I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME
Chair Risa Coleman called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

II. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE
None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Approval of April 17, 2019 minutes postponed due to lack of quorum.

Motion by Commissioner Coady to approve the minutes for April 22, 2019 Meeting
Second by Commissioner Tomb
Motion carried: 5-0

IV. NEW BUSINESS & GUESTS
a. Welcoming Week – Motion to Approve (Memo) Chris Weber
Mr. Weber introduced the organization Welcoming Network, a non-profit organization that brings together diverse community organizations from across the nation in the effort to create a more welcoming and inclusive environment for immigrants and all residents. The City of Bellevue and King County are part of this network, along with other neighboring city governments. The Equity working group is recommending that the City of Redmond join the network as they provide technical expertise around cultural inclusion, as well as potential to collaborate with other cities, and assistance in hosting Welcoming Week this September. Discussion ensued and the Commissioners expressed the value of participating in the network and would want to be involved in the program planning for Welcoming Week. Additionally, Commissioners want Staff to come back with updates on the membership level, specifics on the type of technical assistance, and clarity on who can participate.

Motion was made by Commissioner Yusuf to approve City of Redmond to join Welcoming Network with the condition that Staff continue to give Commissioners updates on recommended level of participation and ways to participate. 
Second by Commissioner Fowler
Motion Carried: 7-0

(Approval of Minutes from postponed Agenda item III):
Motion by Commissioner Fowler to approve the minutes for April 17, 2019 Special Meeting 
Second by Commissioner Tai
Motion carried: 7-0

V. OLD BUSINESS

a. Artist in Residence (Memo) Chris Weber

The City of Redmond is once again inviting artists to submit applications to become Artist-in-Residence. This program is needed to stimulate cultural vibrancy in the city, and for this particular Artist Call Out, an emphasis in activating Downtown Park. It was noted by the Commissioners that the inclement weather might affect programming, Mr. Weber noted this and will work very closely with the future Artist-in-Residence to develop a work plan that will work best with the artist as well as creating an outdoor artistic space.

Motion was made by Commissioner Coady to approve Artist-in-Residence Artist Call Out as it stands.
Second by Vice-Chair Tai
Motion carried: 7-0

b. Moving Art Center Call (Memo) Chris Weber

The Moving Art Center is a mobile stage that is both sculpture and performance space. It was originally developed by Brooklyn based artists Janet Zweig as a mobile art center for Downtown Park, prior to the creation of Buoyant. The Moving Art Center’s programming included performances for Derby Days, So Bazaar and various City hosted events. Now that there is a permanent stage at Downtown Park, this is a great opportunity to explore ways in getting other producers to do shows, or community groups to develop their own programing and make the stage accessible. Mr. Weber asked the Commissioners to look at the Moving Art Center Call for Producing Partners for feedback. Commissioners wanted assurance that Parks work very closely with Arts and Culture staff regarding the logistics of maintenance and location. Mr. Weber pointed out that Parks recommended to keep the location of the Moving Art Center limited to City maintained parks that have the most ease when it comes to load-ins and load-outs. Commissioner Coady asked to add to the call parameters of use, to keep it mostly for day use and not have it overnight to limit vandalism. Commissioner Yusuf suggested to add clarity for potential producers to have insurance included as part of their requirement. Commissioner Tomb asked
if this is actually a particular need, why would the community want to do this? Mr. Weber mentioned that there are incentives for participation, the City will work closely with each organization around logistics and funding will be available for programming. Commissioners noted that there are creative ways to market and to do outreach on the programming opportunities, but also how the Moving Art Center can become its own brand to increase arts and cultural presence both online and at upcoming events. Mr. Weber will amend the Call to include notes around stage logistics, parameters of use, insurance need, and funding.

Motion was made by Vice-Chair Tai to approve the Moving Art Center Call with notes outlined by Mr. Weber.
Second by Commissioner Tomb
Motion carried: 7-0

VI. COMMISSION UPDATES/DISCUSSION

a. Joint Meeting Prep (PPT) Chris Weber
There will be a joint meeting between City Council and the Arts and Culture Commission on May 14th, from 6:30-7:30pm at the City Hall Chambers. The study session for public art was postponed and the process of creating amendments for privately developed public art has also been put on hold. The Arts and Culture Staff will continue research and outreach until the public art study session and amendment processes are resumed. Commissioners ran through talking points in preparation for the joint meeting.

b. Talk time:
Commissioners began discussion on their roles in this year’s signature events: Derby Days, So Bazaar, and Redmond lights

c. Derby Days Collaboration Ideas
Commissioners will have booth space available to further amplify ways volunteers can support civic events and arts initiatives. There will be opportunities to support the work of current Artist-in-Residence Maja Petric, Staff will update the commissioners after their meeting regarding Maja’s Derby Day project.

d. So Bazaar Collaboration Ideas
There will be an arts and cultural section designated at So Bazaar. Arts and Culture Commissioners will be present and have various projects to support, including Maja Petric’s art installation, Creative Consultant project and there will be a new Poet Laureate need to have their own booth.

e. Redmond Lights
The Call out for Redmond Lights Artists is being prepared, and there will need to support hands-on-activities happening in City Hall.

f. Arts Instruction Update Amber Britton
Ms. Britton has been busily preparing 10 internal arts instructors for the Fall season of arts classes. Exciting new proposals are being put together that allows for collaboration amongst the different art disciplines. Ms. Britton has also added new classes for the summer that includes outdoor painting and urban sketch class in Downtown Park. Commissioners are encouraged to offer suggestions for future classes to Ms. Britton to help expand arts programming for youth.

f. Future Agenda Item Ideas
Commissioners shared with each other what has inspired them and how they have sustained their arts and cultural practices.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Vice-Chair Tai to adjourn the meeting.
Second by Commissioner Trinh
Motion Carried: 7-0
Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

**UPCOMING MONTHLY MEETING**

Next meeting
Thursday, June 13, 2019
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Artist in Residence Studio