



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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Thursday, December 14, 2023

6:00 PM

Online or via phone

Register to attend:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_H0GeF245RUeLHuol3BBkvA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Burlingame called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

1.A ROLL CALL

Red Starr, Bobby Williams, Michael Cade, Angel Nava and Lorilyn Lirio were also in attendance.

Present: 7 - Chair Jim Burlingame, Vice Chair Kathryn Dorgan, Commissioner Joe Batt, Commissioner Rose Clifthorne, Commissioner Coral Garey, Commissioner Jace Hoag and Commissioner Tracy Schreiber

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Katherine Ransom

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Hoag moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Garey. The motion was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[23-1070](#) Approval of November 9, 2023 Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [OAC 11.9.23 Minutes](#)

Vice-Chair Dorgan moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Clifthorne. The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners shared information about past and upcoming arts events.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

/red [23-1071](#) Recap of Artist in Residence Pilot Project at Drexel House
Starr,

Attachments: [AIR evaluations \(consolidated\)](#)

Red Starr, Housing Stability Case Manager shared impressions of the pilot Artist in Residence program at Drexel House, noting that the drumming gatherings provided a chance for residents to feel human and productive. Bobby Williams, who was the 2023 Artist in Residence instructor noted that while participants were working on learning to drum and keep the beat, it was about more than music in bringing people together. Commissioners appreciated the opportunity to hear directly from the participants in the program. Ms. Johnson and Commissioner Dorgan noted they would recap about what they learned together and return with a proposal for the 2024 Work Plan.

Information only. No action requested.

[23-1072](#) Arts & Economy

Attachments: [Creative Vitality Index 2022 Snapshot](#)

Michael Cade, Executive Director, Thurston Economic Development Council (EDC), led off with a slide of a couple dancing at the Heritage Park Fountain, noting "Economic Development can be a wonderful dance" of community partnerships. He shared that the intent of the EDC is to be not transactional but transformative with a strong return on investment built by developing partnerships, and shared an economic development model/matrix that helped them to identify partners and gaps. He finds the Armory project to be one of those transformational projects, with partnerships that will reach deep into our community. He also shared snapshots of regional artist concentrations, arts and culture establishments and occupations.

Information only. No action requested.

[23-1073](#) Review of Grass Lake Nature Park Public Art Project candidate short-list

Ms. Johnson shared statements and images of the three applicants recommended by the jury to move forward in the selection process. They include the team of Lin McJunkin and Milo White, Abe Singer and Jennifer Weddermann. Commissioners discussed next steps in the process moving forward.

Commissioner Batt moved to approve the recommendation of three short listed candidates for interview by the jury committee, seconded by Commissioner Clifthorne. The motion was approved.

[23-1080](#) Review and Feedback on Arts Walk 2024 Cover Art

Ms. Nava shared concept ideas and drawings provided by the artists for spring and fall Arts Walk covers. Staff and Commissioners provided feedback.

Information only. No action requested.

7. REPORTS

8. OTHER TOPICS

9. ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming

Accommodations