

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

**Thursday, April 13, 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:**

Kay Bae  
Kathy O’Keefe  
Anna Zanella – Vice Chair  
Arya Nair – Youth Advocate  
Sathvik Kurapati – Youth Advocate

**COMMISSIONERS PARTICIPATING REMOTELY:**

Shama Farag  
Menka Soni  
Neelam Chahlia  
Latha Sambamurti  
Carlos Jimenez

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED:**

Cari Scotkin – Chair

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Chris Weber, Cultural Arts Supervisor  
Nicole McDonald, Cultural Arts Coordinator

**VISITORS:**

Colin Petkus, *Eastrail Partners*  
Lars Myren, *Columbia Choirs*  
Marko Coady, *APEX*

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**I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**

Vice-Chair Zanella called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm on April 13th, 2023.

**II. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the March 2023 minutes made and seconded. Motion carries.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS & GUESTS**

a. New Commissioner Introductions — Chris Weber  
Quick introductions were made of the new commissioners and youth advocates.

b. Eastrail Partners (Presentation) – Colin Petkus  
Mr. Petkus gave the commissioners background on the Eastrail, the collaborative work that multiple municipalities did in regard to defining the art principles, next steps, and the potential of future arts projects along the trail.

Questions were around future outreach and community involvement.

c. Operating Grant Introductions: Columbia Choirs (Presentation) – Lars Myren  
Mr. Myren gave an overview of Columbia Choirs' mission, choral program, community involvement, and upcoming events.

Questions included how schools were chosen, about their pay what you wish tickets, and the diversity of music represented.

d. Micro Grant Request (Motion to Approve) – Marko Coady  
Mr. Weber reminded the commission about the criteria they created and approved regarding the Micro Grant and Mr. Coady talked about the idea APEX applied for. The request was for a hanging system to be installed at a local coffeeshop for the artists to more easily hang their monthly shows.

Motion made to approve the APEX Micro Grant application and seconded. All commissioners present vote to approve. Motion carries.

e. Downtown Redmond Art Walk (Presentation) – Chris Weber  
Mr. Weber outlined the work that the commission has done so far to move the Art Walk forward and let the commissioners know what the Staff was currently working on in regards to planning for the summer event.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

a. Staff Report – Chris Weber

- a. Upcoming Programs include the Poet Laureate’s National Poetry Month Projection on April 29th made with the Teen Center and Redmond STEM Center, and Public Art Intensive Eastside.
- b. On top of attending commission meetings to introduce themselves, the Operating Support Grantees are also participating in learning sessions. Micro Grant applications are rolling.
- c. Derby Days is in planning mode and staff is gearing up as we get closer to the events dates.
- d. Bear Creek House Post is close to being installed and an event will be scheduled shortly after – May or June. 152nd Ave Improvement Project with Horation Law is also close to installation.
- e. Potential upcoming projects: Salmon Mural, Memories Heart Project, and Utility Box Program Expansion

**VI. COMMISSION UPDATES & DISCUSSION**

a. Talk Time

Mr. Weber went over some of the learnings from the Commission Retreat, introduced Administrative Supervisor for Parks and Recreation Heather Burtsche, reminded commissioners that during an election year they cannot talk about elections on City time or when using City facilities per election law and should refrain from talking about the election at Commission meetings, and ran down a list of Cultural Arts events happening in the next month or so. Commissioners also shared events in the area that are coming up.

b. Future Agenda Items

**VII. ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn made and seconded. All commissioners present vote to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.

**UPCOMING MONTHLY MEETING**

Hybrid Meeting

Thursday, May 11th, 2023

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m