



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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6:00 PM

Online or via phone

Register to attend:

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dobler called the meeting to order at 6pm.

1.A ROLL CALL

Arts Program Specialist Angel Nava was also in attendance.

Present: 6 - Chair Frederick Dobler, Vice Chair Jim Burlingame, Commissioner Kathryn Dorgan, Commissioner Rose Clifthorne, Commissioner Stacy Hicks and Commissioner Kathy Murray

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Timothy Grisham

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[21-0009](#) Approval of December 10, 2020 Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [OAC 12.10.20 Minutes](#)

Commissioner Dorgan moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Vice-Chair Burlingame.

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners shared information about past and upcoming arts events. Ms. Johnson shared information about Telephone of the Wind, installed at Priest Point Park.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[21-0013](#) Approval of modifications to Call for Poet Laureate

Commissioners reviewed the modified Call for Poet Laureate, line by line, and made edits as needed. Specifically, they recommended changing "*Four applications must be received at a minimum for a jury process to take place*" to "*Four applications must be received for the selection process to go forward,*" for clarity.

Commissioner Hicks moved to approve Call for Poet Laureate as amended, seconded by Commissioner Dorgan. The motion passed unanimously.

Modifications to Call for Poet Laureate approved as amended.

[21-0014](#) Armory: Creative Campus Presentation

Ms. Nava shared the Armory: Creative Campus presentation that she provided to City Council on December 8, 2020.

Information only. No action requested.

[21-0032](#) Arts Month Discussion

Commissioners engaged on discussion with Ms. Nava about the upcoming Arts Walk, and the event adjustments needed in the time of COVID-19. Because of restrictions, the fall 2020 event became Arts Month, to ensure social distancing within participating venues. For the upcoming 2021 event, Commissioners shared a decided preference for an Arts Week, as they reflected the time frame of the fall event was so large that it felt unfocused. Ms. Nava noted that the development of the new Saffire event platform makes the timing of an Arts Week her preferred format as well. Following discussion, Commissioners asked about how the traditional event posters would work with the online platform, and how we support event-goers without internet. Ms. Johnson will follow up with Ms. Nava.

Information only. No action requested.

[21-0015](#) Review of Artist in Residence Work Plan Item

With the working group of Commissioners Dorgan, Hicks and Murray, Ms. Johnson shared the high level concept for the Artist in Residence program structure, through the proposed Call for Artist in Residence (AIR). Modeled on the Art Crossings framework, staff would work through the City's Homeless Response Coordinator to establish the City-sponsored mitigation sites, housing communities and organizational partners who indicate interest in having an AIR. Staff would also meet with that community in advance, establishing their needs and goals for an AIR, which will help inform the Call for AIR. The City's Homeless Response Coordinator and a representative from the identified community would also serve on the jury, alongside a member of the Arts Commission. Commissioners spoke in favor of the concept, and the work group will continue to meet to

work on the details.

Information only. No action requested.

[21-0016](#) 2021 Work Plan

Attachments: [2020 Arts Commission Work Plan](#)

[2020 Municipal Art Plan](#)

Commissioners reviewed their 2020 Work Plan and Municipal Art Plan in preparation for the development of 2021 documents. Staff will incorporate feedback received into draft planning documents for the February meeting.

Information only. No action requested.

7. REPORTS

[21-0010](#) Policy and Program Recommendations to City Council

No report.

[21-0011](#) Arts Program Support

Ms. Johnson shared City Council's approval of the Eastside St. Art Crossing concept plan and an update on the heron installation on West Bay Drive project.

Information only. No action requested.

[21-0012](#)

No report.

8. OTHER TOPICS

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm.

Upcoming

Accommodations