

2-10-25 Arts Commission Minutes

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Arts Commission**

6:30 PM
February 10, 2025

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

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

Administration/Staff:

Amy Dukes, Arts Program Administrator

Guests:

Christina Bruning, Board President, DIA
Paul Winterstein, Issaquah History
Museums

CALL TO ORDER

MAHADEO called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CRAVEN moved to approve the minutes of January 13, 2025. THIENES seconded.
Minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Christina Bruning gave updates on DIA programming downtown.
Paul Winterstein provided information about IHM’s educational programming.

CHAIR REPORT

None

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STAFF REPORT

DUKES gave updates on the progress of the 2025 Arts Grant Recommendations, which were approved by Council on February 3. She also shared upcoming grant opportunities through 4Culture and asked commissioners to share the information with their networks.

AGENDA ITEMS

A **2025 Issaquah Arts Commission Workplan (D)**

Arts Commissioners reviewed the draft 2025 workplan and discussed their 2025 priorities related to public art, arts granting, community events and arts policy. The 2025 workplans for all boards and commissions will be posted on the City's website.

B **Issaquah Creative District Recertification Process (I), (D)**

Amy Dukes gave an overview of the Creative District Recertification Process and reported on the Creative District Advisory Board's work on the re-application to ArtsWA. Commissioners reviewed the Washington Creative Economy Strategic Plan and the City of Issaquah Economic Development Action Plan which will be used to inform the Issaquah Creative District 5 year goals and workplan. This item will return for further discussion at the Commission's March meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barnes and Noble will have its grand opening on February 12, including author talks. There are also upcoming artist talks at KCLS, check out the schedule online. Blakely Hall in Issaquah Highlands is hosting an Onyx Fine Arts Collective exhibit/ artist reception and Living Voices performances to celebrate Black History Month on February 27, 5p-8p.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.