



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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Thursday, February 9, 2017

6:00 PM

Room 112

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hicks called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Chair Stacy Hicks, Vice Chair Marygrace Jennings, Commissioner Britta Echtle, Commissioner Diana Fairbanks, Commissioner Ron Hinton, Commissioner Kathy Murray, Commissioner Katie Nelson and Commissioner Rick Perry

OTHERS PRESENT

Mayor Cheryl Selby, Kris Tucker, Jean Mandeborg, OPARD Director Paul Simmons

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[17-0131](#) Approval of January 5, 2017 Arts Commission Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners shared information about past and upcoming arts events.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[17-0150](#) Olympia Arts & History

Mayor Selby, Ms. Mandeborg and Ms. Tucker shared the concept of an Arts, Culture and Heritage (ArCH) office at the City, loosely modeled on the City of Boise Department of Arts & History. The Mayor has put forward a referral to the Finance Committee for a funding request to engage a consultant to assess the City's current

arts and heritage programs and make recommendations on how to raise their visibility in the community. The Mayor feels this is a pivotal moment in Olympia - with the new City and Parks plans, Downtown Strategy and Metropolitan Park District - that provides the opportunity to rethink the role of the arts and heritage in our community.

Commissioners had specific questions about the role of the Arts Commission under ArCH, if ArCH would be expanded to include Lacey and Tumwater, and if it would include an Arts Center. The presenters responded that the vision for ArCH will be developed as an outcome of the assessment process.

Commissioners agreed to provide a letter of support for the referral by March 1.

The presentation was received.

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

Commissioners made final edits to both the 2017 Work Plan and the Municipal Art Plan.

Vice Chair Jennings moved, seconded by Commissioner Echtle, to approve the Work Plan. Commissioner Nelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, to approve the Municipal Art Plan. Both motions passed.

7. REPORTS

[17-0133](#) Commission Items

1.8 Artspace/Arts Center Support - No report.

1.12 Commission Retreat/Work Session - Completed. Ms. Johnson will reserve the Harbor House for the next Commission retreat scheduled for May 11, 4-8 p.m.

1.13 City Planning Efforts - Supported.

2.b Public Art Assessment - Completed.

2.c Arts & Heritage Day at the Capitol - Completed.

The report was received.

[17-0134](#) Community Events & Outreach Committee

1.2 Poet Laureate - Selected - Ms. Johnson shared that the teen workshop at the Olympia Library on February 4 went well according to Ms. Minarchi.

1.3 Downtown Music Festival - Supported.

1.5 Encourage Art in Vacant Storefronts - No report.

1.10 Explore Creative District - No report.

1.11 Neighborhood Arts Support- No report.

1.15 Encourage Early Arts Education Opportunities - Attempted.

2.a Arts Walk 52 & 53 - 52 Completed

The report was received.

[17-0135](#) 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 - Fabricated & Installed.
- 1.7 City Gateways - Consultant Selected. Ms. Johnson shared there is a team kick-off meeting on February 17. The consultants will spend the day touring the 8 sites, and in the afternoon will meet with staff representatives from Public Works and Community Planning and Development. Both Vice-Chair Jennings and Planning Commission Chair Brian Mark will also attend.
- 1.9 Guidelines for Temporary Display of Art at City Hall & Programming - Ms. Johnson noted she met with City Strategic Communications Director Kellie Purce Braseth to vet the proposed locations for rotating art exhibitions. Ms. Purce Braseth shared no concerns about those locations. Commissioner Fairbanks will be attending the General Government Committee meeting on February 22.
- 1.14 Visual Enhancement of Downtown - No report.
- 2.d Traffic Box Mural Wrap Public Art Project - East side artists selected - waiting on the right weather for installation.
- 2.e Percival Plinth Project - 2016 completed, 2017 launched. Ms. Johnson reported she made contact with 20 or so Oregon sculptors participating in similar projects to personally invite them to apply for the Percival Plinth Project. She also noted that "She Dreams of Flying" by Leon White has suffered irreparable damage to the nose and chin of the figure where the marble was broken due to vandalism.

The report was received.

8. OTHER TOPICS - None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.