

City of Redmond



Agenda

Special Meeting Notice and Agenda

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

6:30 PM

**City Hall: 15670 NE 85th St; Remote: Comcast Ch. 21/321, Ziplly Ch. 34,
Facebook (@CityofRedmond), Redmond.gov/rctvlive, or 510-335-7371**

City Council

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Angela Birney

Councilmembers

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AGENDA

ROLL CALL

1. Joint Meeting with Redmond Arts and Culture Commission

[Attachment A: Presentation](#)

ADJOURNMENT

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Memorandum

Date: 9/23/2025
Meeting of: City Council Special Meeting

File No. SPC 25-075
Type: Verbal Report

TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):

Parks	Loreen Hamilton	425-556-2336
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DEPARTMENT STAFF:

Parks	Chris Weber	Cultural Arts Supervisor
Parks	Brittany Pratt	Recreation Business Manager
Parks	Zach Houvener	Parks Deputy Director

TITLE:

Joint Meeting with Redmond Arts and Culture Commission

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Each year, the Redmond Arts & Culture Commission has a joint meeting with City Council to review accomplishments from the previous year and discuss the Commission's priorities for the current year. The Arts & Culture Commission serves as an advisory body to the City Council and leads the conversation, beginning with a presentation that will highlight the Commission's vision, successes, and future priorities.

☐ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☒ **Receive Information** ☐ **Provide Direction** ☐ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
2023 PARCC Plan, 2017 Public Art Master Plan, Redmond 2050
- **Required:**
Ordinance 1368 - Establishing Arts Commission
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
N/A

OUTCOMES:

As an advisory body to the City Council, it is important for the Arts & Culture Commission to have the opportunity to meet directly with City Council to discuss priorities.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
N/A
- **Feedback Summary:**
N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:
N/A

Approved in current biennial budget: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Budget Offer Number:
0000308

Budget Priority:
Vibrant & Connected

Other budget impacts or additional costs: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A
If yes, explain:
N/A

Funding source(s):
N/A

Budget/Funding Constraints:
N/A

☐ Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
	Item has not been presented to Council	N/A

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
	None proposed at this time	N/A

Time Constraints:

N/A

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

Commission would not fulfill one of their meeting requirements detailed in Ordinance 1368 - *The Commission shall make a report to the City Council at least annually.*

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Presentation

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INTRODUCTIONS



Kathy O'Keefe
Chair



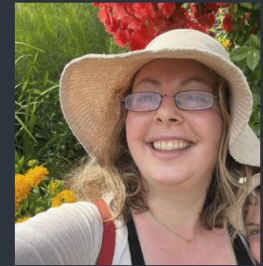
Latha Sambamurti Panel Facilitator
Vice-Chair



Dr. Neelam Chahlia



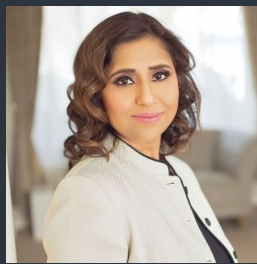
Michael Heavener



Viktoriya Leyfman-Frenkel



Cari Scotkin



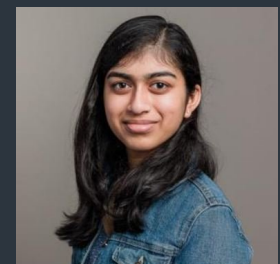
Menka Soni



Pamela Waters



Anna Zanella



Arya Nair
Youth Advocate

Arts and Culture Commission



Mission: Be a catalyst for Redmond's diverse and inventive community.

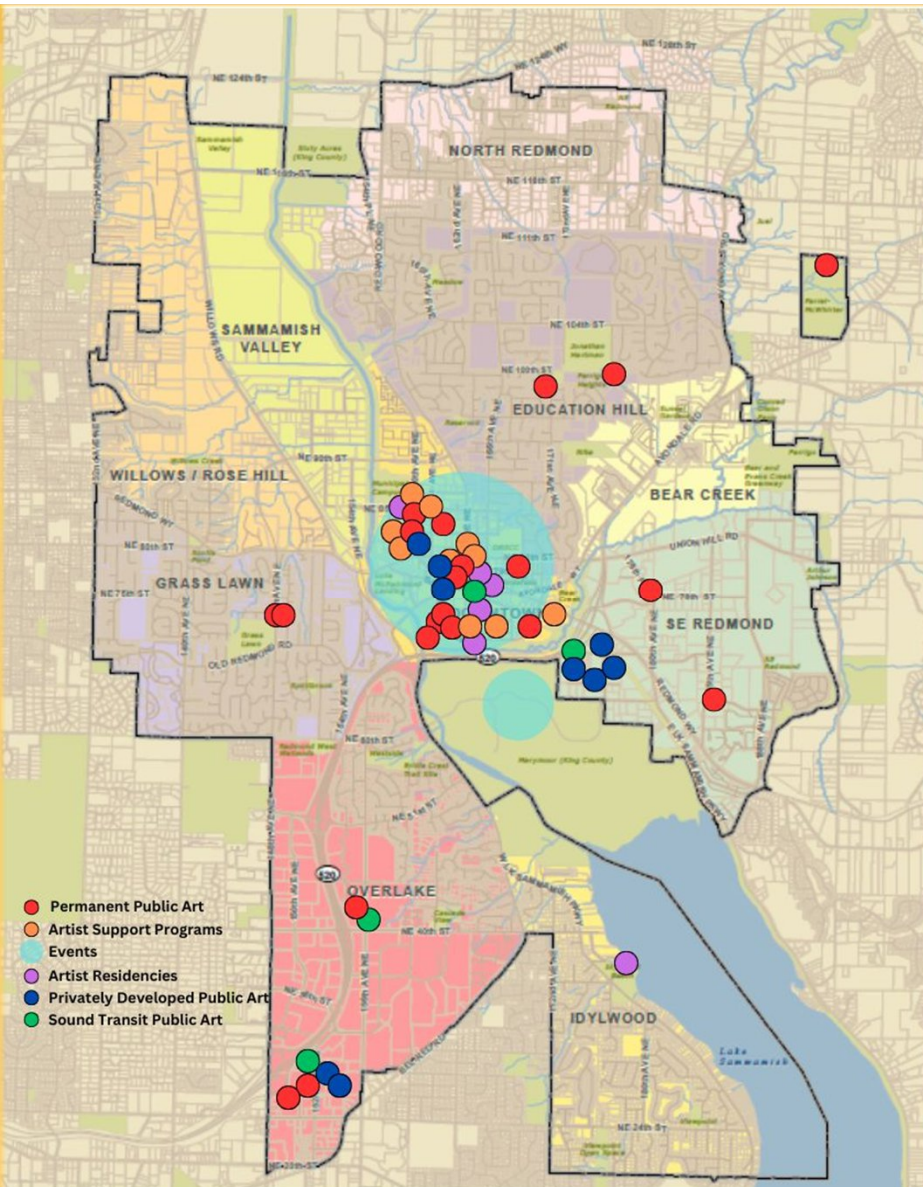
Vision: Create a community inspired and connected by arts and culture.

Values: Build a vibrant community through arts and culture that celebrates our diversity and promotes equitable opportunities.



Programs and Projects

- Current and in-progress art and events



Successes



Eastside in Spring by Sasha Tai, Downtown Redmond Art Walk

Project Selection and Review of City Projects

- Public Art
- Artist Residencies
- Community Artists
- Events
- Artist Support Programs

Successes



Operating Support Grant Awardees

- Eastside Symphony
- Expressions Arts
- Pacific Artists' Alliance
- Pride Across the Bridge
- The Redmond Historical Society
- Seattle Community Theater
- SecondStory Repertory
- Team TEAD
- VALA
- Wolfberry Studio



Blithe Spirit at SecondStory Repertory

Successes



Marymoor Village Station, Nova Jiang

Updates, Project Selection, and Review of External Projects

- Privately Developed Public Art
- Internal and External Partner Updates
- Sound Transit Public Art

Priorities:

Cultural Inclusion and Outreach



Raven & Thunderbird Dancer by Shana Yellow Calf

- Connect communities
- Provide a sense of belonging
- Allow for cultural expression
- Foster mutual respect
- Build empathy

Priorities: Public Art Funding



Ensuring:

- Sustainable funding for public art objectives
- Transparency in funding and investment in public art



Signals by John Fleming

Priorities: Artist Pipeline



2024 Public Art Intensive Eastside cohort

- Provide professional development
- Offer ongoing support
- Simplify art calls
- Remove barriers for new artists
- Create portfolio building opportunities

Priorities: Public Art Master Plan



- Work Plan Development
- Best Practices Analysis
- Community Surveys
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Remove barriers for new artists
- Plan Development



Let the Sunshine In by Jing Jing Wang



Thank You



Any Questions?

