's "Wing on Wing" and recycle and dispose of its pieces as appropriate. AGABRA seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

DUKES shared that artist Edward McCarthy has offered to donate a new artwork to the City, in place of "Wing on Wing." The arts commission will consider the donation at a meeting in 2025.

- B 2025 Art Grant Program Updates (D)**
Arts Commissioners discussed making changes to the arts grant application process given the municipal art fund budget restrictions in 2025. Changes to be made include, limiting applicants to no more than 3 separate project applications and changing funding amounts to a set amount of either \$2,500 or \$5,000. Additionally, applicants will be asked clearly to disclose other City of Issaquah funding/support. Arts commissioners also suggested that the application indicate that the program's preference is to fund artist fees, arts supplies and materials versus other types of expenses.
- C Site Visit Reports (I)**
Arts Commissioners shared their experiences visiting arts program funded projects.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.