

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

**Thursday, June 8, 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  
Cari Scotkin – Chair  
Arya Nair – Youth Advocate  
Sathvik Kurapati – Youth Advocate

**COMMISSIONERS PARTICIPATING REMOTELY:**

Menka Soni  
Neelam Chahlia  
Latha Sambamurti

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED:**

Carlos Jimenez  
Kathy O’Keefe  
Anna Zanella – Vice Chair

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**VISITORS:**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**

Chair Scotkin called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. on June 08, 2023.

## **II. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None

## **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS & GUESTS**

- a. Redmond Lights Art Call (Motion to Approve) – Nicole McDonald  
Ms. McDonald introduced the Redmond Lights Art Call to the commissioners. Information was provided surrounding the current process, schedule, updates and changes from last year.

Motion made to approve the Redmond Lights Art Call. All commissioners present vote to approve. Motion carries.

- b. Poet Laureate Call (Motion to Approve) – Nicole McDonald  
Ms. McDonald introduced the Poet Laureate Call to the commissioners. Information was provided surrounding the program, schedule, updates and changes from last year.

Motion made to approve the Poet Laureate Call and seconded. All commissioners present vote to approve. Motion carries.

- c. Joint Meeting with City Council Introduction – Chris Weber  
Mr. Weber presented information and background on the joint meeting with City Council. The joint meeting is scheduled for September 26 at City Hall. It is encouraged that all Arts and Commission members attend in person if possible. Commission members identified speakers for the meeting and discussed presentation content.

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Staff Report – Chris Weber
  - a. Our Poet Laureate continues their workplan and is scheduled to share their map at the upcoming meeting.
  - b. Events that are coming up are Derby Days and Downtown Redmond Art Walk (DRAW). Derby Days 7/14 & 7/15 - Information was provided on music, activities, drone show, and Arts and Culture booth. DRAW 8/17 – Details provided on local artists, live mural paintings, and performances.
  - c. Information was shared on the Bear Creek House Post Ceremony; overall was a great experience and the House Post reveal went well.
  - d. Artist for the Rainbow Crosswalk is finalizing their community outreach plan and it is on schedule to turn in the design for an August install.

- e. Update will be provided next month on the change to public art funding.
- f. Potential projects shared and updates provided on the Memory Art Project and Community Center Visual Art Exhibitions.

**VI. COMMISSION UPDATES & DISCUSSION**

a. Talk Time

Commissioners shared experiences from past local events and gave information on events that are coming up. Questions came up regarding Redmond Lights Artist Call and commission discussed process and outlines of the call.

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 8:01 p.m.

**UPCOMING MONTHLY MEETING**

Hybrid Meeting  
Thursday, July 13, 2023  
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.