



# Meeting Minutes

## Arts Commission

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**Thursday, October 10, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

**City Hall - Room 112**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Dorgan called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**1.A ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 6 - Chair Kathryn Dorgan, Commissioner Jim Burlingame, Commissioner Coral Garey, Commissioner Katherine Ransom, Commissioner Andrew Repcik and Commissioner Jay Spivak

**Absent:** 3 - Vice Chair Jacie Hoag, Commissioner Christen Greene and Commissioner Tracy Schreiber

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Johnson asked to move item 24-0726 to the top of the agenda.

**The agenda was approved as amended.**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[24-0725](#) Approval of August 8, 2024 Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [OAC 8.8.24 Minutes](#)

**The minutes were approved.**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioners spoke about past and upcoming arts events. Ms. Johnson noted Poet Laureate events coming up October 30 and November 13, in addition to the Armory naming review with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee on October 17.

**6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

[24-0727](#) Jury recommendation for 2025 Percival Plinth Project and Arts Walk Cover Art

Ms. Johnson shared the applications for the Arts Walk cover art and the Percival Plinth Project. Commissioners reviewed and edited, and also provided feedback to staff on the jury panels for each project. Commissioner Repcik will sit on the Arts Walk cover jury, and Commissioner Spivak will join the Percival Plinth Project jury.

**The discussion was completed.**

[24-0739](#) OAC Leadership Positions for 2025

**Attachments:** [Advisory Committee Rules of Procedure](#)

Ms. Johnson reported that according to the Rules of Procedure, Commission Chair and Vice Chair are to be selected at the November or December meetings each year. She noted the practice of the Commission has been for Chairs to remain for at least two years, although it is not necessary. Chair Dorgan indicated willingness to remain as Chair for another year, noting that it does take time to get to know the position. While Vice Chair Hoag was not in attendance, she expressed willingness to stay on as Vice Chair or to be considered for Chair if there was opportunity to do so. Commissioners agreed to defer the decision to the November meeting, so that Vice Chair Hoag could be in attendance.

**The discussion was completed.**

[24-0726](#) Inspire Olympia Update

Inspire Olympia Program Specialist Amelia Layton provided the update in place of Marygrace Goddu, who was unable to attend. The presentation included lists of arts organizations selected for Comprehensive (2-year) funding and Impact (1-year) funding. Ms. Layton also shared specific updates from recently received quarterly reports, identifying programs and projects that had just taken place with Inspire Olympia funding. Commissioners engaged in conversation, and appreciated the opportunity to know more about the program.

**The report was received.**

[24-0740](#) Arts Walk Recap

**Attachments:** [artswalkoly.com](http://artswalkoly.com)

Arts Program Specialist Jessica Strauss Tomy shared an overview of the most recent Arts Walk event that included 107 locations on the website (102 on the paper map), and approximately 27,100 visitors, up from 24,800 visitors in 2023. Commissioners shared their experiences at the event. Ms. Strauss Tomy mentioned a survey would be coming out soon which she encouraged Commissioners to complete and to share with their communities.

**The report was received.**

## 7. REPORTS - None

**8. OTHER TOPICS - None**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.