

OLYMPIA ARTS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
Thursday, June 7, 2012
The Olympia Center, Room 200

Members Present:	Kelsey Smith	Trent Hart	Michael Olson
	Diane Robertson	Danielle Westbrook	Megan Drygas

Members Absent:	Sarah Burdock Segall	Rick Perry	Ron Hinton
	Jennyrose Wright	Frank Barber	

Staff Present: Stephanie Johnson

Public in Attendance:

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kelsey Smith at 1:30pm

II. CHAIR REPORT

The purpose of the meeting was for the Arts Commission to provide response to the April draft of the City's Comprehensive Plan. After discussion, the Commission recommended the following changes to the Parks, Arts, Recreation and Historic Preservation text:

Arts and Events Create Community

Olympia is now home to ~~nearly~~ 2,500 individual artists and almost 100 arts organizations and venues. Resident artists are active in music, literature, performance, and visual arts. They consist of emerging artists to those that are nationally known. Olympia hosts award-winning theater, groundbreaking ~~independent rock~~ music performances, the Procession of the Species, and a strong visual arts community that ranges from informal artists to those with nationwide gallery representation.

During the next 20 years, Olympia will face two challenges:

- **Creating an Arts Center.** This has been identified as a need since 1989. This ~~inter-jurisdictional~~ center should provide exhibition space, working studios, and rehearsal space ~~for regional artists~~. (Additions in red).

~~PC7.5 Use public art to tell the story of Olympia.~~ Commissioners felt the topic was covered by PC7.3 - Use public art to create unique community places and visible landmarks.

PC7.8 ~~Install~~ **Encourage** art in vacant storefronts.

PC8.1 Pursue a **regional** community arts center.

PC8.2 Pursue affordable housing and studio/~~rehearsal~~ space for artists.

PC8.5 Provide opportunities that highlight the talent of local **visual and performing** artists.

PC8.6 Provide technical support to art organizations.

PC8.9 Encourage early arts education opportunities.

In addition, Commissioners recommended a different photo be used. And with regards to the Economy Chapter, Commissioners recommend spelling out the abbreviations in the employment chart.

Staff agreed to draft a memorandum for the Arts Commission Chair to send regarding the recommended changes and to facilitate a new photograph for the chapter.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned by Kelsey Smith, 2:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Johnson