



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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6:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Grisham called the meeting to order at 6pm.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Chair Timothy Grisham, Vice Chair Frederick Dobler, Commissioner Jim Burlingame, Commissioner Kathryn Dorgan, Commissioner Diana Fairbanks, Commissioner Stacy Hicks, Commissioner Kathy Murray and Commissioner Katherine Williams

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Kevin McManus

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Grisham noted that scheduled speaker Colin DeForrest was unable to attend the meeting. Commissioner Dorgan moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Vice-Chair Dobler.

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[19-1012](#) Approval of October 10, 2019 Arts Commission Minutes

Attachments: [OAC 10.10.19 Minutes](#)

Commissioner Hicks moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame.

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners shared information about past and upcoming arts events.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

19-1008 Discussion with Colin DeForrest

The discussion with Mr. DeForrest has been rescheduled to the December 12 meeting.

No action requested.

19-1007 Approve Arts Walk Cover Artists for 2020

Ms. Nava shared the recommendation of the Arts Walk 2020 cover jury, comprised of Vice-Chair Dobler, Faith Hagenhofer (Fall 2019 cover artist), and Olympia Family Theater Artistic Director Jen Ryle. Of 14 applications received, the jury recommended artists Laurel Henn for Spring, Chiyo Sanada for Fall, Lynette Charters for first alternate, and Gay M. Hoffman for second alternate.

Commissioner Dorgan moved to approve the recommendation of the jury, seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

Motion approved to accept the recommendaiton of the jury for Arts Walk 2020 cover artists.

19-1009 Review Traffic Box Wrap Proposals for 2020

Ms. Nava shared the 28 proposals received for the 2020 Traffic Box applications. Of these she identified three that did not met the format requirements at all, which she recommended be disqualified, and two that had minor irregularities that were being resubmitted. Commissioners agreed with Ms. Nava's assessment and did not find any other disqualifying factors.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve the Traffic Box proposals for public vote as presented, seconded by Commissioner Williams.

Traffic Box proposals approved as presented to move forward for public vote.

19-1010 Review and recommendation of Grants to Arts & Culture Organizations applications

Commissioners reviewed the seven applications in advance of the meeting and brought their tally sheets for tabulation. Commissioners shared that the smaller pool of applicants (14 last year) made the evaluation more difficult especially as many of the proposals were performance-based (versus a mix of multiple arts disciplines). Commissioner Dorgan did not provide a number for Creative Theater Experience (CTE), as she is Artistic Director of the organization. Following tabulation and discussion, Commissioners proposed fully funding the top four (averaged) proposals: Olympia Symphony Orchestra (\$5,000), Washington Center for the Performing Arts (\$5,000), Northwest Playrights Alliance (\$4,951), and Ballet Northwest (\$3,500), for a total of \$18,451 of \$20,000 available. The next request on the list was for \$4,000, and Commissioners determined that the remaining \$1,549 would not be enough to advance their proposal.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved to fully fund the top 4 proposals, seconded by Commissioner Dorgan. All members were in favor of the motion with the exception of Commissioner Hicks, who recommends only the top three proposals should be funded.

Motion approved to recommend the top four rated Grants to Arts and Culture proposals to City Council for funding.

[19-1011](#) Eastside Street Art Crossing Application Recommendation

Ms. Johnson shared the final draft of the Eastside St. Art Crossing Call for Art. She asked Commissioners to specifically review the Project Area Description section, created through meetings with the Eastside Neighborhood Association and Indian Creek Neighborhood Association, and the timeline. She also asked for a representative of the Commission for the jury. Commissioner Hicks will serve to represent the Commission, with Vice-Chair Dobler serving as her backup.

Commissioner Dorgan moved to forward the Eastside St. Art Crossing Call for Art to General Government committee for approval, seconded by Commissioner Williams.

Motion approved to forward the Eastside St. Art Crossing Call for Art to General Government Committee for approval

[19-1043](#) Election of Officers for 2020

Chair Grisham and Vice-Chair Dobler shared with the Commission their willingness to serve an additional year in their current capacities. Both noted they feel they are still learning in the positions and wish to continue.

Commissioner Hicks moved to continue the terms of Chair Grisham and Vice-Chair Dobler through 2020, seconded by Commissioner Williams. The motion was approved, with Chair Grisham and Vice-Chair Dobler abstaining.

Motion approved to reinstate the slate of officers identified by the Arts Commission.

7. REPORTS

[19-1006](#) Policy and Program Recommendations to City Council

Regarding Work Plan Item 1.4, Commissioner Dorgan reported on the status of the 2019 initiative to add art, music and PE to Olympia elementary schools. She also noted that the Performing Arts Initiative (PAI), provides art docents, transportation and funding for visual and performing arts education. Her conversations with district representatives revealed that students in low-income housing can't take advantage of arts enrichment programs due to transportation or financial constraints, and that might be an area the Commission could pursue. Commissioners directed staff to invite Bob Hodges from the Olympia School district to a future meeting.

Regarding Work Plan Item 1.1, Municipal Art Plan, Ms. Johnson provided an updated budget worksheet with actual costs for 2019. She noted projects not funded by construction dollars need to fit within the annual \$1 per capita funds.

Information only. No action requested.

[19-1005](#) Arts Program Support

Ms. Johnson shared upcoming dates for Poet Laureate events and encouraged Commissioners to attend. She also noted that photographers are needed to capture some of the Poet Laureate activities for marketing and archiving. Commissioners Hicks, Williams and Murray expressed interest.

Information only. No action requested.

[19-1004](#) 2019 ArCH Support

Ms. Johnson shared information to date about Keystone (formerly ArCH 2020 Forum) planning. Commissioners are to email her with any and all workshop ideas.

Information only. No action requested.

8. OTHER TOPICS

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Upcoming

Accommodations