



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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6:00 PM

Online or via Phone

Register to
attend:https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_H0GeF245RUeLHuoI3BBkvA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dobler called the meeting to order at 6pm.

1.A ROLL CALL

Also in attendance: Laura Keehan, Angel Nava and Marygrace Goddu.

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Dobler pulled item 21-0448 as the guest speaker requested to reschedule. He asked for any other changes. Hearing none, the agenda was approved.

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[21-0443](#) Approval of April 8, 2021 Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [OAC 4.8.21 Minutes](#)

Chair Dobler asked if there were changes to the minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved.

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners shared information on past and upcoming arts events.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[21-0447](#) Parks, Arts and Recreation Plan Update

Attachments: [2016 Parks, Arts & Recreation Plan](#)
[DRAFT 2022 Arts Program Goals and Policies](#)
[Engage Olympia Plan Webpage](#)

Parks Planning and Design Manager Laura Keehan provided background to the 2022 Parks, Arts and Recreation Plan update including brief accomplishments since 2016, public engagement overview and the recently completed random sample survey. Commissioners engaged in discussion about the process. Ms. Johnson shared the draft goals and policies for the Arts Program. Ms. Keehan will return in September with a draft Parks, Arts and Recreation Plan for review.

Information only. No action requested.

[21-0448](#) Olympia Artspace Alliance Check In

This item will be rescheduled.

Information only. No action requested.

[21-0450](#) Telephone of the Wind Donation

Attachments: [Telephone of the Wind Video Update](#)

Ms. Johnson shared the video provided by Mr. Dembeck showing the proposed structure for **Telephone of the Wind**, in response to Commissioner review and comment. Commission response was universally positive, with appreciation for the selection of natural wood, the carving of the title, the scale of the structure and the way that it blends in to the environment and yet marks a contrast. Commissioners also appreciated the care that Mr. Dembeck took in responding to their comments. Commissioner Dorgan moved to recommend the gift of **Telephone of the Wind** to the City Manager for inclusion in the Public Art Collection, seconded by Commissioner Hicks. The motion was approved.

Telephone of the Wind recommended to the City Manager for inclusion in the Public Art Collection.

[21-0454](#) Spring Retreat Planning/Arts U Training

Commissioners planned for their upcoming retreat. The intent of the spring retreat is to welcome incoming Commissioners. This year, time will also be dedicated to Arts U Training, per Work Plan item 2.10, in addition to discussion on how appointments are determined for outside committees, juries, and other opportunities. The two hour retreat will take the place of the June 10 meeting and staff has been directed to inquire about meeting in person.

Information only. No action requested.

7. REPORTS

[21-0444](#) Policy and Program Recommendations to City Council

Ms. Johnson noted there has been a change in homeless response staff, so will wait to continue on building the Call for Artists in Residence until the new person is settled in. Chair Dobler and Commissioners Clifthorne and Hicks brought the group up to speed on the PBIA/OAC committee work on downtown art projects, murals and street installations.

Information only. No action requested.

[21-0445](#) Arts Program Support

Ms. Johnson shared a digital version of the condition report binders for public art assessment. Commissioners asked to add the numbers from the online map to make it easier to find the artwork. They requested a training on condition reports at the July meeting. Ms. Johnson also shared images of the Eastside St Art Crossing fabrication and shared that artist Andrea Wilbur Sigo is ready for a studio visit. Chair Dobler and Commissioners Murray and Dorgan indicated interest. Ms. Johnson also provided a recap of Arts Month and encouraged Commissioners to take the evaluation survey available online, and shared that Poet Laureate Ashly McBunch would be at City Council for Special Recognition on May 18.

Information only. No action requested.

[21-0446](#) ARCH Support

Commissioner Dorgan volunteered to be on the speaker series committee (Work Plan item 3.3) with members of the Heritage Commission, leaving one space open for of the incoming Commissioners. Ms. Johnson provided an update on the Armory, sharing the timing of the consultant RFQ process and the Legislative schedule regarding the Governor's signing of the budget, which includes transfer of the Armory to the City at no cost.

Information only. No action requested.

8. OTHER TOPICS

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

Upcoming

Accommodations