



City of Olympia

Meeting Minutes Arts Commission

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6:00 PM

Room 304

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Commissioner Westbrook called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Co-Chair Erin McGown, Commissioner Diana Fairbanks, Commissioner Stacy Hicks, Commissioner Ron Hinton, Commissioner Marygrace Jennings, Commissioner Katie Nelson, Commissioner Michael Olson, and Commissioner Danielle Westbrook

Excused: 2 - Chair Trent Hart, and Commissioner Rick Perry

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Olson moved, seconded by Commissioner McGown, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[14-0532](#) Approval of May 8, 2014 Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Nelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners shared information on past and upcoming arts events.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[14-0576](#) Referral from City Council

Michelle Sadlier and Todd Stamm from Community Planning and Development were joined by Erica Cooper, Design Committee Chair for the Olympia Downtown Association (ODA) to talk about the proposed Alley Enhancement project, the

Neighborhood Matching Grant Program and Council's referral. Commissioners appreciated the opportunity to provide feedback to Council, especially when a private project could be confused with public art. They liked that the proposal was a creative idea that celebrated Artesian wells in downtown, that it was a neighborhood project, that it brings more 3-D sculpture to downtown, and that it could inspire more alleyway artwork, making those areas more inviting.

Commissioner Jennings moved, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, to recommend Council approve funding for the Olympia Downtown Association Alley Enhancement project. The motion passed unanimously.

[14-0337](#) Referral from Finance Committee

Commissioner Jennings reported a healthy discussion by members of the Art in Public Places Committee regarding the referral from the Finance Committee. Commissioners feel the proposal has been thoroughly vetted. The Commission wishes to thank the Finance Committee for the opportunity to fund the Municipal Art Fund and have determined to split the \$180,000 generated by construction of Olympia City Hall between City Hall Public Art and other projects. The details of the split will be defined in the Municipal Art Plan currently being developed by the Commission.

Commissioner Jennings moved, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, to split 1% for Art funds generated by the construction of City Hall between City Hall Public Art and the Municipal Art Fund. The motion passed unanimously.

7. REPORTS

[14-0533](#) Commission Items

1.1 Survey of Economic Value of Olympia's Music Industry-Commissioners were pleased to see the article in *The Olympian* referencing the report. Next steps were discussed, how to get the word out about the economic importance of music in the community. Commissioner Hicks offered to provide a report on proposed projects using similar Creative Vitality Index (CVI) studies at a presentation hosted by ArtsWA in late June.

1.9 Define Theater District - No report

1.13 Comprehensive and Action Plan Update - Public Hearing coming up in July

1.14 Commission Retreat/Work Session - Commissioners will bring one topic from APP and one from CEO for to the July meeting for consideration for retreat topics.

2.c Public Art Assessment - No report.

The report was received.

[14-0534](#) Community Events & Outreach Committee Report

1.3 Community Art Process Review - No specific discussion although the topic was addressed during the Council referral discussion

1.4 Artspace/Arts Center Support - Commissioner Hinton reported the Olympia Artspace Alliance (OAA) was currently working on stake holders and funding sources.

1.6 Guidelines for Temporary Display of Art at City Hall/1.15 Community Arts Roundtable - No report

1.8 Music Out Loud - Chari Hart and Stephanie Johnson of Parks, Arts and Recreation will meet with Legal about an ordinance change. Commisisoners asked Ms. Johnson to send out meeting minutes from the General Government Committee presentation.

1.11 Studio Tour - No report

1.12 Music in Neighborhood Parks - No report

2.a Arts Walk 48 & 49 - Registrations are open and Ms. Johnson shared the concept design from fall Arts Walk artist Kristen Etmund.

2.b Art Ambassador Program - Season will kick off with **Meet the Artist Day** June 21.

2.d Arts Day at the Capitol - No report

2.g Area Arts Promotion- No report

The report was received.

[14-0535](#) Art in Public Places Committee Report

1.2 Municipal Art Plan to City Council - No report

1.5 Utility Box Mural Project - The subcommittee shared the concept to-date. The Commission made the following recommendations: Start with 10 wraps; request flat proposals; provide opportunity for in-person and on-line voting; unveil new wraps at Arts Walk; and propose to Council as part of the Municipal Art Plan.

1.7 City Hall 1% for Public Art - No report

1.10 City Entry Signs - No report

2.e Percival Plinth Peoples' Choice Award - Staff presents two choices of pedestal for City Hall; Commissioners chose square pedestal over the columnar style.

2.f Public Art Projects - Bridge Maintenance packet went out to bid and Combined

Construction is the contractor for the major maintenance project on the public art in the bridge corridor. Commissioner Nelson commented that Lakefair might be considered during maintenance work. Also, staff reported damage to **Sky River Trees**, apparently the results of a semi-sized truck backing up into the middle tree on the north side. Zeiglers Welding will repair the damage.

The report was received.

8. OTHER TOPICS

Commissioner McGown will be leaving Olympia by August; July is her last meeting. Commissioner Nelson will miss the next two meetings due to training. Commissioner Westbrook asked to move Announcements to follow Roll Call for the July agenda.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.