



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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Thursday, November 8, 2018

6:00 PM

Room 112

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hicks called the meeting to order at 6:08pm.

1.A ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Frederick Dobler and Commissioner Autumn Yoke

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Hicks asked if there were changes to the agenda. Ms. Johnson noted item 18-1063 should show the year 2019 instead of 2018. Vice-Chair Grisham moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks.

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[18-0996](#) Approval of October 11, 2018 Arts Commission Minutes

Attachments: [OAC 10.11.18 Minutes](#)

Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Williams.

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners shared information about past and upcoming arts events.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[18-1003](#) Approval of Arts Commission 2019 slate of officers

Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve the slate of officers as proposed at the October Arts Commission retreat, seconded by Commissioner Goddu. The motion passed, with Vice-Chair Grisham abstaining.

Move to approve Vice-Chair Grisham as Chair and Commissioner Dobler as Vice-Chair for 2019.

[18-1001](#) Review of traffic box image proposals

Commissioner Goddu directed moving forward with 41 images, then the final three pending staff followup. Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion was approved.

Move to forward the submitted images to public vote.

[18-1063](#) Approval of Arts Walk cover artists spring and fall of 2019

Ms. Nava shared the outcome of the jury process, which included Chair Hicks, former cover artist Mark Larson and glass artist Joby Shimomura. The jury recommended Darcy Goedecke as the spring cover artist, and Faith Hagenhofer for the fall, with Elizabeth Berrien and Jennifer Kuhns as alternates. Vice-Chair Grisham moved to approve the recommendation of the jury, seconded by Commissioner Goddu. The motion was approved.

Move to approve the jury's recommendation of one artist and one alternate artist each for spring and fall 2019.

[18-1000](#) Review and recommendation of Grants to Arts Organizations applications

Commissioners had the opportunity to review applications beforehand, and each received and completed their rating sheet once arriving at City Hall. They were joined by area artist Sandra Wallace, acting as Citizen at Large. 14 applications were received, with a total funding request of \$58,160. Vice-Chair Grisham recused himself from conversation or evaluation of The Bridge Project, as he is a current board member, as did Chair Hicks from the Washington Center for the Performing Arts, where she works on occasion as front of house manager. As such the final ranking was based on the average score of each applicant.

Due to the amount of requests, Commissioners deliberated and eventually agreed to parse the available \$20,000 in grant funds to the top 7 applicants, representing a reduction in funds from that requested in all but one instance (where the request was \$660 to begin with).

Vice-Chair Grisham moved to forward the Arts Commission recommendation to City Council, seconded by Commissioner Goddu. The motion passed.

Move to provide recommendation to City Council on funding for selected arts

organizations through a competitive process.

7. REPORTS

18-0997 Policy & Program Recommendation Reports

- 1.1 Municipal Art Plan to City Council - Ms. Johnson shared a new draft of the Commission work plan.
- 1.2 Apply for Creative District Designation - Ms. Johnson noted that the City is working toward a deadline of the end of the year to deliver their letter of intent.
- 1.3 Commission Retreat/Work Session - No report
- 1.4 ArCH - No report
- 1.5 Proposal for Arts Organizations Granting Program - See Business Items
- 1.6 Support the Creative Sector - No report

Information only. No action requested.

18-0999 Arts Program Support Reports

- 2.1 Arts Walk 56 & 57 - See Business Items
- 2.2 Music Out Loud - No report
- 2.3 Public Art Assessment - No report
- 2.4 Arts & Heritage Day at the Capitol - No report
- 2.5 Traffic Box Mural Wrap Public Art Project - See Business Items
- 2.6 Percival Plinth Project - No report
- 2.7 Poet Laureate - Council date is November 27
- 2.8 Implementation of Temporary Display of Art at City Hall & Programming - No report
- 2.9 Olympia Art Crossings - Ms. Johnson and Commissioner Goddu reported an informative workshop with presentation on successful applications by Mike Sweney from ArtsWA, followed by robust question and answer session among the 10 participants.
- 2.10 Public Art Retrospective - Chair Hicks and Commissioner Murray, along with Ms. Nava, toured the exhibition space at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts, to better understand the physical parameters of the upcoming exhibition.

Information only. No action requested.

8. OTHER TOPICS

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

Upcoming

Accommodations