



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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Thursday, May 14, 2020

6:00 PM

Online or via Phone

Register to attend: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83578798884?pwd=MVhZcW92ZmlQbi8vWDINZFJwR3hvdz09&status=success>

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.A ROLL CALL

Arts Program Specialist Angel Nava was also in attendance, along with visitor Abe Singer.

Present: 8 - Chair Timothy Grisham, Vice Chair Frederick Dobler, Commissioner Jim Burlingame, Commissioner Kathryn Dorgan, Commissioner Rose Emerson, Commissioner Stacy Hicks, Commissioner Kathy Murray and Commissioner Katherine Williams

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Kevin McManus

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Hicks moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Dorgan.

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[20-0210](#) Approval of February 13, 2020 Arts Commission Minutes

Attachments: [OAC 2.13.20 Minutes](#)

Commissioner Dorgan moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Emerson.

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

[20-0374](#) Welcome new Arts Commissioner Rose Emerson

Commissioners provided introductions and welcome.

Information only. No action requested.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[20-0373](#) Review and approval of Eastside St. Art Crossing Public Art candidate short-list

Attachments: [Rude](#)
[Wilbur-Sigo](#)
[Corio.Frei](#)

Ms. Johnson provided context and shared images of artwork as submitted by the finalists. Commissioner Hicks also shared her observations as a member of the jury. Commissioners noted a strong diverse group of applicants. Vice Chair Dobler moved to approve the jury recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame.

Commissioners unanimously approved the recommendation of the three short listed candidates for interview by the jury committee.

[20-0375](#) Review of Work Plans in Response to COVID-19

Attachments: [2020.Work.Plan](#)
[2020 Municipal Art Plan](#)

Commissioners reviewed the 2020 Work Plan and assigned a COVID response Tier to each item as requested by the General Government Committee. Staff and Chair Grisham will work out the final details, as well as a letter to accompany the revised Work Plan for the General Government Committee meeting on June 10. Vice Chair Dobler moved to approve the revised Work Plan and forward to General Government Committee, seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

Commissioners unanimously approved the revised changes to the 2020 Work Plan, as requested by the General Government Committee.

7. REPORTS

[20-0211](#) Policy and Program Recommendations to City Council

Ms. Johnson noted that she would arrange for a Zoom meeting of the Artist in Residence Committee before the next Commission meeting.

Information only. No action requested.

Ms [20-0212](#) Arts Program Support

Ms. Johnson noted that the restrictions on gatherings due to COVID-19 have had a tremendous effect on the performing arts. She reminded Commissioners that most of the Grants to Arts & Culture Organizations (GACO) for 2020 had gone to performance-based projects. She noted that ArtsWA has allowed their grant recipients to direct their funding toward operations, should their project need to be canceled. Commissioners agreed to have Ms. Johnson determine if the same consideration could be made in the case of Olympia's GACO.

Information only. No action requested.

[20-0213](#) ArCH Support

Ms. Johnson shared that the City, through ArCH has partnered with the Olympia Downtown Alliance for "Artist on Board," by which murals are painted on boarded downtown windows and "Positive Notes" which works with musicians to create and distribute short videos through social media and WhyIGoDowntown.com

Information only. No action requested.

8. OTHER TOPICS

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm.

Upcoming

Accommodations