



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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6:00 PM

Room 112

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Also present: Brian Mark, Chair of the Olympia Planning Commission and liaison to the Arts Commission, and Councilmember Clark Gilman.

Present: 5 - Chair Marygrace Jennings, Vice Chair Stacy Hicks, Commissioner Diana Fairbanks, Commissioner Ron Hinton and Commissioner Kathy Murray

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Susan Aurand, Commissioner Britta Echte, Commissioner Katie Nelson and Commissioner Rick Perry

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[16-1220](#) Approval of October 13, 2016 Arts Commission Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners shared information about past and upcoming events.

6. PRESENTATIONS

[16-1215](#) Action Plan Briefing

CP&D Deputy Director Leonard Bauer shared background and an overview of the Action Plan to date. The Action Plan is organized into five action areas - 3 topical and 2 geographic - with actions, strategies and outcomes available on the City website. Commissioners updated a few missing actions and directed staff to make workplans and the Municipal Art Plan available to CP&D early in the Action Plan annual cycle.

Commissioners also asked that Deputy Director Bauer be invited to return for a subsequent update during the Commission retreat next fall.

The information was received.

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

[16-1237](#) Selection of 2017 Officers

Commissioner Hinton nominated Vice-Chair Stacy Hicks for 2017 Arts Commission Chair, and Chair Marygrace Jennings for 2017 Vice-Chair. He invited comment from other Commissioners who responded with support for his nomination.

Chair Jennings moved, seconded by Commissioner Murray, to approve Vice-Chair Hicks for 2017 Chair. The motion passed.

Vice-Chair Hicks moved, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, to approve Chair Jennings for 2017 Vice-Chair. The motion passed.

[16-1225](#) Approval of Poet Laureate for 2017-2019

Ms. Johnson shared the jury's recommendation of Amy Solomon-Minarchi as Poet Laureate and Cecily Markham as alternate for 2017-2019. She distributed copies of Ms. Solomon-Minarchi's application and shared video poetry readings by both poets. Vice-Chair Hicks provided the juror's perspective to Commissioners, shared there was a very qualified pool of applicants, and that the jurors felt very solid about their recommendation. Commissioners directed staff to invite Ms. Solomon-Minarchi to their December 8 meeting.

Chair Jennings moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Hicks, to forward the jury recommendation to City Council for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

[16-1219](#) Approval of Arts Walk date recommendation

Commissioners discussed the staff report that explored moving the spring 2017 Arts Walk date. They felt that Arts Walk has long been associated with the 4th Friday and Saturday in April, and that moving it would become a source of conflict with other events.

Chair Jennings moved, seconded by Commissioner Hinton, to keep Arts Walk at its current date of the 4th Friday and Saturday in April. The motion passed unanimously.

8. REPORTS

[16-1221](#) Commission Items

1.8 Artspace/Arts Center Support - No report.

- 1.12 Commission Retreat/Work Session - Completed.
- 1.13 City Planning Efforts - See presentations.
- 2.b Public Art Assessment - Completed.
- 2.c Arts & Heritage Day at the Capitol - February 8, 2017.

The report was received.

[16-1222](#) Community Events & Outreach Committee

- 1.2 Poet Laureate - See Business Items.
- 1.3 Downtown Music Festival - Commissioner Hinton and Ms. Johnson will meet with Gregory Malcom of Jazz Clubs NW to provide technical assistance for the Jazz Walk event.
- 1.5 Encourage Art in Vacant Storefronts - Commissioner Hinton and Ms. Johnson will meet with Renee Sunde and Mark Rentfrow of CP&D, to discuss possibilities.
- 1.10 Explore Creative District - Commissioner Hinton will communicate with ArtsWA Director Karen Hannan to see where the agency is on statewide Creative District legislation.
- 1.11 Neighborhood Arts Support - Commissioners discussed topics for Commissioner Hinton and Ms. Johnson to address at the December 12 Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (CNA) meeting. Chair Jennings also shared she participated in a meeting with CP&D staff to develop a form for neighborhood associations to use when wishing to install art in their neighborhoods on City property.
- 1.15 Encourage Early Arts Education Opportunities - Ms. Johnson shared that she provided the youth Arts Commissioner opportunity to arts educators at the three area high schools and has not received any feedback to date. Vice- Chair Hicks suggested a few other avenues to try and Councilmember Gilman noted he was working on a listening event at a local high school to hear what students had to say about participation on City Boards and Commissions.
- 2.a Arts Walk 52 & 53 - 52 Completed. Members of the Community Outreach & Events Committee noted they had reviewed event surveys from the Fall 2016 Arts Walk event. The range of responses were for the most part positive and they did not identify a trend that needed to be addressed.

The report was received.

[16-1223](#) Art in Public Places Committee

- 1.1 2016 Municipal Art Plan to City Council - Completed.
- 1.4 Music Out Loud - No report.
- 1.6 Harrison/Black Lake Tree Guards - No report.
- 1.7 City Gateways - Ms. Johnson asked Commissioners to identify a review panel. Reviewers will be Planning Commission liaison (and Chair) Brian Mark, Chair Jennings, Commissioner Nelson, Amy Buckler, Planner from CP&D and Ms. Johnson.
- 1.9 Guidelines for Temporary Display of Art at City Hall & Programming - Commissioner Fairbanks and Ms. Johnson will present the Call for Curator to the General Government Committee on December 9.
- 1.14 Visual Enhancement of Downtown - No report.
- 2.d Traffic Box Mural Wrap Public Art Project - Commissioners matched approved

images to the location map.
2.e Percival Plinth Project - No report.

The report was received.

9. OTHER TOPICS - None

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.