



May 28, 2020

Chair Rollins and members of the General Government Committee,

Attached please find the Arts Commission Work Plan for 2020, with Tiers noted in the far right column.

We believe that the arts in general provide a balm in trying times, as well as contribute to the vibrancy of our community, which will be even more necessary as we emerge and recover from COVID – 19. Even as staff work from home and the Arts Commission just returned to Zoom meetings after a two-month meeting furlough, our projects continue to move forward. Following our review, there are a few projects we would like to bring to your attention:

**Arts Walk** – The spring event was canceled, and the fall event must be re-envisioned to meet safety requirements and anticipate community concerns about assembly.

**Pop-Up Parks Performances** – With the retirement of the downtown Third Thursday event presented by the ODA, the future of the Music Out Loud performances were already a topic for the Arts Commission. Pop-Up performances are a placeholder for that project - a direct response to COVID -19 seeking smaller, informal venues for families to enjoy music in their neighborhood parks.

While the following two items do not fit into Tiers, the Commission would still like to pursue them:

**Public Art Assessment** – This annual condition assessment of the public art collection conducted by Arts Commissioners is none-the-less important. In a year with limited summer seasonal staffing, which will affect the ability of the artwork to be cleaned, a review is especially important.

**Keystone** – This anticipated forum to kick-off ArCH in the community is tied to the fall Arts Walk.

I look forward to meeting with the General Government Committee in June.

Timothy Grisham, Chair  
Olympia Arts Commission