



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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Thursday, August 14, 2025

6:00 PM

Online or via telephone

Register to attend:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_H0GeF245RUeLHuol3BBkvA

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Chair Kathryn Dorgan, Vice Chair Jacie Hoag, Commissioner Jim Burlingame, Commissioner Sergio Garcia, Commissioner Coral Garey, Commissioner Christen Greene and Commissioner Andrew Repcik

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Katherine Ransom and Commissioner Jay Spivak

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[25-0697](#) Approval of July 10, 2025 Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [7.10.25 OAC Minutes](#)

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners shared information about past and upcoming arts events.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[25-0642](#) OPARD Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Program Update

Attachments: [City of Olympia Cultural Event Webpage](#)

Parks, Arts & Recreation Culture and Belonging Manager, Olivia Salazar de Breaux provided a history of the department's EIB (Equity, Inclusion and Belonging) program, its cultural events and internal operations components. She noted program changes this year as cultural events transition from full-service to a sponsorship model. Following her presentation, Ms. Salazar de Breaux invited conversation and asked Commissioners for feedback and opportunities to get involved. Commissioners discussed identifying unaddressed gaps to avoid duplicate efforts, consolidating arts and culture in one office, and ways to support event coordinators with workshops and support resources.

Information only

[25-0699](#) Review and Recommendation of Percival Plinth Project Peoples' Choice Award

Attachments: [Percival Plinth Project webpage](#)

Ms. Johnson shared the outcome of the Percival Plinth Project People's Choice vote. This was the first time using ranked choice voting, and each participant had up to three individual votes, in their order of preference. Ranked Choice voting provides a deeper understanding of which choices were most supported by voters, with the winning choice having the strongest support. **Crane Study #47** by Travis Pond received the most votes at 142 with **Salmon Returning** by Mark Brody as the runner up with 133 votes.

Vice-Chair Hoag, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame, moved to recommend to City Council the purchase of "Crane Study #47" by Travis Pond from the 2025 Percival Plinth Project exhibition for the City's public art collection. The motion was approved.

7. REPORTS

Ms. Johnson brought Commissioners up to speed on the Traffic Box image placements and also noted a change/replacement in the images as one artist withdrew during the contracting process. She provided an update to the Art Crossing #3 replacement and the damage to Triumph of the Vegetables at the Farmer's Market. She shared that staff will be moving out of the Armory in October for construction and that Hummingbird Studio has a City Hall exhibition of client artwork going up this month. Commissioners also discussed the agenda for the September meeting, which is scheduled as a longer retreat.

8. OTHER TOPICS

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Upcoming

Accommodations