

6-9-25 Arts Commission Minutes

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Arts Commission**

6:30 PM

June 9, 2025

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

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

Administration/Staff:

Amy Dukes, Arts Program Administrator

Guests:

Christina Bruning, DIA

Paul Winterstein & Inara Sheldon,
Issaquah History Museums

Beckett Hobbs & Henry Shriber, Tarot 77

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MAHADEO moved to approve the minutes of May 19, 2025. HAYS seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Christina Bruning gave updates on DIA summer programming downtown.
Paul Winterstein and Inara Sheldon provided updates on Issaquah History Museum’s Fresh Perspectives Program and the art selection process.

CHAIR REPORT

WRIGHT provided information about tours of the Longman Performing Arts Center at Issaquah High School and updates on the film festival planning.

STAFF REPORT

DUKES provided information about the WA State Creative District convening in Tenino last week. She also gave information about the upcoming Inspire Washington listening session in Issaquah on June 26 at the Train Depot.

AGENDA ITEMS**A Chalk Art Festival Planning (I) (D)**

Amy Dukes gave a presentation highlighting the new elements for the Chalk Art Festival on July 22, 2025. Clown Garage will be providing entertainment in the form of circus arts, brass band music and other artist involvement.

B 2025 Issaquah Film Festival Updates (I)

Beckett Hobbs and Henry Shriber gave a presentation featuring updates about the 2025 Issaquah Film Festival scheduled for August 8-10. Film Submissions were opened to more western states this year and there was growth in Washington filmmaker submissions. Ticket Sales will begin in July.

C Utility Box Artwork Review (D)

Arts Commissioners Reviewed the artwork submissions for the 2025-26 Utility Box Artwrap Program. There were more than 300 submissions this year. Commissioners narrowed the results to 12 artwork that will be installed over the next two years.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Craven shared information about her recent trip to Issaquah's sister city Chefchaouen, Morocco.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.