



# City of Olympia

City Hall  
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## Meeting Minutes - Draft General Government Committee

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**Tuesday, July 16, 2013**

**5:30 PM**

**Room 207**

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### 1. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 3 - Chair Jeannine Roe, Committee Member Jim Cooper and Committee Member Karen Rogers

### 2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Roe called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 3.A 13-0561 Approval of June 25, 2013 General Government Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee Member Cooper moved, seconded by Committee Member Rogers, to approve the minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 3 - Chair Roe, Committee Member Cooper and Committee Member Rogers

### 4. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

*Committee members agreed to add discussion of committee vacancies and their September meeting to the end of the agenda as Item 4.C.*

#### 4.A 13-0517 Approval of Arts Commission Recommendation regarding Art at City Hall

Chair Roe welcomed Arts Commission Chair Trent Hart and Arts & Events Manager Stephanie Johnson.

Mr. Hart said the Arts Commission discussed the referral from City Council to consider purchase and/or placement of a piece of art from the People's Prize contest at City Hall. He said the Commission recommends the installation of a pedestal / plinth at City Hall with each year's People's Prize winner to be displayed in that location for one year before final placement. He said this will allow an identified location for the People's Prize to be displayed, with a change every year for variety of interest. He said the Commission recommends review of the project after 10 years.

Committee Members Cooper and Rogers suggested a shorter timeframe for review. After discussion with Chair Hart, the Committee agreed to recommend the proposal as a 3-year

pilot project.

Committee Member Cooper cautioned the Commission and staff to be careful on the site selection for the pedestal so it doesn't create a hazard or obstruct pedestrian access at City Hall / motorist views on 4th Avenue.

Committee Member Rogers suggested the Arts Commission look at other ways to use the Municipal Art Fund, such as funding for Arts Walk or for performance art at City Hall or other locations.

Committee Member Cooper said he still hopes to one day see a signature piece of art on display at City Hall, such as a Chihuly piece or something by a renowned artist. He expressed interest in something that is colorful. Ms. Johnson commented that the City has a piece of Chihuly art on display at The Olympia Center.

**The recommendation was referred to the City Council due back on 8/13/2013.**

#### **4.B 13-0548 Briefing and Discussion about Parking Program Improvements**

Chair Roe welcomed Community Planning & Development Business Manager Karen Kenneson.

Ms. Kenneson reviewed several improvement suggestions discussed by staff and the downtown parking committee. She said the emphasis is on creating a welcoming and helpful experience, with the understanding that staff has an important role in implementing parking regulations. Some of the improvements being considered are improved signage, distinctive uniforms, customer service training for staff, and courtesy notices.

Chair Roe said she is participating on the parking make-over committee and is looking forward to the changes. In particular, she would like to see more distinctive signage for parking lots, and she encourages staff to smile and acknowledge people they pass on their rounds.

**The discussion was completed.**

#### **4.C Advisory Committee Vacancies and Upcoming Meetings**

Communications Manager Cathie Butler said there are vacancies on the Arts Commission, Heritage Commission, and Utility Advisory Committee. She also relayed the Heritage Commission and Design Review Board (DRB) recommend a change in the Design Review Board membership ordinance so that the position currently appointed by the Heritage Commission will be directly selected and appointed by City Council.

Committee members agreed to open a mid-year recruitment and to schedule interviews for Wednesday, August 14. They also agreed to recommend the DRB membership change.

Committee members agreed to hold their September meeting on Tuesday, September 10, at 5:30 p.m. to receive an update on the Downtown Ambassador Program.

**The discussion was completed.**

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Roe adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.