



# Meeting Minutes

## Arts Commission

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**Thursday, June 9, 2016**

**6:00 PM**

**Room 112**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jennings called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

**1.A ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 6 - Chair Marygrace Jennings, Vice Chair Stacy Hicks, Commissioner Susan Aurand, Commissioner Ron Hinton, Commissioner Kathy Murray, and Commissioner Katie Nelson

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Britta Echte, Commissioner Diana Fairbanks, and Commissioner Rick Perry

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Planning Commissioner Jerry Parker

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Commissioner Jennings asked if there were changes to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was approved.**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[16-0713](#) Approval of May 12, 2016 Arts Commission Minutes

**Attachments:** [OAC May 12 Minutes](#)

**Chair Jennings asked if there were changes to the minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved.**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioners shared information about past and upcoming events.

**6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

## 7. REPORTS

### [16-0714](#) Commission Items

1.8 Artspace/Arts Center Support - Commissioner Hinton shared that Doyle Fanning has joined the board of the Olympia Artspace Alliance.

1.12 Commission Retreat/Work Session - Scheduled for August. Suggested topics include Committee structure, Recruitment Plan for Youth members, and Tacoma's Storefront program (inviting Heather Joy from the program to speak). Commissioners Perry, Echtle and Fairbanks were nominated, in absentia, to plan the retreat.

1.13 City Planning Efforts - Commissioner Aurand reported on the recent design workshop associated with the Downtown Strategy planning efforts. She noted that those in attendance were asked to respond to ideas generated from previous outreach efforts. She appreciated the street-by-street approach to the proposed design concepts.

2.b Public Art Assessment - Completed (mostly) - Two assessment binders remain outstanding.

2.c Arts & Heritage Day at the Capitol - No report.

**The report was received.**

### [16-0715](#) Community Events & Outreach Committee

1.2 Poet Laureate - Council approved the General Government recommendation to move forward in developing a Poet Laureate program on June 7. The Art in Public Places Committee reviewed the draft policy and Call for Poets and shared those changes with the Commission to present to General Government.

1.3 Downtown Music Festival - Commissioner Murray suggested activating the waterfront, and engaging the Virginia V, if the Music Festival becomes a summer event.

1.5 Encourage Art in Vacant Storefronts - This item to be addressed at the Commission retreat.

1.10 Explore Creative District - No report.

1.11 Neighborhood Arts Support - No report.

1.15 Encourage Early Arts Education Opportunities - This item to be addressed at the Commission retreat.

2.a Arts Walk 52 & 53 - 52 completed, registration open for 53.

**The report was received.**

### [16-0716](#) Art in Public Places Committee

1.1 2016 Municipal Art Plan to City Council - Completed.

1.4 Music Out Loud - Will go to General Government June 22.

1.6 Harrison/Black Lake Tree Guards - Fabrication completion expected mid-July.

1.7 City Gateways - Will go to General Government June 22.

1.9 Guidelines for Temporary Display of Art at City Hall & Programming - Will go to General Government June 22.

1.14 Visual Enhancement of Downtown - Commissioner Aurand shared a worksheet of potential opportunities.

2.d Traffic Box Mural Wrap Public Art Project - Ms. Johnson received feedback from Public Works staff who maintain the traffic boxes and all systems are go to put out the Call for Art for the Eastside boxes.

2.e Percival Plinth Project - Ms. Johnson shared location changes in the layout of the exhibition.

**The report was received.**

**8. OTHER TOPICS - None**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.