

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

**Thursday, January 12, 2023**

**Commissioners and Staff Participating In-Person and Remotely via MS  
Teams**

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**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.”*

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**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Shama Farag  
Anna Zanella – Vice Chair  
Cari Scotkin – Chair

**COMMISSIONERS PARTICIPATING REMOTELY:**

Carlos Jimenez  
Jesse Judah-Bram – Youth Advocate  
Menka Soni  
Neelam Chahlia  
Helen Teixeira  
Latha Sambamurti

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Chris Weber, Cultural Arts Supervisor  
Nicole McDonald, Cultural Arts Coordinator  
Lisa Mischley, Deputy Director  
Brittany Pratt, Events & Marketing Supervisor

**VISITORS:**

Austin Picinich, *Save Our Salmon Mural*  
Maanit Goel, *Save Our Salmon Mural*  
Pamela Waters, *Resident*

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**I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**

Chair Scotkin called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm on January 12th, 2023.

**II. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Sambamurti to approve the December 2022 minutes and seconded by Commissioner Farag. Motion carries.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS & GUESTS**

- a. Deputy Director Introduction – Lisa Mischley  
Mr. Weber introduced Ms. Mischley and she gave us an overview of how she came to the City of Redmond and highlighting her community engagement background.
  
- b. Redmond Signature Events Introduction (Presentation) – Brittany Pratt  
Ms. Pratt gave a quick rundown of the goals of Signature Events and described the criteria around those goals and asked for feedback from the commissioners.

Water refill stations, question around the budget and largest cost, response around salaries provided through the city budget, LTAC grant and fees and sponsorships cover the additional cost, question re: Redmond lights question around the footprint of Redmond Light and ran through past configuration and partnership RTC, question for further explaining what was missing, and trail impact with constructions, question about parade

- c. Salmon Mural (Presentation) – Austin Picinich and Maanit Goel  
Mr. Goel introduced WYORCA, the youth-led conservation alliance and their focuses and why this partnership is involved in the mural. What the goals of the murals are and the education component. Mr. Picinich talked about the process of painting other murals in other cities to highlight what the process could look like. He also touched on possible design, location of wall they’re seeking for approval.  
Compliments on the presentation and clarity on what the schedule would be also further discussion about the education panels and components.
- d. Public Art Intensive Eastside Call (Motion to Approve) – Chris Weber  
Gave background about the program and a brief history of the workshop for emerging public artists. Mr. Weber went through the call elements and asked for staff approval.

Chair Scotkin opened the floor for questions. Was asked question around stipend.

Motion by Commissioner Sambamurti to approve the Public Art Intensive Eastside Artist Call and seconded by Commissioner Farag. Motion carries. Sambamurti, Farag, Zanella, Texiera, Jiminez with approved with conditions, chair.

- e. Operating Support Grants (Motion to Approve) – Nicole McDonald  
Motion by Commissioner Farag to approve the Operating Grant Awardees and seconded by Commissioner Farag. Role call. Approve Jimenez with comment that does not reflect the diversity of the city of Redmond, Sambamurthi, Chahlia, Texiera, Farag, Zanella,
- f. Micro Grants (Presentation) – Nicole McDonald  
Referred to prior meeting conversations
- g. Work Plan Introduction – Chris Weber  
Went over the timeline for the workplan and how the content is developed and where it's pulled from. Overarching goals and potential new projects for 2023, went over the work plan draft. Open to the floor questions, look at the border of the

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Staff Report – Chris Weber
  - a. Program: Poet Luareate, Public Art Intensive Eastside, Operating Support Grants,
  - b. Events:
  - c. Policy and Planning
  - d. Public Art Update

**VI. COMMISSION UPDATES & DISCUSSION**

- a. Talk Time  
What makes sense for community and feedback from community.
- b. Future Agenda Items

**VII. ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn made by  
First by Commisioner Farag  
Second by Commissioner Zanella  
Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

**UPCOMING MONTHLY MEETING**

Hybrid Meeting  
Thursday, January 12th, 2023  
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m