

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH**  
**Sister Cities Commission**

6:35 PM  
July 10 2024

MINUTES

Steelhead Room  
235 1st Ave. SE

**COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

*Commissioners:*

Emily Royce  
Maryann Heil (*via Teams*)  
Shari Gehrke  
Stephanie Angula  
Victor Bello  
Wendy Pickering  
Virginie Blackburn

*Administrative Staff:*

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk

*Excused Absences:*

John Girt  
Carol Noel  
Sanvi Madan (*Youth Board Representative*)  
Ryan Opitz  
Diana Fleming

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) Minutes of June 18, 2024

The minutes were APPROVED as presented by unanimous consent.

- b) Minutes of July 2, 2024

The minutes of July were APPROVED as presented by unanimous consent.

**3. AUDIENCE COMMENTS - None.**

**4. REGULAR BUSINESS**

- a) Visiting Artists Planning Efforts – Goal is to know by the next regular meeting on August 14 the names of the artists coming. Determined the list of volunteers that can help with planning. Agreed to keep the hybrid format, teams focused on the 3 themes and list of owners for specific items.

**5. REPORTS**

- a) Youth Advisory Board Update – Nothing to report
- b) Sister City International Event – Wendy and Maryann to attend July 16 State Conference
- c) YAAS – Stephanie reported on the subcommittee meeting. Documented detailed plan that can be leveraged going forward. Victor created a video summarizing the showcase event.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a) Name badge order – Tisha to order badges for all commissioners and youth board representatives. They should be available by the end of August.
- b) Parking lot – Welcome Week (Sep 6 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in Issaquah)

- c) Next regular meeting is on August 14 at 6:30 PM in the Steelhead Room.  
Next special meeting is on August 7 at 6:30 PM at Tibbetts Manor. Tina, Stephanie or Ryan to communicate expectations/prework for this special meeting. Recommendation is to start with an all-hand discussion, break-out in subgroups, and report out.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 PM.