



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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6:00 PM

Room 112

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Goddu at 5:59 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

City Councilmember Clark Gilman was also in attendance.

Present: 6 - Vice Chair Marygrace Goddu, Commissioner Diana Fairbanks, Commissioner Timothy Grisham, Commissioner Kathy Murray, Commissioner Katie Nelson and Commissioner Katherine Williams

Absent: 3 - Chair Stacy Hicks, Commissioner Britta Echte and Commissioner Ron Hinton

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[17-0823](#) Approval of July 13, 2017 Arts Commission Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Katy Wert introduced herself as a recent TESC graduate focusing on German Aesthetic Philosophy. She's interested in learning about the Art Commission and helping out where possible.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners shared information about past and upcoming events. Councilmember Gilman reported the RADCO Random Waters dance at the Heritage Park Fountain was well attended and well received. He also said he hoped to have Spaceworks Tacoma attend an upcoming General Government Committee meeting.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[17-0664](#) Music Out Loud Artist Recommendation

Ms. Johnson presented all six designs and shared the jury's decision and how they came to it. Commissioners were pleased with the recommendation. Councilmember Gilman asked that Bert Wilson's widow be contacted regarding the final design.

Vice-Chair Goddu moved, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, to approve the recommendation of the jury in moving forward with the three recommended designs/artists for the Music Out Loud project. The motion was approved.

[17-0834](#) Percival Plinth Project Peoples' Choice Award 2017

Ms. Johnson shared the results of the public vote. She indicated Arts Program Specialist Angel Nava was looking into electronic voting for 2018. She also noted questions came up regarding the 2016 purchase, which are currently under legal review.

Commissioner Grisham moved, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, to forward the public vote results to City Council for approval. The motion passed.

[17-0835](#) ArCH Update

The consultant team is currently gathering information for a baseline assessment of Olympia's arts, culture and heritage efforts. Vice Chair Goddu noted she has been asked to be on the Community Resource Committee for the project.

The report was received.

7. REPORTS

[17-0824](#) Commission Items

1.1 Municipal Art Plan to City Council - No report.

1.6 Commission Retreat/Work Session - Staff will put out a doodle regarding a fall planning retreat.

2.8 Northwest Public Art Conference - Ms. Johnson shared a draft agenda and noted registration should go live in the next few weeks.

The report was received.

[17-0825](#) Community Events & Outreach Committee

1.4 Arts Center Support - Ms. Johnson noted she attended a talk on the planned Annie's Artist Lofts hosted by Olympia Artspace Alliance. The project will host working studios, studio, and one-bedroom housing, both within the existing Ward Building and the vacant lot to the south where the developer has just broken ground.

1.5 Support Creative District - No report.

- 1.7 Expressive Enhancement of Downtown - Ms. Johnson shared response forms to assist the project artist on the Legion and Franklin Project in understanding downtown.
- 1.8 Proposal for Arts Organizations Granting Program - No report.
- 2.1 Arts Walk 54 & 55 - No report.
- 2.3 Arts & Heritage Day at the Capitol - No report.
- 2.6 Poet Laureate - The Poet Laureate has permission from InterCity Transit to place poems in specific bus shelters and will be putting out a Call for Submissions to solicit poems from the community. She also recently conducted a poetry workshop for youth at the Olympia Timberland Library, and will be presenting poetry at the upcoming Arts Walk.

The report was received.

[17-0826](#) Art in Public Places Committee

- 1.2 Music Out Loud - See Business Items
- 1.3 City Gateways - Ms. Johnson said the presentation to the Planning Commission, the same as was presented to the Arts Commission in July, was well-received, and the draft concepts had their full support. Commissioners reviewed a follow-up document from Lesley Bain at Framework. Based on conversation that followed the document review, Commissioners agreed to the title "Crossings" for the project, which references the fabric theme presented by the consultants, as well as the physical nature of the project and connection between neighborhoods and downtown. Commissioners agreed the project should incorporate paired elements that will visually identify this project among others.
- 2.2 Public Art Assessment - Work continues on annual maintenance, as the Park Seasonal works his way through the collection. Ms. Johnson reported "Dignity in Labor" was removed from its pedestal due to vandalism, and will be repaired and replaced.
- 2.4 Traffic Box Mural Wrap Public Art Project - Ms. Johnson shared she heard from Puget Sound Energy that they were developing a policy that would allow for the possibility to wrap their utility boxes. The details are unknown but the policy should be out in the fall.
- 2.5 Percival Plinth Project - See Business Items
- 2.7 Implementation of Temporary Display of Art at City Hall & Programming - Deadline for applications is August 29.

The report was received.

8. OTHER TOPICS - None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.