

**CITY OF REDMOND
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**Thursday, January 9, 2020
Redmond City Hall, Room 130 (1st Floor)
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

“Voice the views of the community to Mayor and City Council in reference to all cultural endeavors”

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Risa Coleman – Chair
Kari Tai — Vice-Chair
Angie Hinojos Yusuf (Late)
Savita Krishnamoorthy
Tifa Tomb
Lynn Trinh (Late)
Cheri Fowler
Bobby Ives

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Carrie Hite, Parks & Recreation Director
Carolyn Hope, Park, Planning & Cultural Arts Manager
Chris Weber, Cultural Arts Administrator
Amber Britton, Arts Recreation Coordinator

VISITORS:

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I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chair Risa Coleman called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

II. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Vice-Chair Tai to approve the minutes of December 2019
Second by Commissioner Krishnamoorthy
Motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Trinh and Commissioner Yusuf absent for vote)

IV. NEW BUSINESS & GUESTS

a. Introduction to Parks & Recreation Director- Chair Coleman introduced Parks & Recreation Director Carrie Hite. Ms. Hite gave a brief history of her work experience and art related work with the City of Kirkland and the City of Edmonds, recapped her “Look, Listen, and Learn” tour since beginning employment with the City of Redmond, and inquired if the Arts & Culture Commission had considered applying to be a Creative Arts District with the State of Washington. Ms. Hite provided the information

on this process and experience she had with the City of Edmonds and explained that it gives you formal distinction with the State of Washington as an artistic town and elaborated on some of the benefits such as receiving grants. Ms. Hite opened the floor to questions. No questions were asked but the Commission thanked Ms. Hite for being there and welcomed her to the City.

b. LMC (Denise Joseph from Nine Dot-via phone)

Brad Machat of Lennar Multifamily Communities, (LMC) and Denise Joseph (Nine Dot) presented updated designs of North Façade by artist Addison Karl due to recommendations by building material suppliers that the metal of the initial design would not do well being painted. The artists intent was explained, and art renderings were shared. Chair Coleman asked for comments and thoughts from Commissioners. A few questions were asked regarding the recessed spaces, whether it would be lit, and wanting to know what inspired the artist to decide on this design. A brief explanation on the artist's passion in color theory and previous artwork was explained by Ms. Joseph.

Motion by Commissioner Tomb to approve the Artist Addison Karl's Concept for North Façade Location 1 artwork in the LMC Marymoor Development
Second by Commissioner Fowler
Motion carried: 8-0

c. VALA

Laura Lee Bennett from VALA introduced Marlene Katz and Jessica Lambert, also from VALA, and shared a slideshow presentation that gave the history of their organization. Ms. Lambert shared VALA's upcoming work plan and their return to Redmond as they close their studio in Kirkland. Work plan projects include the Redmond Arts Festival, Art & Tech Intersection Art Talk Series this summer, "Back to Redmond" reception, Art Talk three-part series with local artists from outside of Redmond in the Fall. Ms. Katz shared the Call for Artists for "Back to Redmond" art gallery show that will take place at the Redmond Community Center at Marymoor Village. This show will highlight artists who work, live, or play in Redmond. VALA would like to focus on new art to spotlight new artists and art that hasn't been seen in the area before. Commissioner Coleman made suggestions on reception locations and Commissioner Yusuf requested VALA make an effort to reach out to diverse communities with their Call for Artists.

d. 152nd Public Artist Recommendation

Chris Weber, Cultural Arts Commissioner, shared a slideshow presentation of Horatio Law's previous artwork projects. Commissioner Yusuf and Commissioner Fowler shared the artist visions and ideas that were shared at the presentation.

Motion by Commissioner Yusuf to approve the Artist Horatio Law for 152nd Ave NE Public Art Project.
Second by Commissioner Tomb
Motion carried: 8-0

V. OLD BUSINESS

a. 2020 Workplan Planning

Mr. Weber shared the workplan and priorities in a slideshow and workplan document. Mr. Weber went line by line through the workplan and allowed discussion and questions as he presented. Mr. Weber explained that because dates haven't been finalized for many of the projects, he would accept interests from Commissioners so when the project dates are determined he can reach out to those who had initial

interest to firm up their involvement. Mr. Weber described the new “Public Art Bootcamp” training the City of Redmond is hoping to host in 2020. Commissioner Yusuf provided some historical information on this program, which formerly had been offered by the City of Seattle, as a previous attendee. Mr. Weber will bring further information to a future meeting to update the Commissioners of the progress. Carolyn Hope, Park, Planning & Cultural Arts Manager, explained how she had previously looked into the Creative Arts District designation and was not pursuing it right now because we didn’t have strong partnerships to include, and there were not specific financial benefits such as grants we were eligible for, and that geographical areas would need to be defined. Ms. Hope did not see the benefit to make it a priority right now, but hoped it was something the Arts & Culture Commission could be in place to do in the future. Ms. Hope said she hoped by following the workplan, the Arts & Culture Commission could develop relationships that would make it clear if a Creative Arts District would be beneficial in the future. Amber Britton, Arts Recreation Coordinator, suggested reaching out to the City of Mercer Island, Sarah Bluvas, who is leading the Mercer Island Arts Council through this process currently to discuss the pros and cons and Mercer Island’s experience. Chair Coleman requested that Mayor Birney visit a future meeting to share we she stands on supporting arts.

Motion by Vice-Chair Tai to approve the recipients for the 2020 Redmond Art Season Grants
Second by Commissioner Trinh
Motion carried: 8-0

VI. COMMISSION UPDATES/DISCUSSION

a. Talk Time

a. The Commissioners recognized and thanked Ms. Hope for all of her work and leadership with arts. Jing-Jing, former youth advocate of the arts commission, updated everyone on her life since leaving for college. Commissioner Tomb recommended looking up the art project “Crushed Walls Denver”, that she saw recently in Denver and “Red Line” which is an open studio in Denver where artists can see exhibits and artists in action. Commissioner Ives asked if the diversity and inclusion training would be offered again. Ms. Hope said she will be checking into that and letting the Commission know. Commissioner Ives asked about the process of voting for a new Chair and the duties involved in that position. Chair Coleman explained her duties since serving in this role. Commissioner Coleman thanked everyone for all their work and talent.

b. Future Agenda Items Ideas- None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Fowler to adjourn meeting
Second by Vice Chair Tai
Motion Carried:8-0
Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

UPCOMING MONTHLY MEETING

Next meeting
Thursday, February 13, 2020
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
City Hall, Council Conference Room