



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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Thursday, September 10, 2015

6:00 PM

Room 112

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Chair Marygrace Jennings, Vice Chair Stacy Hicks, Commissioner Diana Fairbanks, Commissioner Kathy Murray, and Commissioner Rick Perry

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Susan Aurand, Commissioner Britta Echtle, Commissioner Ron Hinton, and Commissioner Katie Nelson

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[15-0835](#) Approval of August 13, 2015 Arts Commission Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sarah Stockholm said she works with Art Forces (based out California's Bay area), and shared the concept of a parklet on State Avenue as envisioned by the Rachel Corrie Foundation. Per the City's program, the parklet would take up two parallel parking spots on State and provide a seating area from which to view the mural on the wall of the Brotherhood building. The Foundation wants the parklet to be appealing on its own and has done outreach to adjacent businesses to gather feedback. Ms. Stockholm asked Commissioners their thoughts on what would be important consideration points. The general consensus was that some sort of ambient lighting would help the parklet feel safer in the dark.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners shared information about past and upcoming arts events.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[15-0845](#) Percival Plinth Project People's Choice 2015

Ms. Johnson shared the results of the public vote with Commissioners.

The group approved the recommendation of "Olympia Oyster" by Colleen Cotey, and forwarded to City Council for final approval at the September 22, 2015 Council meeting under File 15-0873.

7. REPORTS

[15-0836](#) Commission Items

- 1.11 Commission Retreat/Work Session - Completed for 2015.
- 1.12 City Action Plan - No report.
- 1.13 Park Plan - Ms. Johnson shared copies of the draft Arts chapter and asked for feedback.
- 1.14 Downtown Strategy - Commissioners Fairbanks and Murray shared their impressions in meeting the consultant finalists.
- 2.c Public Art Assessment - Completed for 2015.
- 2.d Arts Day at the Capitol - Completed for 2015.

The report was received.

[15-0838](#) Community Events & Outreach Committee Report

- 1.7 Artspace/Arts Center Support - No report.
- 1.9 Define Creative District - No report.
- 1.10 Music in the Neighborhoods - No report.
- 2.a Arts Walk 50 & 51 - Chair Jennings, Commissioners Fairbanks, Perry and Murray volunteered to distribute posters.
- 2.b Art Ambassador Program - On hold.
- 2.3 Area Arts Promotion - No report.

The report was received.

[15-0837](#) Art in Public Places Committee Report

- 1.1 2015 Municipal Art Plan - Approved.
- 1.2 Traffic Box Wrap - Ms. Johnson shared that the Parking Business Improvement Area (PBIA) is interested in funding another 10 wraps in downtown Olympia. Commissioners welcomed the opportunity and asked staff to bring the next 10 images and the traffic box downtown map to the October APP meeting.
- 1.3 Music Out Loud - Ms. Johnson shared she spoke with Public Works Traffic staff about a third mosaic location, which received their approval to move forward.
- 1.4 Percival Plinth Project - See Business Items.
- 1.5 Harrison/Black Lake Tree Guards - No report.
- 1.6 City Gateways - Commissioner Fairbanks, Chair Jennings and Vice Chair Hicks shared their impressions of the kick-off meeting held with staff on August 31. As part

of planning for the art component, Commissioners will need to do some general strategic thinking about shaping the concept as a whole. Commissioners asked Ms. Johnson to set a date for a field trip to visit the gateway locations as currently noted on the map.

1.8 Guidelines for Temporary Display of Art at City Hall - Commissioner Fairbanks shared research to date, both in discussion with ArtsWA and City of Auburn, and noted the next step is to draft a Call for Art for discussion.

The report was received.

8. OTHER TOPICS

Ideas for the 2016 work plan came up including Arts & Culture awards and Artist-in-Residence at City Hall, both based on City of Seattle.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.