



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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6:00 PM

Room 112

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Katie Nelson

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners shared information on past and upcoming arts events. Commissioners also thanked Commissioner McGown for her service and wished her well in future endeavors. Ms. Johnson reminded Commissioners about fulfilling their Open Government Meetings training.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Olson moved, seconded by Commissioner McGown, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[14-0655](#) Approval of June 12, 2014 Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

Commisisoner Westbrook noted a typo in the Announcements. The minutes were approved as amended.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Johnson from Thurston County Solid Waste provided Commissioners a presentation on the installation *Butterfly Effect* currently on display at The Washington Center for the Performing Arts until the end of July. Initially intended for a one time exhibition, public support has caused them to look for a long-term home for the work instead of storage. They prefer to find a permanent location, installed at no cost to the City but would consider a display of one-year minimum. After discussion,

Commissioners determined they are not interested in making City Hall a permanent home for the work but would consider a one year display. Staff is requested to let Ms. Johnson know their intention. If a short term display is acceptable, Commissioners will determine next steps.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[14-0659](#) Approval of alternate elements for **Walking on Land by Water**

After discussion with Public Works staff and the artist, Ms. Johnson provided information to the Commissioners not available earlier that became "Option 5" in the staff report: Move to reduce poems to eight (from the original 12) and add sparklecrete component to Walking on Land by Water. This option came with an estimated cost of \$13,500. After discussion and a straw poll, Option 5 became the Commission decision, with seven supporting and two dissenting votes from Commissioners Westbrook and Jennings, who preferred to site all 12 poems and sparklecrete to support the artist's full vision. These alternate elements will move forward in the bid package presented to Council on July 22.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved, seconded by Commissioner Olson, to reduce stamped poems to 8 and add sparklecrete components to Walking on Land by Water. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Hart, Co-Chair McGown, Commissioner Fairbanks, Commissioner Hicks, Commissioner Hinton, Commissioner Olson and Commissioner Perry

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Jennings and Commissioner Westbrook

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Nelson

7. REPORTS

[14-0656](#) Commission Items

- 1.1 Survey of Economic Value of Olympia's Music Industry - No report.
- 1.9 Define Theater District - Commissioner Westbrook visited Tempe, AZ and was impressed by their signage, shared images for consideration.
- 1.13 Comprehensive and Action Plan Update - No report.
- 1.14 Commission Retreat/Work Session - No report.
- 2.c Public Art Assessment - Remaining binder to be returned to staff within the week.

The report was received.

[14-0657](#) Community Events & Outreach Committee Report

- 1.3 Community Art Process Review - No report.
- 1.4 Artspace/Arts Center Support - Commissioner Hinton shared information about a concert fundraiser, Daniel and the Lion at OFS in August.
- 1.6 Guidelines for Temporary Display of Art at City Hall/1.15 Community Arts

Roundtable - See Public Comment.

1.8 Music Out Loud - No report.

1.11 Studio Tour - No report.

1.12 Music in Neighborhood Parks - No report.

2.a Arts Walk 48 & 49 - After review survey and evaluation, Commissioners asked staff to add an additional question to the business survey to see if those surveyed feel that Arts Walk changes perceptions of downtown.

2.b Art Ambassador Program - Flyers continue to be distributed and eight people showed up last week.

2.d Arts Day at the Capitol - No report.

2.g Area Arts Promotion - Commissioner Westbrook shows example of small billboards on Mill Avenue in Tempe AZ. They are exchangeable calendars of yearly events with a map on the other side. Possible that the Lodging Tax or PBIA may be a funding source for something similar.

The report was received.

[14-0658](#) Art in Public Places Committee Report

1.2 Municipal Art Plan to City Council - No report.

1.5 Utility Box Mural Project - The subcommittee plans to have a rough call for art for consideration for the August APP meeting.

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

1.10 City Entry Signs - No report.

2.e Percival Plinth Peoples' Choice Award - Moving forward with pedestal for Rainforest Dream, hope to have a reception with Leo Osborne to celebrate installation at City Hall on Tuesday August 12. The kick-off for the new sculptures will take place Friday, July 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the Harbor House on Percival Landing. Many of the artists will be there and Art Commissioners are strongly encouraged to attend.

2.f Public Art Projects - No report.

The report was received.

8. OTHER TOPICS

Commissioner Westbrook met informally with Brian Wilson, staff liaison to the PBIA, and asked Commissioners to consider a joint January meeting with PBIA. She also noted that Councilmember Selby shared with her that General Government Committee is considering making the Arts Commission nine members instead of 12, which some of the other committees have done, and asked her opinion.

Commissioners felt that 12 was still a good number for the Commission, if new Commissioners were prepared to be part of a working body.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.