



City of Olympia

Meeting Minutes Arts Commission

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Thursday, July 12, 2012

6:00 PM

Room 112

1. Call To Order

Trent Hart called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

2. Approve Agenda

Commissioner Robertson moved, seconded by Commissioner Drygas, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approve Minutes

3.A [12-0245](#) Approve May and June 2012 Minutes

Attachments: [1. May 10 2012 Minutes](#)
 [2. June 7 2012 Minutes](#)

Ron commented that he appreciated the work of the group at the June meeting, that he was unable to attend. Some members shared that they could not open the minutes in the Legistar program.

Commissioner Hinton moved, seconded by Commissioner Olson, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment

5. Announcements

Commissioners shared information on past and upcoming art events.

5.A Chair Reports

5.B What's Happening

6. Business of the Evening

6.A [12-0247](#) Public Art Update

Stephanie noted that 14 out of 15 new sculptures on Percival Landing had been installed, and that a reception was planned to celebrate the new exhibition on Friday, July 20 at 5pm, and that voting would begin on July 21. Trent asked Commissioners

to provide feedback regarding the siting of the sculptures along the Landing. Stephanie also shared that "King Salmon," last year's Peoples' Prize winner, had been moved to West Bay Park.

Stephanie shared sketches of two mural projects to be completed on Percival Landing at the Les Schwab Building and on Harrison Avenue, through the Olympia Downtown Association and South West Olympia Neighborhood respectively. She was asked what the approval process was and how it differed from the public art process, since the outcome of art in the public view appear to be the same. Stephanie explained that it was a different process that originated in the neighborhood grant program, and she did not know the fine details.

Stephanie noted that she and artist Carolyn Law attended a community meeting on May 23 in tandem with the with the Public Works project team for the West Bay sidewalk project. Carolyn had good conversation with the participants to inform her art component to the project.

The installation date for "Sky River Trees" by Koryn Rolstad at the Hands on Children's Museum has been moved to August 20. She is now using Zieglers Welding as her metal fabricator.

Stephanie shared that Haiying Wu has the basic form framed out for "Call of the Duty" for Fire Station 4.

Stephanie also shared that she has been communicating with Steve Jensen on replacing the sealer at Olympic Carvings this September.

The report was received.

6.B [12-0254](#)

Public Art Condition Reports

Trent explained that Commissioners participate in annual condition reports of artwork in the City's collection. Stephanie passed around the binders and the following Commissioners signed up: Ron for the South East, Jennyrose for downtown, Diane for the Eastside, Megan for the Westside, and Michael for the Olympia Center. Stephanie asked for the completed binders to be returned at the next Commission meeting September 13.

The report was received.

6.C [12-0255](#)

Arts Walk

Stephanie noted that Arts Walk early bird registration is due July 20. She shared the concept sketch by David Joel for the cover.

The report was received.

7. Other Business

7.A Committee Reports

7.AA [12-0249](#)

Art in Public Places Committee Update

Trent shared that artist John Vanek proposed a gift of Justice for All to the City for the Lee Creighton Justice Center. Trent also reviewed the Gifts Policy and highlighted

recommendations made by the Art in Public Places Committee (APP). APP feels there is a strong relationship between John's sculpture and the proposed location. The piece has also been pre-approved by a jury as part of the Percival Plinth Project, where it has been on public view for the last year.

Commissioner Hart proposed to approve the John Vanek sculpture "Justice for All" as a gift to the City of Olympia for exterior placement at the Lee Creighton Justice Center. Commissioner Hinton moved, seconded by Commissioner Robertson, to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously. Staff was directed to move the recommendation to the City Manager, as stipulated by their gifts policy, unless the installation fee is over \$500.

Commissioner Hart moved, seconded by Commissioner Drygas, to approve the modifications made to the September 1997 City of Olympia gifts of artwork policy as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

7.AB [12-0250](#)

Community Events and Outreach Committee Report

Rick gave a short overview about the Community Events and Outreach Committee, he noted at the last meeting, the group discussed the Arts Walk evaluations, and that Shanty Slater from Make Olympia and Nick from Olyphant were in attendance.

The group discussed the upcoming community Arts Roundtable on the topic of Artist Spaces considered potential speakers.

It was noted that the mural toolkit needs to be completed by the September Roundtable. A CEO meeting was set for Monday, July 30 at 7pm to address that topic.

The report was received.

7.AC [12-0336](#)

Music Impact Survey Phase II

Michael asked to postpone the topic until the next meeting.

The minutes was postponed.

7.AD [12-0251](#)

Arts Organization Liaison Report

Stephanie was asked to send out the liaison list again to Commissioners. Trent explained that the liaison acts as a bridge between the Commission and other organizations for sharing of information.

Michael noted that the Procession of the Species is hosting Baka Beyond (world music) for a fundraiser on July 27.

The report was received.

7.B Future Agenda Items

7.C Other Topics

Diane shared that she had been talking with artists, neighbors and a Councilmember

on ideas for the Commission. She brought 5 to the group that she would like to start thinking about for the 2013 Work Plan:

- for the Arts Commission to send liaisons to neighborhood meetings to help with mural projects*
- to develop an art mapping project for tourists*
- to develop and arts and entertainment district in downtown Olympia*
- to develop a music festival*
- to coordinate an artist exchange between Olympia, Lacey and Tumwater*

Trent suggested that these ideas be brought to the committee for further exploration .

8. Adjournment

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9. Upcoming

*July 12 - Art in Public Places Committee, City Hall, 5pm
July 12 - Olympia Arts Commission, City Hall, 6pm
July 20 - Arts Walk Registration Deadline
July 20 - Percival Plinth Exhibition Reception, Harbor House, 6pm
July 21 - Percival Plinth Peoples' Prize voting begins
July 23 - Community Arts Roundtable, Olympia Timberland Library, 6pm
August 16 - Meeting with City/OPARD Management, Harbor House, 1:30pm
August 27 - Community Arts Roundtable, Olympia Timberland Library, 6pm
September 13 - Art in Public Places Committee, City Hall 5pm
September 13 - Olympia Arts Commission, City Hall, 6pm*