



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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Thursday, May 12, 2016

6:00 PM

Room 112

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Hicks called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Chair Marygrace Jennings, Vice Chair Stacy Hicks, Commissioner Susan Aurand, Commissioner Britta Echte, Commissioner Diana Fairbanks, Commissioner Ron Hinton, Commissioner Kathy Murray, and Commissioner Rick Perry

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Katie Nelson

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Planning Commissioner Jerry Parker, Councilmember Clark Gilman

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Hicks asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

Hearing none, the agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[16-0597](#) Approval of April 14, 2016 Arts Commission Minutes

Vice Chair Hicks asked if there were any changes to the minutes.

Hearing none, the minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dena Lee noted Arts Walk was a wonderful experience for someone new to the area. She said she participated in the Peace Choir performance at City Hall.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners shared information about past and upcoming events.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[16-0598](#) Music Out Loud Fabrication Contract

Ms. Johnson noted this item will need to go before the General Government Committee with a formal recommendation.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved, seconded by Commissioner Aurand, to recommend to the General Government Committee the expenditure of up to \$83,732.16 for fabrication and installation of three Music Out Loud lithomosaics (includes artist fees of \$6,000). The motion was unanimously approved.

7. REPORTS

[16-0599](#) Commission Items

1.8 Artspace/Arts Center Support - Commissioner Hinton announced that Nathan Barnes, coordinator of the Minneart Center Gallery, will be joining the Olympia Artspace Alliance board.

1.12 Commission Retreat/Work Session - Set for August 11 (long meeting).

1.13 City Planning Efforts - Ms. Johnson reminded Commissioners about the May 23 and June 6 Downtown Strategy events. There did not appear to be a quorum planning to be in attendance.

2.b Public Art Assessment- Commissioners Hinton and Aurand returned their binders.

2.c Arts & Heritage Day at the Capitol - February 8, 2017.

The report was received.

[16-0600](#) Community Events & Outreach Committee

1.2 Poet Laureate - Chair Jennings and Vice Chair Hicks will be making a presentation to the General Government Committee May 18.

1.3 Downtown Music Festival - Ms. Johnson shared concepts based on Ellensberg's Jazz in the Valley Festival. Vice Chair Hicks suggested looking into the Juan de Fuca Festival as well. Suggested dates were President's Day Weekend or Martin Luther King Weekend. Councilmember Gilman suggested a town/gown festival as well to coincide with TESC's graduation.

1.5 Encourage Art in Vacant Storefronts - Commissioner Hinton proposed a field trip to look at Tacoma's Spaceworks project.

1.10 Explore Creative District - No report.

1.11 Neighborhood Arts Support - Commissioner Hinton suggested a presentation to the Coalition of Neighborhood Associations in September or October.

1.15 Encourage Early Arts Education Opportunities - Vice Chair Hicks suggested looking at Lacey's outreach. Commissioners determined to recruit for a youth member in September, perhaps finalizing the recruitment plan at the August retreat.

2.a Arts Walk 52 & 53 - Members of the Community Events & Outreach Committee

reviewed evaluations submitted by participating artists and businesses.

The report was received.

[16-0601](#) Art in Public Places Committee

1.1 2016 Municipal Art Plan to City Council - Completed

1.4 Music Out Loud - See Business Items

1.6 Harrison/Black Lake Tree Guards - Completed fabrication anticipated mid-July.

1.7 City Gateways - Chair Jennings and Ms. Johnson recapped the meeting with the Coalition of Neighborhood Associations.

1.9 Guidelines for Temporary Display of Art at City Hall & Programming - No report.

1.14 Visual Enhancement of Downtown - No report.

2.d Traffic Box Mural Wrap Public Art Project - Ms. Johnson shared locations of traffic boxes in East Olympia. Commissioners determined to address the larger box style as done on the West side.

2.e Percival Plinth Project - Commissioner Fairbanks shared the location map for the 2016 sculptures.

The report was received.

8. OTHER TOPICS - None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.