



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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6:00 PM

Room 112

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hicks called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Chair Stacy Hicks, Vice Chair Marygrace Jennings, Commissioner Ron Hinton, Commissioner Katie Nelson and Commissioner Rick Perry

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Britta Echte, Commissioner Diana Fairbanks and Commissioner Kathy Murray

OTHERS PRESENT

Planning Commission Chair Brian Mark

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Jennings asked to add "Email" to **Other Topics**.

The agenda was approved as amended.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[17-0010](#) Approval of December 8, 2016 Arts Commission Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Herman, Executive Director of the Olympia Symphony Orchestra, and Don Law, Boardmember, introduced themselves to Commissioners and shared information about their organization. Noting the Arts Commission mission includes support for the performing arts, they asked if the Arts Commission had any community granting programs that supports organizations such as theirs. Commissioners stated they do not have such a program, but would add development of a proposal to consider creating a grant program to their 2017 Work Plan.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners shared information about past and upcoming arts events.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[16-1345](#) Recommendation of 2017 Workplan and Municipal Art Plan

Commissioners reviewed both the draft 2017 Work Plan and Municipal Art Plan. Edits were made during the meeting and Vice Chair Jennings and Commissioner Nelson will take a closer look at text and budget for the Municipal Art Plan and provide changes to staff to be presented at the February meeting.

The discussion was continued to the Arts Commission February meeting.

7. REPORTS

[16-1328](#) Commission Items

- 1.8 Artspace/Arts Center Support - No report.
- 1.12 Commission Retreat/Work Session - Completed
- 1.13 City Planning Efforts - Supported
- 2.b Public Art Assessment - Completed
- 2.c Arts & Heritage Day at the Capitol - February 8, 2017 - Legislative meetings have been scheduled and constituents contacted. Chair Hicks and Vice Chair Jennings have volunteered to attend.

The report was received.

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

- 1.2 Poet Laureate - Selected. Ms. Solomon-Minarchi's reading, **Credo Unplugged**, was well-received at the January 3 Council meeting. Ms. Johnson shared the Poet Laureate's first quarter work plan, and that the City has a Poet Laureate webpage: www.olympiawa.gov/poetlaureate
- 1.3 Downtown Music Festival - No report.
- 1.5 Encourage Art in Vacant Storefronts - No report.
- 1.10 Explore Creative District - No report.
- 1.11 Neighborhood Arts Support - Commissioner Hinton recapped the meeting with the Coalition of Neighborhood Associations on December 12, 2016. Members were presented a broad overview of the work of the Commission, the focus of more art in neighborhoods, and support from the Commission in taking on their own neighborhood art projects.
- 1.15 Encourage Early Arts Education Opportunities - Attempted.
- 2.a Arts Walk 52 & 53 - Completed

The report was received.

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

- 1.1 2016 Municipal Art Plan to City Council - Completed

- 1.4 Music Out Loud - No report.
- 1.6 Harrison/Black Lake Tree Guards - The sculptural tree guards have been installed and a dedication is planned for Monday, January 9, 2017.
- 1.7 City Gateways - Ms. Johnson shared the submitted scope of work for Framework Cultural Placemaking, the selected contractor. Commissioners felt the proposal very much met their expectations for the project.
- 1.9 Guidelines for Temporary Display of Art at City Hall & Programming - General Government presentation moved to February 2017
- 1.14 Visual Enhancement of Downtown - No report.
- 2.d Traffic Box Mural Wrap Public Art Project - East side artists selected
- 2.e Percival Plinth Project - Ms. Johnson asked Commissioners about expanding the 2017 Call for Art to sculptors in Oregon as well as Washington. Commissioners agreed.

The report was received.

8. OTHER TOPICS

Vice-Chair Jennings noted the City email remains a very cumbersome form of communication. Ms. Johnson indicated it is a legal requirement and in the Commission's best interest to communicate by City email. Other Commissioners shared ways to remember to check email, etc.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.