

**ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
May 28, 2024
City Hall, Conference Room #6**

Attendees: Chairman Mary Lee Ryba (attended online), Vice Chairman Abby Light, Commissioner John Bruning, Commissioner Charlotte Doutriaux, Commissioner Alesa Momerak, Commissioner Katie Linder, Commissioner Summer Ward, Commissioner Sally Shortridge, Commissioner Adeline Smith, City Administrator Troy Tymesen, Council Liaison Amy Evans, and City Accountant Stephanie Padilla.

Guests: Melissa Cole and Jacob Garringer.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Ryba called the meeting to order.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION: There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Shortridge, seconded by Commissioner Linder, to approve the March 26, 2024 minutes. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT: MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Momerak, seconded by Commissioner Light, to approve the April 2024 Financial Reports. **Motion carried.**

COMMISSIONER/ STAFF COMMENTS: Chair Ryba congratulated Commissioner Ward for her published book entitled “Huckleberry Hill – A Children’s Board Book.” Commissioner Ward shared that after having her daughter, she came up with this artistic project which is her first children's book. She said that right now she is doing a kick starter launch but she is hoping to get into local libraries. She added that the book will be available for sale by late summer through her business.

AWTF BIOGAS FLAME PROJECT – GREEN ENERGY DRAGON: Commissioner Momerak introduced the selected artist for the Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility (AWTF) Biogas Flame project. Melissa Cole presented her plans for the “Green Energy Dragon” artwork. Ms. Cole thanked the Commission for being chosen for the AWTF project. She said that she has worked all over the Pacific Northwest and is currently doing a project in California. She shared that her background is zoology and environmental education. She explained that her dragon design is inspired by the shape of the biogas flare infrastructure and because 2024 is the Chinese Year of the Dragon. Ms. Cole stated that she will be working with a welder to create the metal part of the structure while she does the coloration. She explained that the “Green Energy Dragon” sculpture will be made up of several components that will allow access to the biogas flare infrastructure by the AWTF staff. She stated that the body of the dragon will be made up of two sculptural walls – the side facing the plant will be constructed of steel tubing and metal expansion sheeting colored iridescent green with auto paint, while the side facing the Centennial Trail will mimic the form of