

**CITY OF MOUNTLAKE TERRACE  
ARTS ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

April 19, 2022  
5:30 pm

Recreation Pavilion  
Jungle Room  
Mountlake Terrace, WA

**Present**

Judy Ryan, Chair  
Bonnie Mercer, Commissioner  
Conner Ryan, Commissioner  
Ben Hou, Commissioner

**Excused**

Marla French, Vice Chair  
Anne Nygaard, Commissioner  
Michelle Senechal, Commissioner

**Absent**

**City Council Liaison**

Councilmember Rick Ryan, Excused

**City Staff**

Renee Norton, Support Services Supervisor

**Guests**

None

**1 CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Ryan called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

**2 ROLL CALL**

Chair Ryan did roll call. Vice Chair French and Commissioners Anne Nygaard and Michelle Senechal were excused.

**3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Mercer moved to approve the March 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Ryan seconded. Roll call vote approved the motion 4 yes, 0 no.

**4 PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Chair Ryan presented an email from Matt Terry from the King's Players. Mr. Terry is suggesting two weekends in August 2023 with six total performances, either August 4-6, August 11-13 or August 18-20. Then they could focus on fund-raising for the performances. The group discussed how Friends of the Arts could potentially help King's Players raise funds, but doesn't have time to write grants. Supervisor Norton told the group that Council would like to put in a new program for outdoor performances as part of the 2023/2024 budget this coming fall. Then, depending on the resources the Council approves for the program in 2023, we would work with the Arts Commission on a program for concerts, theater, workshops etc. Commissioner Hou commented that their position as a commission for the City is to

support programs overall and not just one entity such as King’s Players. Commissioner Ryan brought up the issue of who would do all of the work to facilitate programs such as these. He said that the Arts Commission could support events, but could not facilitate them fully. Supervisor Norton told the group that it would be a good idea to request an arts/special events staff position with Council, who would be dedicated to doing this work. Chair Ryan suggested a retreat or special meeting where they would invite Council and talk about their needs face to face. Supervisor Norton said she would look into that.

**5 AGENDA CONSIDERATIONS:**

None

**6 ORAL OR WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**7 CURRENT BUINESS:**

**7.1 2022 ARTS OF THE TERRACE**

Chair Ryan told commissioners that they needed to decide if they would invite the calligraphy group. If they do, they will need to secure a calligraphy judge. They also discussed how many panels calligraphy uses during the show. Commissioner Mercer mentioned keeping them in the show because they don’t have many places to go. Commissioner Ryan discussed restructuring how prizes are awarded, that they should be awarded based on number of entries.

**7.2 MANU SOOD SCHOLARSHIP**

There were two applications for the 2022 Manu Sood art scholarship. Based on the requirement of pursuing visual arts in college for this scholarship, only one application was considered. The group voted 4-0 to recommend a \$1,000.00 scholarship to Lavinia Simkowiak.

**8 MESSAGE FROM CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS:**

None

**9 MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL LIAISON:**

None

**10 DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT:**

Supervisor Norton told the commissioners about how the lights are on in the fountain at Jerry Smith Town Center Plaza. She also mentioned that the centers of the “Urban Flowers” sculpture are also now lit. She then told the group that the city is leaning towards all boards and commissions meetings being held at City Hall in the future.

**11 ADJOURNMENT:** As there were no further items for discussion, Chair Ryan adjourned the meeting at 6:20pm.