



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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6:00 PM

Room 112

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Chair Marygrace Jennings, Vice Chair Stacy Hicks, Commissioner Susan Aurand, Commissioner Diana Fairbanks, Commissioner Kathy Murray, and Commissioner Rick Perry

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Britta Echtle, Commissioner Ron Hinton, and Commissioner Katie Nelson

OTHERS PRESENT

Mayor-elect Cheryl Selby

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[15-1069](#) Approval of October 8, 2015 Arts Commission Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Andrew Goldstein introduced himself and his project, Emerald City Music, a start-up chamber music series in Seattle and Olympia set to begin next fall.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners shared information about past and upcoming events.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[15-1070](#) Discussion of 2016 Officers

Commissioners shared support and appreciation for current officers and expressed

interest in asking them to serve a second term. The current officers agreed to serve a second term.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved, seconded by Commissioner Aurand, to retain Chair Jennings and Vice-Chair Hicks as officers for 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

[15-1071](#) 2016 Arts Commission Work Plan

Chair Jennings read criteria from the 2015 Municipal Art Plan to set the stage for developing the 2016 Work Plan. Commissioners reviewed the current plan item by item and a list of potential items compiled from the Comprehensive Plan, individual proposals and Council referrals. Councilmember Selby shared her vision of an "ARCH" creative corridor (Architecture, Recreation, Culture and Heritage), based on Mainstreet Program examples. Ms. Johnson noted she would have a draft 2016 Work Plan ready for review at the December meeting. Vice Chair Hicks and Commissioner Aurand offered to draft text for Work Plan items they had specific interest in.

The discussion was continued to the Arts Commission meeting on December 10, 2015.

7. REPORTS

[15-1066](#) Commission Items

Items were referenced during the discussion on the 2016 Work Plan. Staff was directed to consolidate review-type tasks into one item for 2016.

- 1.12 City Action Plan
- 1.13 Park Plan
- 1.14 Downtown Strategy

The report was received.

[15-1067](#) Community Events & Outreach Committee Report

Items were referenced during the discussion on the 2016 Work Plan. Item 1.10 will be broadened to reference arts in neighborhoods, pulling in Comprehensive Plan goals and Commission ideas. Vice Chair Hicks will draft the language.

- 1.7 Artspace/Arts Center Support
- 1.9 Define Creative District
- 1.10 Music in the Neighborhoods
- 2.a Arts Walk 50 & 51
- 2.3 Area Arts Promotion

The report was received.

[15-1068](#) Art in Public Places Committee Report

Items were referenced during the discussion on the 2016 Work Plan. Commissioner Aurand will draft language on her specific proposed addition regarding visual enhancement of downtown.

1.2 Traffic Box Wrap

1.3 Music Out Loud

1.5 Harrison/Black Lake Tree Guards

1.6 City Gateways

1.8 Guidelines for Temporary Display of Art at City Hall

The report was received.

8. OTHER TOPICS

Ms. Johnson shared she attended the Northwest Public Arts Conference (NoWPAC) in Boise in October and will be partnering with staff from ArtsWA to host the 2017 NoWPAC in Olympia.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.