

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

Thursday, May 11, 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.”

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

COMMISSIONERS PARTICIPATING REMOTELY:

Menka Soni
Neelam Chahlia
Latha Sambamurti

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT AND UNEXCUSED:

Carlos Jimenez

STAFF PRESENT:

Chris Weber, Cultural Arts Supervisor
Nicole McDonald, Cultural Arts Coordinator
Heather Burtsche, Administrative Supervisor

VISITORS:

Piyali Biswas De, *Sadhana World*

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I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chair Scotkin called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. on May 11, 2023.

II. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

IV. NEW BUSINESS & GUESTS

a. Sadhana World Introductions — Piyali Biswas De

Ms. Biswas De gave the commissioners an introduction and provided info on the 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, Sadhana World.

b. Rainbow Crosswalk Artist (Motion to Approve) – Chris Weber

Mr. Weber provided past and present details on the process to select an artist to collaborate with staff and community stakeholders to design a rainbow crosswalk for the downtown Redmond neighborhood. A panel of artists and members of the LGBTQI community have chosen the finalist, artist Jing Jing Wang.

Motion made to approve the Rainbow Crosswalk Artist and seconded. All commissioners present vote to approve. Motion carries.

c. Mural Artist and Temporary Public Art (Motion to Approve) – Chris Weber

Mr. Weber presented information on the first annual Downtown Redmond Art Walk and the call for mural artist and temporary public art. Applicants have been reviewed by a community panel and their recommendations are as follows: Muralists: Deepti Agrawal, Kay Bae, Carlos Martinez, and Alex Nason. Temporary Public Art: Randi Ganulin, Sofia Gulaid, Brian Hays, Rohini Mathur, Michelle Rainville, Bonnie Smerdon, and Jenya Steevan.

Motion made to approve the Mural Artists and Temporary Public Art and seconded. All commissioners present vote to approve. Motion carries.

V. OLD BUSINESS

a. Staff Report – Chris Weber

- a. Our Poet Laureate continues to work through her work plan and recently had a successful projection mapping exercise at the Buoyant Pavillion.
- b. Events that are coming up are Derby Days and the Downtown Redmond Art Walk. These will continue to be discussed as we get closer to the events dates.
- c. Artist for the Rainbow Crosswalk has been approved. Next steps include creating a outreach plan in June to have design in by July to be completed in August.
- d. Bear Creek House Post is complete and there is an opening ceremony next week. Invitations will be sent out soon.

VI. COMMISSION UPDATES & DISCUSSION

a. Talk Time

An inquiry was brought up on the possibility of having volunteer business cards that could be handed out by commissioners and was discussed amongst the group. Commissioners also shared experiences from past local events and gave information on events 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 7:16 p.m.

UPCOMING MONTHLY MEETING

Hybrid Meeting

Thursday, June 8, 2023

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.