



City of Olympia

Meeting Minutes Arts Commission

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6:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 10 - Commissioner Frank Barber, Co-Chair Sarah Burdock Segall, Commissioner Trent Hart, Commissioner Ron Hinton, Commissioner Michael Olson, Commissioner Rick Perry, Commissioner Danielle Westbrook, Commissioner Diane Robertson, Commissioner Jennyrose Wright, and Chair Kelsey I Smith

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Megan Drygas

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Olson moved, seconded by Commissioner Hart, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously. Later in the meeting, Commissioner Robertson asked to add a recap of the meeting with the Parks Director and Associate Director under Other Topics.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[12-0543](#) Approve July 2012 Minutes

Attachments: [1. July 2012 Minutes](#)

Commissioner Hart moved, seconded by Commissioner Olson, to approve the July 2012 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilmember Jeannine Roe introduced herself as the Council Liaison to the Commission. Members introduced themselves.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners shared information on past and upcoming art events.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[12-0551](#) Work Plan Check-In

Attachments: [1. OAC Workplan](#)

Members reviewed the 2012 work plan and noted items that had been completed or that still needed work. Stephanie noted that Commissioners should plan on approving the 2013 work plan at their January 2013 meeting.

The report was received.

[12-0542](#)

Nominating Committee for Chair/Co-Chair

Kelsey, Danielle and Michael volunteered to develop a slate of officers (Chair and co-Chair) for 2013, to be presented to the Commission at the November meeting.

The report was discussed and closed.

[12-0545](#)

Public Art Update

Trent shared:

- The sculpture for the Hands on Children's Museum and Fire Station 4 are moving forward.
- The base for the gift of "Justice" by John Vanek, came in within the budget set, and will be installed by November.
- Trent asked to keep the changes to the Gifts Policy on the radar and have an update from staff at the November meeting.
- Over half of the condition reports are turned in. Discussion turned to the Public works Employee Tribute carvings at the maintenance center. The works are in need of much repair. Ron will complete a closer examination and report back to the group. The Art in Public Places Committee will evaluate whether to recommend major maintenance or deaccession of the work from the collection.
- The artist for the West Bay Sidewalk project is scheduled for another meeting with Public Works staff to assess the framework of the project. She has already met with neighbors and other interested community members at the public meeting in June.
- The final three weeks of the Waterfront Public Art Tours are coming up, to date 43 citizens and visitors have taken the tour this summer.
- Stephanie shared that the sanding and re-sealing of the sculptures in the Boulevard Roundabout has been completed. Caulking and painting of the bases was underway.

The report was received.

[12-0546](#)

Arts Walk

Stephanie shared the Arts Walk cover and the QR code inside for visitors to access the Arts Walk information online. She asked for volunteers to deliver maps to businesses on September 21 and 22. Trent, Danielle, Ron, Frank, Jennyrose, Kelsey and Rick volunteered. Councilmember Roe offered as back-up.

Stephanie noted that the process for selecting artist for the 2013 map covers would be underway shortly after Arts Walk. Commissioners decided a member should sit on the jury and Frank volunteered. The CEO committee will round out the panel of three jurors at their next meeting.

This report was received

[12-0553](#)

Approval of 2012 People's Prize Award for the Percival Plinth Project

Trent shared that a total of 485 votes were received during the voting period, up from 313 in 2011. Of that, 298 were from Olympia proper (up from 187), and 71 were from

Lacey, Tumwater and Thurston County (up from 39). The final 24% of the votes were received from visitors from 28 Washington cities, 19 states and 7 countries.

With 140 votes, Windstar by Ross Matteson was the lead by quite a distance, with the runner up, the Healer by Leon White, coming in with 74 votes. Stephanie noted that the Council date for the announcement of the People's Prize has been moved to October 2.

Kelsey read the question: Does the Arts Commission accept the public's recommendation of the sculpture to win the People's Prize for purchase?

A motion was made by Danielle Westbrook, seconded by Rick Perry, that this recommendation be forwarded to the City Council, due back by 10/2/2012. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

12-0554 Location Recommendation for Peoples' Prize Sculpture

Trent noted that APP had reviewed possible sites and is considering the Port Plaza as first choice and Yauger Park as second choice. Final determination of location will take more research by staff.

Kelsey read the question: Does the Arts Commission approve the recommendation of the Port Plaza or Yauger Park for future location of the Peoples' Prize sculpture from the Art in Public Places Committee?

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Perry, to forward the recommendation be to the City Council for action in 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

7. REPORTS

[12-0547](#) Art in Public Places Committee Update

Trent felt he had completed his report with his former comments.

The report was received.

[12-0548](#) Community Events & Outreach Committee Report

Rick felt he had completed his report during the work plan review. The mural tool-kit is currently the focus of the committee and the topic of the next Community Arts Roundtable. The next CEO meeting will take place Monday, September 17, at 7:15pm at The Olympia Center.

The report was received.

[12-0550](#) Arts Organization Liaison Report

Ron noted that Kris Tucker, Director of the Washington State Arts Commission, is making a presentation on the Creative Vitality Index with regards to Olympia at the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA) meeting, and has offered to provide the same presentation to the Olympia Arts Commission. He also noted that the Olympia Artspace Alliance will be hosting a table at The Washington Center during Arts Walk and has gotten very close to their financial goal to begin the market survey.

As liaison to the Evergreen State College, Frank reported the galleries have been closed for the summer.

Danielle reported that the Olympia Symphony Orchestra has also taken a summer hiatus.

Michael shared that Encore Arts will be awarding two more grants in January, and will be having a fundraiser at The Washington Center.

The report was received.

8. OTHER TOPICS

[12-0549](#)

Arts Commission Retreat

Commissioners agreed to invite Kris Tucker to speak at the Commission retreat, and to begin the work plan process for 2013. They determined that the retreat should be held before the regular November meeting, at the Harbor House. They asked that staff send out a doodle poll for evening or Saturday morning depending on Kris' schedule.

This report was discussed and continued

Recap of Meeting with Parks Director & Associate Director

Diane noted she specifically found the budget discussion of the meeting very interesting, and shared that exploration of starting a 501c3 was a message she took from the conversation.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

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