



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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Thursday, August 13, 2015

6:00 PM

Room 304

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm.

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 PRESENT

Planning Commissioner Robert Ragland, Councilmember Cheryl Selby, Bastian Perry

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Johnson noted that the Art in Public Places Report item was missing 1.3 Music Out Loud and 1.5 Tree Guards. Commissioner Hinton moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Hicks. The agenda was approved as amended.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[15-0747](#) Approval of July 9, 2015 Arts Commission Minutes

Attachments: [OAC July 9 Minutes](#)

Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Aurand. The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners shared information about past and upcoming arts events.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS**7. REPORTS****[15-0748](#) Commission Items**

1.11 Commission Retreat/Work Session - Completed for 2015.

1.12 City Action Plan - No report.

1.13 Park Plan - No report.

1.14 Downtown Strategy - Amy Buckler, Senior Planner with Community Planning and Development shared information about the Downtown Strategy. The theme of the effort is Connecting Places and Spaces, with one primary intent to encourage private development to bridge the areas enhanced by \$150 million dollars of public investment since 1994. Commissioner Murray asked whether SEPA mitigation funds have been used by the City for aesthetic or cultural mitigation and enhancement. Ms. Buckler and Ms. Johnson are not aware of any prior such use and will look into it. Commissioner Aurand noted there is a subset of public artists who have specialized in mitigation projects and offered to put together a presentation. Ms. Buckler invited Commissioners to attend the open house for consultants on August 20.

2.d Arts Day at the Capitol - Completed for 2015

The report was received.

[15-0749](#) Community Events & Outreach Committee Report

1.7 Artspace/Arts Center Support - Commissioner Hinton noted that the Olympia Artspace Alliance receives their draft report on site analysis, financial modeling and scope of proposal from Artspace within days, with the final report due at the end of August.

1.9 Define Creative District - No report.

1.10 Music in the Neighborhoods - No report.

2.a Arts Walk 50 & 51- Ms. Johnson shared a draft of the fall 2015 Arts Walk cover.

2.b Art Ambassador Program - On hold

2.3 Area Arts Promotion - No report.

The report was received.

[15-0750](#) Art in Public Places Committee Report

1.1 2015 Municipal Art Plan - Approved.

1.2 Traffic Box Wrap - Council approved recommendation on 20 designs on August 11. Council has asked that the wayfinding map for the downtown wraps go by General Government for review on September 16.

1.3 Music Out Loud - General Government approved the Call for Art on July 15. During the meeting Ms. Johnson shared that staff may have a new recommendation on the third site, based on discussion with PBIA. Councilmember Selby suggested double checking the concept of possible street closures with adjacent businesses.

1.4 Percival Plinth Project - Kick-off on July 31 went well, ballot are coming in.

1.5 Tree Guards - No report.

1.6 City Gateways - Chair Jennings shared a meeting has been convened on August 31 with staff from Community Planning and Development and Public Works, along with a representative from the Planning Commission to begin discussion about City Gateways, potential project leads and partners, concerns and opportunities. She invited interested Commissioners to attend.

1.8 Guidelines for Temporary Display of Art at City Hall - Commissioner Fairbanks noted she has met with a representative from the Minnaert Gallery and will set meetings with ArtsWA, Saint Martin's University, The Evergreen State College, and The Washington Center to gather best practices and recommendations to shape the Commission's proposal.

The report was received.

8. OTHER TOPICS

Councilmember Selby noted that she has received word that Saint Martin's University does not intend move the date of the Dragon Boat Races from spring Arts Walk weekend as previously thought. She is requesting the Arts Commission consider possible scenarios to move Arts Walk to a different date by the 2017 event. She has asked that the item go on the Commission's 2016 Work Plan.

Commissioner Ragland reported that the Planning Commisison is working on updates to the Comprehensive Plan as well as the Downtown Strategy.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Upcoming

Accommodations