



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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Thursday, January 21, 2016

4:00 PM

Harbor House on Percival Landing

Special Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Rick Perry

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Suzanne Simons, Mayor Cheryl Selby, Councilmember Clark Gilman

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[15-1198](#) Poet Laureate

The Evergreen State College Faculty member Suzanne Simons made a presentation on **Considerations for Establishing an Olympia Poet Laureate**. Using Tacoma, WA, Fresno, CA and Reno, NV as case studies, she reported a variety of perspectives and directions a Poet Laureate designation could take. She also covered nominations, statement of purpose, applications process, and activities conducted once selected.

Commissioners discussed what type of model would be the best fit for Olympia. Staff will take the input and provide a draft staff report and Call to Artists for the next Arts Commission meeting to prepare a response to the Council referral.

The discussion was continued to the February 11, 2016 Arts Commission meeting.

8. OTHER TOPICS - None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.