



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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Thursday, April 9, 2015

6:00 PM

Room 112

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Vice Chair Stacy Hicks, Commissioner Susan Aurand, Commissioner Britta Echtle, Commissioner Diana Fairbanks, Commissioner Ron Hinton, Commissioner Katie Nelson, and Commissioner Rick Perry

Absent: 2 - Chair Marygrace Jennings, and Commissioner Hart James

OTHERS PRESENT

Councilmember Cheryl Selby

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Hinton moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Nelson. All in favor. The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[15-0348](#) Approval of March 12, 2015 Arts Commission Minutes

Attachments: [OAC March 12 Minutes](#)

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilmember Selby introduced herself as the Council liaison to the Arts Commission, and noted she hopes to attend every other month. She has a passion for the arts and believes that ARCH - Arts, Recreation & Cultural Heritage - is important to our community. She encourages Commissioners to make it a point to check in at Council on a more frequent basis to share what they are working on. Commissioners Selby also noted that spring Arts Walk Saturday can get really tight crowd-wise at the North end of town between the Dragon Boat Races and the Procession. She wonders if there are ways to spread the wealth of events happening that weekend and has asked the Commission for guidance on the topic.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice- Chair Hicks welcomed Susan Aurand and Britta Echtle to the Commission and members shared brief bios around the table.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[15-0349](#) Municipal Art Plan Revision

Vice-Chair Hicks explained that Council recently approved \$50,000 in year end funds for the Municipal Art Fund, as \$1 per Capita funding for this year. Chair Jennings and Vice-Chair Hicks will be presenting the Municipal Art Plan to General Government Committee April 15, so this evening's Arts Commission meeting was an opportunity to make changes to the proposed use of funds.

After some discussion, Commissioners agreed to put the funds toward the City Gateways this year, for a master plan for the project.

Commission Aurand moved that \$50,000 added to the Municipal Art Fund be directed to the City Gateways project in 2015.

The report was approved.

7. REPORTS

[15-0344](#) Commission Items

Vice-Chair Hicks gave a brief overview on the Committees of the Arts Commission. Commissioner Hinton encouraged new Commissioners to think about what committee they would wish to be on. He noted there is currently no process for determining how the committees are filled, and suggested it would be a good topic for the retreat.

1.11 Commission Retreat/Work Session - May 21 is confirmed. A potluck list will be sent around at the May 14 meeting. Commissioners are encouraged to send topic ideas to Ms. Johnson.

1.12 City Action Plan - Ms. Johnson reminded Commissioners that they were sent an invitation to the April 18 launch event.

1.13 Park Plan - No report.

2.c Public Art Assessment - Ms. Johnson passed out the Condition Report binders for the Public Art Collection. Commissioner Hicks took the east side, Commissioner Aurand the west side, Commissioner Hinton south east, Commissioner Fairbanks The Olympia Center, and Commissioner Echtle the downtown.

2.d Arts Day at the Capitol - No report.

The report was received.

[15-0345](#) Community Events & Outreach Committee Report

1.3 Music Out Loud - No report.

1.7 Artspace/Arts Center Support - Commissioner Hinton provided information about where the Artspace project is to date, and that the Artspace representatives will be returning May 5, 6 & 7.

1.9 Define Theater District - No report.

1.10 Music in the Neighborhoods - No report.

1.14 Downtown Strategy - No report.

2.a Arts Walk 50 & 51 - In progress. Ms. Johnson thanked Commissioners for their help in distributing maps.

2.b Art Ambassador Program - No report.

2.3 Area Arts Promotion - No report.

The report was received.

[15-0346](#) Art in Public Places Committee Report

1.1 2015 Municipal Art Plan - Discussed earlier in the meeting.

1.2 Traffic Box Wrap - Launched.

1.4 Percival Plinth Project - Launched.

1.5 Harrison/Black Lake Tree Guards - No report.

1.6 City Gateways - No report.

1.8 Guidelines for Temporary Display of Art at City Hall - No report.

The report was received.

[15-0347](#) Staff Report

- PW Tribute Conservation - Ms. Johnson shared that the Art in Public Places Committee made a few final adjustments to the Request for Bids for the PW Tribute figures. They requested the base be made paint-able, the hatch figure base be lowered to 24", and that the conservation include repair of the feet on the standing figures. The feet are to be for structure and balance only, not replicated.

- Bridge at the Vortex Update - Stephanie shared that the City Manager has accepted the gift and that Public Works is happy to host the artwork in their offices.

- 50th Arts Walk Proclamation - Ms. Johnson noted there would be a proclamation at City Council for the 50th event on April 21 at 7pm, and encouraged Commissioners to attend.

- Rainforest Dream - Ms. Johnson also shared the Art in Public Places Committee determined the final site of Rainforest Dream in the Rose Garden at Priest Point, in the grassy area to the south of the arbor.

The report was received.

8. OTHER TOPICS

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Upcoming

Accommodations