



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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Thursday, December 8, 2016

6:00 PM

Room 112

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jennings called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Chair Marygrace Jennings, Vice Chair Stacy Hicks, Commissioner Diana Fairbanks, Commissioner Ron Hinton, Commissioner Kathy Murray, Commissioner Katie Nelson and Commissioner Rick Perry

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Britta Echte

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Jennings requested an abbreviated meeting because of the snow, removing Announcements, Item 6.E (Committee discussion), and Reports from the agenda.

The agenda was approved as amended.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A [16-1327](#) Approval of November 10, 2016 Arts Commission Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.A [16-1342](#) 2017 Budget Update

City Engineer Fran Eide provided an update on the Capital Facilities Plan and shared information on projects projected to meet or exceed \$500,000 in construction costs, that would trigger the 1% for Art ordinance.

Associate Parks Director Jonathon Turlove provided insight into upcoming parks projects, including the proposed Woodruff Sprayground and Grass Lake Nature Park improvements. He shared that for the upcoming West Bay Park and Habitat Master Plan, the Request for Qualifications will specify that an artist is part of the design

team.

The report was received.

6.B [16-1344](#) Meet Amy Solomon-Minarchi

Commissioners provided a warm welcome to Amy Solomon-Minarchi, Olympia's first Poet Laureate. Ms. Solomon-Minarchi shared some of the program ideas she has been considering as she develops her scope of work with the City. When queried on the recruitment process, the poet noted the opportunity came across as serious, straightforward and fair. As the first Poet Laureate, Ms. Solomon-Minarchi noted there is added opportunity/responsibility to set the tone.

The report was received.

6.C [16-1343](#) Arts Walk Cover Artists 2017

Ms. Johnson shared the recommendation of the jury for Spring (Loralin Toney) and Fall (Evan Clayton Horback) Arts Walk covers 2017 and alternates, Cha Davis and Lee McCraw-Leavitt. Commissioner Perry abstained from voting as he was on the jury.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved, seconded by Vice Chair Hicks, to approve the jury recommendation for the 2017 Arts Walk cover artists and alternates.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Jennings, Vice Chair Hicks, Commissioner Fairbanks,
 Commissioner Hinton, Commissioner Murray and Commissioner
 Nelson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Echtle

Abstained: 1 - Commissioner Perry

6.D [16-1355](#) Gateways Public Art Master Plan consultant

Ms. Johnson shared the review group's recommendation to go with Framework as the Master Plan consultant. Commissioner Nelson noted Framework was one of the two applicants (of 4) that successfully communicated an understanding of the project. Vice Chair Hicks observed Framework demonstrated more defined roles among team members, addressed technical specifications upfront, and had identified prior experience in smaller communities. Ms. Johnson shared she would follow up with reference calls and a clarification on frequency of community meetings with Framework before presenting the recommendation to the Parks, Arts & Recreation Director for approval.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved, seconded by Commissioner Perry, to forward the recommended Gateways Public Art Master Plan consultant to the Parks, Arts & Recreation Director for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

- 6.E [16-1345](#) Discussion of Committees, Workplan, and Municipal Art Plan

The discussion was postponed.

- 6.F [16-1346](#) Discussion of January, 2017 meeting

Commissioners agreed to reschedule the January 2017 meeting to the 5th (from the 12th), to accommodate planned staff vacation.

The discussion was completed.

7. REPORTS

- 7.A [16-1328](#) Commission Items

The report was postponed.

- 7.B [16-1329](#) Community Events & Outreach Committee

The report was postponed.

- 7.C [16-1330](#) Art in Public Places Committee

The report was postponed.

8. OTHER TOPICS - None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.