



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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Thursday, October 11, 2018

4:00 PM

The Olympia Center, Room MPA -
222 Columbia St NW

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hicks called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Chair Stacy Hicks, Vice Chair Timothy Grisham, Commissioner Frederick Dobler, Commissioner Diana Fairbanks, Commissioner Marygrace Goddu, Commissioner Kathy Murray, Commissioner Katherine Williams and Commissioner Autumn Yoke

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice-Chair Grisham moved to approve the agenda, as amended to move item 6 into the schedule laid out in item 7. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dobler.

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[18-0930](#) Approval of September 13, 2018 Arts Commission Minutes

Attachments: [OAC 9.13.18 Minutes](#)

Vice-Chair Grisham moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Yoke.

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners shared information about past and upcoming arts events.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[18-0931](#) Approval of Poet Laureate 2019-2020

Ms. Johnson shared the recommendation of the jury: Sady Sparks for Poet Laureate, Thresea Yoke for alternate. Ms. Johnson shared applications and work samples from each of the poets. Commissioners Goddu and Murray, and the Poet Laureate each spoke to their support of the recommendation, and how the jury came to their recommendation. The vote was 7 to 1 in favor of moving the recommendation to City Council.

Move to forward the jury's recommendation to City Council.

7. REPORTS

[18-0932](#) Arts Commission Fall Retreat 2018

4-5pm - ArCH update - Assistant City Manager Jay Burney shared progress to date on the ArCH project, and indicated items from the report that Commissioners might take on in their 2019 work plan to support ArCH efforts.

5-5:45pm - Downtown pedestrian improvement design update - As the presentation was cancelled at a late date, Commissioners worked instead to update the Action Plan item of the annual count that is taken of the number of known arts venues and events in downtown.

5:45-6:15pm - Dinner and Vice-Chair discussion - Commissioner Goddu moved to nominate Vice-chair Grisham and Commissioner Dobler as chair and Vice-chair for 2019, respectively. The vote will be taken at the November meeting.

6:15-6:45pm - Poet Laureate first term debrief and second term recommendation - Amy Solomon-Minarchi shared her highlights from her inaugural turn as Poet Laureate. Commissioners in turn shared their appreciation of her work to elevate poetry in the community.

6:45-8pm - 2019 Work Plan and Municipal Art Plan review and discussion - Commissioners reviewed the current plans and discussed options for new items.

Information only. No action requested.

8. OTHER TOPICS

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

Upcoming

Accommodations