



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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Thursday, July 10, 2025

6:00 PM

Room 112

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dorgan called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Present: 8 - Chair Kathryn Dorgan, Vice Chair Jacie Hoag, Commissioner Jim Burlingame, Commissioner Sergio Garcia, Commissioner Coral Garey, Commissioner Katherine Ransom, Commissioner Andrew Repcik and Commissioner Jay Spivak

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Christen Greene

1.A ROLL CALL

Marie Poland from AWE, Ashly McBunch with Pride, and Kelsey Smith and Lisa Harrell-Edge from Olympia Music History Project were also in attendance.

Present: 7 - Chair Kathryn Dorgan, Vice Chair Jacie Hoag, Commissioner Jim Burlingame, Commissioner Sergio Garcia, Commissioner Coral Garey, Commissioner Andrew Repcik and Commissioner Jay Spivak

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Christen Greene and Commissioner Katherine Ransom

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Garcia moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Hoag. The motion was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[25-0602](#) Approval of June 12, 2025 Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Garcia moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Hoag. The motion was approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Marie Poland introduced herself as an artist with AWE (Artists with Ecology). She noted AWE had received Inspire funding for downtown murals.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners shared information about past and upcoming arts events.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[25-0601](#) Update on Olympia Music History Project

Attachments: [Olympia Music History Project](#)

Kelsey Smith and Liza Harrell-Edge provided an update to the Olympia Music History Project. Their website has launched and they received Inspire funding to continue capturing interviews with members of the Olympia indie music scene from the 1980s to the early 2000s. Their intent is to interview not only musicians and famous people, but also folks on the edges, to represent a well-rounded community or scene. They have a few events coming up and are looking for a large format scanner to use for archiving printed materials.

Information only. No action requested.

[25-0603](#) Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (EIB) Efforts in Arts Programming

Ms. Johnson shared a breakdown of Art Programs and current and upcoming efforts to engage the community and provide art opportunities for artists at every level. Commissioners engaged in discussion, and Commissioner Garcia shared the experience of the Dallas artist roster and how that connected local artists to their community. Commissioners agreed to bring the topic back to the Commission retreat in September.

Information only. No action requested.

7. REPORTS

Ms Johnson asked for a volunteer for the Art Intervention award jury - Commissioner Repcik volunteered. Ms. Johnson also noted upcoming events including the Plinth kick-off, Poet Laureate recognition at Council, and community poetry celebration at Squaxin Park. She also encouraged Commissioners to visit the new public art pieces at Grass Lake and West Bay parks, and provided update on Art Crossing #3.

8. OTHER TOPICS

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Upcoming

Accommodations

