



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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Thursday, June 12, 2025

6:00 PM

Online or via telephone

Register to attend:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_H0GeF245RUeLHuol3BBkVA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dorgan called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

1.A ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Christen Greene and Commissioner Andrew Repcik

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Dorgan asked if there were changes to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[25-0511](#) Approval of April 10, 2025 Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [4.10.25 OAC Minutes](#)

Chair Dorgan asked if there were changes to the minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners shared information about past and upcoming arts events.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[25-0512](#) Inspire Olympia Update

Attachments: [Inspire Olympia Website](#)

Marygrace Goddu, Cultural Access Program Manager, provided an overview of projects provided by non-profit organizations funded by Inspire Olympia grants in 2024, and shared the list of those funded for 2025. She noted that last year, Council approved one-year and two-year grants. Taken together, the continuing two-year Comprehensive grants plus the new one-year Impact Grants represent \$2.5 million in cultural access dollars moving through seventy-six organizations in Olympia's nonprofit creative sector in the year ahead.

Information only. No action requested.

[25-0515](#) 2025-2027 Poet Laureate Recommendation

Attachments: [Call for 2025-2027 Poet Laureate](#)

Ms. Johnson and Commissioner Burlingame reviewed the Poet Laureate program and process for the recommendation of Ocean by the jury as the 2025-2027 Olympia Poet Laureate. Commissioners had the opportunity to review their application materials beforehand, and watch their application video together.

Commissioner Ransom move to forward the selection committee recommendation of Ocean as Olympia's next Poet Laureate, to City Council for approval, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame. The motion was approved.

[25-0514](#) Recommended Designs for 10 Traffic Box Wraps

Attachments: [Traffic Box Wrap webpage](#)

Ms. Johnson shared the ten traffic box images receiving the most votes during the Traffic Box voting period of May 1-31. She noted if approved, the recommendation would go to City Council on July 22.

Commissioner Spivak moved to forward the recommendation to City Council of 10 designs for the Traffic Box Wrap Public Art Project as determined by public vote, seconded by Commissioner Garey. The motion was approved.

7. REPORTS

Ms. Johnson shared that Commissioner Greene participated on the street performance selection committee for LoveOly, for the Music Out Loud component. Along with Chair Dorgan, recapped the visit to Andrea Sigo's shop to view the Welcome Figure sculpture in process. Along with Commissioners Ransom and Spivak, and Vice-Chair Hoag, recapped the dedication of Grass Lake Nature Park and Abe Singer's sculpture. In addition, Ms. Johnson shared a draft video about the project being developed by the

City's Communications office. Commissioners also weighed in on a request from OlyAHA to visit and share updates on their new museum (scheduled for September) and a discussion on the top three 2025 work plan items to share at the meeting of the Chairs coming up with members of the Community Livability and Public Safety Council Committee on June 25.

8. OTHER TOPICS

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Upcoming

Accommodations