

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

Thursday, April 9, 2020
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:

Risa Coleman – Chair
Kari Tai — Vice-Chair
Tifa Tomb
Lynn Trinh
Cheri Fowler
Bobby Ives

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Savita Krishnamoorthy
Angie Hinojos Yusuf

STAFF PRESENT:

Chris Weber, Cultural Arts Administrator
Lorna Velasco, Cultural Arts Coordinator

VISITORS:

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I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chair Risa Coleman called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

II. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Vice-Chair Tai to approve the February 2020 minutes with corrections, the March 2020 meeting was cancelled due to City Hall closure
Second by Commissioner Fowler
Motion carried 6-0

IV. NEW BUSINESS & GUESTS

a. Elections of Chair and Vice Chair – (Memo) Vice-Chair Kari Tai

A nomination has been received for the office of Chairperson, Commissioner Angie Hinojos Yusuf. There were no other nominations for the office of Chairperson. Commissioner Fowler asked if there was a conflict of interest as Commissioner Yusuf submits artistic work. Mr. Weber checked in with the City attorney and there was no conflict as the calls are open to the public and there is a selection process for submitted work. Mr. Weber reiterated the value of having Art and Culture commissioners involved in

the arts community, Commissioner Fowler agreed and wanted to make sure that Commissioner Yusuf was able to continue her artistic work for Redmond. Mr. Weber will continue to check in with the City attorney and Chair Coleman will continue the conversation if the need arises.

Roll call vote ensued at 6 yeas and 0 no. Roll call vote achieved for the candidate of Chair.

A nomination has been received for the office of Vice-Chair, Chair Risa Coleman. There are no other nominations for the office of Vice-Chair.

Roll call vote ensued at 5 yeas and 0 no. Roll call vote achieved for the candidate of Vice-Chair.

Motion by Commissioner Fowler to confirm that the Commission has voted for Angie Hinojos Yusuf as the Chairperson and Risa Coleman as the Vice-Chairperson of the Redmond Arts and Culture Commission.

Second by Commissioner Ives

Motion carried: 6-0

V. OLD BUSINESS

a. Staff Update – (Memo) Chris Weber

To slow the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus), City of Redmond acted on King County Public Health's latest recommendation by closing all of City of Redmond facilities until April 30, 2020. Parks and trails remain open, some are closed, sport fields, picnic shelters, public restrooms and playgrounds are closed. For more information, you can go to redmond.gov/Covid19.

There has been no decision upon canceling or postponing City sponsored summer events, Derby Days and So Bazaar. There will be news in the next two weeks as to what the decision will be if these events are to move forward.

This would be the 80th year anniversary for Derby Days whose theme is "Time Machine Mash-up" to encompass the span of time as well as the future and what Redmond would look like 50 years from now. Signature events have continued to rise in cost and revenue has not been able to match its rapid increase. The Criterium is taken out of the program, but there will still be bike events to commemorate its origin. So Bazaar will only have two Thursday events, the new dates are August 13 and 20. The So Bazaar theme is still Hindsight is 2020. Commissioner Fowler asked the significance of keeping these two Thursdays, Mr. Weber answered that the dates will still be within the time frame of summer and right before the start of school.

Redmond Lights will be changing its route due to the truck line construction, construction was scheduled to start in the Fall. Redmond Lights will start in Downtown Park, continue through Signals and down the latter part of the trail into Redmond Town Center. Music, performances, public art installation and a lighting ceremony will still be part of the event.

There will be an RFQ for public art maintenance and relocation of the public art pieces. Public art located in the Senior Center, Old Redmond School House and several sculptures in the path of the trunk line construction on the NW Lake Sammamish Trail will need to be removed, stored and reinstalled.

There were two stakeholder meetings for the Senior Center construction. Chair Coleman and Vice-Chair Tai were in attendance and heard from a majority of the people that the footprint of the Senior

Center need to expand and for it to be a mixed-used space. The decision around the Redmond Community Center will be postponed for 2-3 months due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

VI. COMMISSION UPDATES/DISCUSSION

a. Talk Time

- The joint meeting with City Council and Arts and Culture will be moved in the Fall.
- City of Redmond Poet Laureate, Raul Sanchez, will be moving his National Poetry Month celebration online through a series of poetry workshops on April 9th, 23rd, and 30th.
- Mr. Weber announced that there were 13 applications received for the Pool call.
- VALA community exhibit has been moved online.
- There is still a position open for the Arts and Culture commission, and Commissioners Tai and Tomb will re-apply for their second term.
- Commissioner Trinh appreciated Chair Coleman's advocacy for a cultural arts space. Discussion ensued, led by Commissioner Trinh, on meaningful ways to galvanize the community around each other, specifically ways to engage youth with their elders.

b. Future Agenda Item Ideas

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Trinh to adjourn meeting
Second by Vice-Chair Tai
Motion Carried: 6-0
Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm

UPCOMING MONTHLY MEETING

Next meeting will be held online
Thursday, May 14, 2020
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.