



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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Thursday, July 13, 2017

6:00 PM

Room 112

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hicks called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. Arts Program Specialist Angel Nava served as staff liaison for the meeting.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Chair Stacy Hicks, Vice Chair Marygrace Goddu, Commissioner Britta Echtle, Commissioner Diana Fairbanks, Commissioner Timothy Grisham, Commissioner Ron Hinton, Commissioner Kathy Murray, Commissioner Katie Nelson and Commissioner Katherine Williams

OTHERS PRESENT

Framework Cultural Placemaking Principal Lesley Bain

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[17-0702](#) Approval of June 8, 2017 Arts Commission Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners shared information about past and upcoming events.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[17-0745](#) Gateways Draft Master Plan Presentation

Ms. Bain shared a presentation on the Master Plan draft to date, followed by discussion. Commissioner Grisham asked to develop the theme further. Commissioners asked for a digital version of the plan to read through in more detail.

The information was received.

[17-0668](#) Donation of **Philosopher** by Kevin Au

Ms. Nava shared slides of potential locations of the sculpture. Discussion followed by Commissioners sharing advantages of the various locations. Commissioner Fairbanks recommended adding plantings or a bench to help highlight the sculpture.

Commissioner Nelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Grisham, to recommend the donation of Philosopher by Kevin Au to the City Manager and the LBA woods location for placement. The motion passed.

7. REPORTS

[17-0703](#) Commission Items

- 1.1 Municipal Art Plan to City Council - Complete
- 1.6 Commission Retreat/Work Session - Spring complete
- 2.8 Northwest Public Art Conference - No report

The report was received.

[17-0704](#) Community Events & Outreach Committee

- 1.4 Arts Center Support - No report
- 1.5 Support Creative District - Ms. Nava reported staff made contact with ArtsWA to offer congratulations of the passing of Creative District legislation, again reiterating Olympia's interest in being a pilot project.
- 1.7 Expressive Enhancement of Downtown - Ms. Nava noted artist Ellen Sollod is on the design team chosen by Public works to design an approach for pedestrian improvements on Legion and Franklin streets.
- 1.8 Proposal for Arts Organizations Granting Program - No report
- 2.1 Arts Walk 54 & 55 - Ms. Nava shared survey results from Artist, Businesses, & Commissioner Surveys. Surveys pointed to the value of the events, need for improved promotional efforts. Additional fall strategies will include activating new spaces with performance and tracking attendance. Chair Hicks talked about the possibility of hosting a City Art Collection Art Exhibit as part of the Spring 2018 Arts Walk. Possible location could be the Washington Center gallery. Possible works to display could include past Arts Walk covers, photos of art, Gateways project and the future of art in Olympia, and community member stories of experiences with art.
- 2.3 Arts & Heritage Day at the Capitol - No report
- 2.6 Poet Laureate - First quarter complete, second quarter work plan turned in.

The report was received.

[17-0705](#) Art in Public Places Committee

- 1.2 Music Out Loud - Design jury on Tuesday, August 1, 6:00 p.m.
- 1.3 City Gateways - See business items

2.2 Public Art Assessment - No report

2.4 Traffic Box Mural Wrap Public Art Project - Ms. Nava shared 9 outlying locations. Commission recommended moving forward with the nine locations and adding a 10th, possibly the Pacific & Martin location.

2.5 Percival Plinth Project - Ms. Nava shared information about the recent voting kickoff event and installation of the 2017 sculptures

2.7 Implementation of Temporary Display of Art at City Hall & Programming - Opportunity out, due August 29

The report was received.

8. OTHER TOPICS - None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.