

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

Thursday, March 11, 2021
Commissioners and Staff Participating Remotely via MS Teams
Public can listen to meeting by dialing 510-335-7371 at 6:30pm
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:

- Angie Hinojos - Chair
- Risa Coleman - Vice- Chair
- Cheri Fowler
- Bobby Ives
- Savita Krishnamoorthy
- Kari Tai
- Lynn Trinh
- Ishita Suri, Youth Advocate

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

- Chris Weber, Cultural Arts Administrator
- Lorna Velasco, Cultural Arts Coordinator
- Loreen Hamilton, Deputy Director Parks and Recreation

VISITORS:

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I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chair Angie Hinojos called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

II. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Fowler to approve the February 2021 minutes
Second by Commissioner Tai
Motion carried 7-0

IV. NEW BUSINESS & GUESTS

a. Senior and Community Center Update (Presentation) Loreen Hamilton

The community public meetings and council briefings are ongoing. There will be a total of four inter-views with potential partners to support the expansion of the center. The current timeline of construction is as follows; the architectural agreement has been approved by City Council, the next step will be the drafting of a pre-construction contract and approval of the schematic design and cost by July. There is an

upcoming public meeting scheduled for March 24th. So far around 300 results were received from online questionnaire, aggregated results show that over 80% of individuals surveyed want a larger building focused on seniors.

Discussions ensued on funding sources and opportunities. The City is anticipating to hear from state funding by April in which the City requested \$5 million dollars. Other opportunities include a potential partnership with One Redmond for capital improvements and other community funding.

b. Voting for Chair and Vice-Chair (Memo and Presentation) Chris Weber

The Art and Culture Commission has nominated Commissioner Angie Hinojos to serve as Chair, and Commissioner Bobby Ives to serve as Vice-Chair. The elected Commissioner will hold this office for one year, and no member shall hold the same office for more than two years.

Chair Hinojos has asked Vice-Chair Coleman to lead the voting process for Chair and Vice-Chair. Vice-Chair Coleman opened the floor for self-nomination. There were no self-nomination or new nomination.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tai to elect Angie Hinojos as Chair of the Redmond Art and Culture Commission.

Second by Commissioner Krishnamoorthy

Motion Carried: 6-0, 1 Abstention

Motion was made by Commissioner Trinh to elect Bobby Ives as Vice-Chair of the Redmond Art and Culture Commission.

Second by Commissioner Fowler

Motion Carried: 6-0, 1 Abstention

V. OLD BUSINESS

a. Staff Report – (Memo) Chris Weber and Lorna Velasco

There were four Art and Culture Commission applicants that were moved forward for interviews with the Mayor and City Council. Their appointments will be finalized in April.

The City of Redmond continues to follow Washington Covid-19 guidelines. All parks and trails remain open, while facilities are closed through June 2021. City Hall will stay closed through June. The City is still offering online activities. The City maintains a Play Safe plan available at Redmond.gov/PlaySafe.

All signature events are cancelled for 2021, Redmond Lights is pending.

The Redmond Pool public art is on track for the April 2021 installation.

Sound Transit is installing work in two stations, Overlake and Redmond. The Overlake Station is in the design phase for the two art installations that include Yuki Nakamara's installation for the pedestrian plaza and Leo Saul Berk for the pedestrian bridge.

At the Redmond Technology Station, Kate Sweeny's installation for the bus transit has been installed. Dan Webb's stone sculpture for the north entrance plaza has been completed and will be installed.

The Southeast Redmond Station in Marymoor, Nova Jiang’s installation for the parking garage atrium is currently in the design phase, Yeggy Michael’s mural for the first floor garage entrance is also in the design phase.

Public Artist Horatio Law has been conducting online art workshops to help inform his work and design for the 152nd Avenue improvements. In December, he met with youth from the Old Firehouse Teen Center to gather feedback on the type of art they would like to see in Redmond. This February Horatio met with Redmond and Eastside residents to conduct an online workshop on flower art. Commissioner Lynn Trinh coordinated community outreach that brought over 16 participants with a great show of support from Art and Culture Commissioners Hinojos, Tai, and Fowler.

Current Poet Laureate Raul Sanchez will be bringing together all of the City of Redmond Poet Laureates for a virtual event. Former Poet Laureates include, Rebecca Woods Meredith, Michael Dylan Welch, Jeannine Hall Gailey, Shin Yu Pai, and Melanie Noel. The event will be held online on Thursday, March 25th at 3pm.

The 2021 Redmond Art Season has officially started with a project by Tiny Studio Workshop in partnership with the Old Firehouse Teen Center. The workshops offer monthly online visual art projects led by artists practicing in various mix media. Commissioner Ives added that the year-long program will include pigment creation, art mandalas, braid making, illustration, and embroidery. The workshops were designed to encourage youth to try new art forms using materials found at home.

b. Commission Retreat Planning – Chair Hinojos

There is an Art and Culture Commission retreat on April 22nd from 6:30pm-8:30pm. The agenda will be sent out next week. Commissioner Krishnamoorthy, Commissioner Ives, Chair Hinojos and Commissioner Coleman will finalize the agenda prior to sending it out.

VI. COMMISSION UPDATES/DISCUSSION

a. Future Agenda Item Ideas

b. Talk Time

c. Celebration

Commissioners Fowler, Coleman, and Tomb have ended their tenure. Their passion, expertise, and service have impacted the arts and cultural landscape of Redmond. The City Staff and Art and Culture commissioners expressed their profound gratitude for their time at the commission.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Krishnamoorthy to adjourn the meeting

Second by Commissioner Tai

Motion Carried: 7-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

UPCOMING MONTHLY MEETING

Virtual Meeting

Thursday, March 11, 2021

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.