



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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Thursday, December 11, 2014

6:00 PM

Room 112

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:58 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Chair Trent Hart, Commissioner Diana Fairbanks, Commissioner Stacy Hicks, Commissioner Ron Hinton, Commissioner Marygrace Jennings, Commissioner Katie Nelson, Commissioner Michael Olson, Commissioner Rick Perry, and Commissioner Danielle Westbrook

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Hart asked for two additions under Business Items:
- Review Positions of Chair and Vice-Chair.
-Olympia Artspace Alliance allocation from the Municipal Art Fund.

The agenda was approved as amended.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[14-1168](#) Approval of November 13, 2014 Arts Commission Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners shared information on past and upcoming arts events.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[15-0006](#) Review Positions of Chair and Vice-Chair

Commissioner Hinton noted other City boards and commissions use the term "Vice-Chair" instead of "Co-Chair," and said the first term is more fitting for Arts Commission positions.

Commissioner Westbrook moved, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, to retitle Arts Commission officer positions to Chair and Vice-Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

[14-0982](#) Nominating Committee for 2015 OAC Officers

Commissioner Hinton shared the recommended slate of the nominating committee: Commissioner Jennings for Chair and Commissioner Hicks for Vice-Chair. Chair Hart opened the floor to additional nominations, but none were presented.

Commissioner Nelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Olson, to close nominations and approve the recommended slate of officers for 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

[14-1177](#) Arts Walk Cover Artists 2015

Ms. Johnson reported 18 applications were reviewed by the jury consisting of Kristen Etmund, Kathy Strauss and Commissioner Perry. The Commission reviewed submitted work by photographer Duncan Green, the recommendation for spring, photo-collage artist Doyle Fanning for fall, and painter Greg Caudell, as alternate. Chair Hart noted the APP Committee reviewed the recommendation at their 5:00 p.m. meeting and accepted the jury's recommendation as their own. Commissioner Perry said the jury wishes to emphasize to applicant artists to keep submissions within one style so the jury knows what type of work to expect from each selected artist.

Commissioner Jennings moved, seconded by Commissioner Olson, to approve the APP recommendation for 2015 Arts Walk cover artists. The motion passed unanimously.

[15-0007](#) Olympia Artspace Alliance Allocation from the Municipal Art Fund

Chair Hart reported his discussion with Councilmember Selby regarding her intent to recommend to Council that \$50,000 from the Municipal Art Fund go to the Olympia Artspace Alliance. He invited Commissioners to share perspectives on the allocation. Commissioner Hinton recused himself from conversation because he is the Olympia Artspace Alliance Chair.

Chair Hart agreed to share the Commission's support with Councilmember Selby.

Commissioner Nelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Westbrook, to support the allocation of \$50,000 from the Municipal Art Fund to further the work of pre-development for the Artspace Project. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Chair Hart, Commissioner Fairbanks, Commissioner Hicks, Commissioner Jennings, Commissioner Nelson, Commissioner Olson, Commissioner Perry and Commissioner Westbrook

Abstained: 1 - Commissioner Hinton

[14-1180](#) Municipal Art Plan 2015

Chair Hart noted only two Commissioners responded with changes or comments to the draft plan distributed last month. Commissioner Nelson said she appreciates the work of the Committee and trusts their recommendation. Commissioner Jennings noted a particular segment that needs work is the project list: intention, timeline, where they fit in the grand plan. Other Commissioners and staff felt a paragraph in front of the list would be sufficient, and that the list could be more general as each project will trigger its own process once approved. Commissioners agreed the document should be a five-year vision. Commissioner Jennings noted City Hall funds were not represented in the project list, which leaves it incomplete.

Commissioners Hicks, Jennings and Ms. Johnson will meet in December to continue work on the plan. The Art in Public Places (APP) Committee will meet January 8 at 5:00 p.m. in advance of the Arts Commission meeting, to work on a proposal for City Hall funds.

[14-1178](#) 2015 Arts Commission Work Plan

Ms. Johnson reported the Work Plan needs to be approved at the February meeting for future review by the General Government Committee. Commissioners will have additions for the January meeting.

The recommendation was discussed and continued to the January 8, 2015 Arts Commission meeting.

7. REPORTS

[14-1169](#) Commission Items

- 1.1 Survey of Economic Value of Olympia's Music Industry - Complete
- 1.9 Define Theater District - No report.
- 1.13 Comprehensive and Action Plan Update - Ms. Johnson reported on the updated Arts Index she and Commissioner Jennings worked on and shared comments from the Action Plan staff. Their public process starts January 1, and the index could stay, go, or be changed along the way.
- 1.14 Commission Retreat/Work Session - Complete
- 2.c Public Art Assessment - Complete

The report was received.

[14-1170](#) Community Events & Outreach Committee Report

- 1.3 Community Art Process Review - No report.
- 1.4 Artspace/Arts Center Support - No report.
- 1.6 Guidelines for Temporary Display of Art at City Hall/1.15 Community Arts Roundtable - No report.
- 1.8 Music Out Loud - Chair Hart reported that as part of the upcoming December 16 General Government Committee meeting, the Commission has proposed revisions to

the ordinance to allow for performing art as long as those efforts are tied to Municipal Art Plan.

1.11 Studio Tour - No report.

1.12 Music in Neighborhood Parks - No report.

2.a Arts Walk 48 & 49 - Complete.

2.b Art Ambassador Program - Complete.

2.d Arts Day at the Capitol - March 4, 2015.

2.g Area Arts Promotion - No report.

The report was received.

[14-1171](#) Art in Public Places Committee Report

1.2 Municipal Art Plan to City Council - See above discussion.

1.5 Utility Box Mural Project - Goes to General Government for review December 16.

1.7 City Hall 1% for Public Art - No report.

1.10 City Entry Signs - No report.

2.e Percival Plinth Peoples' Choice Award - Complete.

2.f Public Art Projects - Chair Hart reported APP reviewed a menu of services for display of PW Tribute. Based on feedback, staff will solicit bids. Chair Hart will check with Debbie Sullivan at Public Works regarding placement of pieces on the third floor.

The report was received.

8. OTHER TOPICS - None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.