



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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6:00 PM

Online or via phone

Register to attend:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_H0GeF245RUeLHuoI3BBkVA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dorgan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Chair Kathryn Dorgan, Vice Chair Jace Hoag, Commissioner Joe Batt, Commissioner Jim Burlingame, Commissioner Rose Clifthorne, Commissioner Coral Garey and Commissioner Katherine Ransom

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Tracy Schreiber

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[24-0031](#) Approval of December 14, 2023 Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners shared information about past and upcoming arts events.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[24-0034](#) Grass Lake Nature Park Public Art Project Artist Recommendation

Ms. Johnson shared the recommendation of the jury for the Grass Lake Nature Park Public Art project artists following finalist interviews. The jury came to unanimous recommendation of Abe Singer. Nature is an inspiration in Mr. Singer's work and he is well versed in the use of repurposed materials. He articulated a strong resonance to the redevelopment vision and relationship to the environment and materials, speaking to

accessibility, ways to connect and a strong appreciation for the tank and its possibilities.

Commissioner Batt moved, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame, to approve the jury recommendation to be forwarded to City Council for consideration. The motion was unanimously approved.

[24-0035](#) Donation of Art Proposal Commemorating West Olympia Rotary 50th Anniversary

Ms. Johnson presented the Gift of Art proposal from the West Bay Rotary Club. Commissioners reviewed the proposal, framing their discussion around criteria in the Gift of Art policy. Commissioners were unanimous in their recommendation to forward the proposal to City Council for approval, and commented that a gift of art to the City was a very meaningful way for the West Olympia Rotary Club to celebrate their anniversary.

Commissioner Ransom moved, seconded by Vice Chair Hoag, to recommend Life is Water, by Taylor Krise to City Council as a donation to the City Public Art Collection. The motion passed unanimously.

[24-0033](#) 2024-2025 Arts Commission Work Plan and Municipal Art Plan

Commissioners reviewed proposed 2024/25 Work Plan and Municipal Art Plan and made comment. Staff will return with an edited version at the February 8 meeting.

The discussion was completed.

[24-0032](#) New Member Process Review

Commissioners discussed the review matrix for new Commissioner review and made changes. Staff will send matrix and application packet in advance of the February 8 meeting.

The discussion was completed.

7. REPORTS

Ms. Johnson shared the new ARCH video clip, noted that the Poet Laureate read several poems at the first City Council meeting of the year, and that Plinth project applications close January 22, and Arts Walk applications close January 31. Commissioner Burlingame shared that he would be participating on the Armory Partner selection process the following day.

8. OTHER TOPICS - None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.