

1-7-2025 Arts Commission Minutes

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH  
Arts Commission**

6:30 PM  
January 7, 2025

**MINUTES**

**COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

*Commissioners:*

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

*Administration/Staff:*

Amy Dukes, Cultural Arts Manager

*Guests:*

Christina Bruning, DIA  
Corby Casler, DIA

**CALL TO ORDER**

Tracie Mahadeo called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Tina Hays moved to approve the minutes of December 9, 2024. Chris Craven seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Christina Bruning and Corby Casler gave updates from DIA and expressed the need for arts grant support for 2025 programming.

**CHAIR REPORT**

Rachel Wright gave updates from the creative district code discussion at the Planning Policy Commission meeting in December. She and Chris Craven attended on behalf of the arts commission. More discussion on this topic will happen at future arts commission meetings in 2025.

**STAFF REPORT**

Amy Dukes provided a quick timeline of the arts granting process and asked arts commissioners to declare any conflicts of interest with arts grant applications as well submit all final scoring by Friday, January 10.

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**AGENDA ITEMS**

**A 2025 Issaquah Arts Grant Review - Part One (D)**

Arts Commissioners preliminarily reviewed the applications to the 2025 arts grant program and discussed possible funding approaches. A second and final review will take place on January 13, 2025 and include a set of grant funding recommendations to be forwarded to City Council for approval.

**OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41pm.