



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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Thursday, October 8, 2020

6:00 PM

Online or via phone

Register to attend: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83110507299>

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Dobler called the meeting to order at 6pm.

1.A ROLL CALL

Parks, Arts & Recreation Director Paul Simmons and City Historic Preservation Officer Marygrace Goddu were also in attendance.

Present: 7 - Vice Chair Frederick Dobler, Commissioner Jim Burlingame, Commissioner Kathryn Dorgan, Commissioner Rose Emerson, Commissioner Stacy Hicks, Commissioner Kathy Murray and Commissioner Katherine Williams

Absent: 1 - Chair Timothy Grisham

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Hicks moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Emerson.

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[20-0771](#) Approval of September 10, 2020 Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [OAC 9.10.20 Minutes](#)

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

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Simmons took the opportunity to thank Commissioners for their work and commitment to the arts, especially given the added challenge of the pandemic.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Johnson shared that there were still spots open for the Americans for the Arts training "Artists at the Development Table" on October 24.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[20-0769](#) Creative District Land Use Planning

Ms. Goddu explained that she was part of a team of City staff looking at barriers in code and regulations that might be hindering housing as well as other types of development. She shared that the Creative District currently has two zones within its boundaries: waterfront and downtown business. Explaining how important the language is in code, she shared some different approaches used to define "creative industry," as part of her own process of providing language for Olympia's code. Commissioners provided feedback.

Information only. No action requested.

[20-0768](#) Arts Commission Chair and Vice-Chair for 2021

Vice-Chair Dobler noted that following two terms, Chair Grisham intended to step down from the position. Ms. Johnson noted it has been the practice of the Arts Commission to have Vice-Chairs move in to the Chair role, having acquired experience in the support position. Vice-Chair Dobler indicated his interest in moving to the Chair position. Commissioners Burlingame and Murray expressed interest in the Vice-Chair opportunity. Commissioner Murray was provided the first option to be considered for the position. The slate of officers will be presented at the November meeting.

Information only. No action requested.

[20-0770](#) Wander Olympia's Waterfront story map

Commissioners viewed the draft Wander Olympia's Waterfront story map sharing parks, public art and other amenities along the "Big W." Commissioners were complimentary of the work done and shared ideas of elements to include in the overlay maps.

Information only. No action requested.

7. REPORTS

[20-0772](#) Policy and Program Recommendations to City Council

Commissioner Murray reported that a first attempt of an Artist in Residence program application has been drafted and reviewed. The group will continue to fine-tune the document at their November meeting.

Information only. No action requested.

[20-0773](#) Arts Program Support

Ms. Johnson shared that Arts Month had launched, the new Traffic Box Wraps were installed, the Grants to Arts Organizations workshop on October 7 was well-attended, and reminded Commissioners of the Here We Are Magic poetry workshop on October 17.

Information only. No action requested.

[20-0774](#) ARCH Support

No report.

Information only. No action requested.

8. OTHER TOPICS

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.

Upcoming

Accommodations