



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 Burlingame called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Chair Jim Burlingame, Vice Chair Kathryn Dorgan, Commissioner Joe Batt, Commissioner Rose Clifthorne, Commissioner Jace Hoag, Commissioner Kathy Murray, Commissioner Christie Tran and Commissioner Hathor Vergotis

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[23-0145](#) Approval of January 12, 2023 Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners shared information about past and upcoming art events.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[23-0149](#) Percival Plinth Project Recommendation

Ms. Nava shared the 16 sculptures recommended by jury for the 2023 Percival Plinth Project. She noted a few sculptures that staff and the jury had technical questions about, and that she would be conducting an engineering review with City staff the following week.

Vice Chair Dorgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Vergotis, to forward

the 16 sculptures to City Council for consideration, pending engineering review. The motion passed unanimously.

[23-0147](#) Approval of Martin Way & Pacific Avenue Art Crossing Public Art Final Design

Martin Way and Pacific Avenue Art Crossing Project Artists Jenifer Corio and Dave Frei presented their final design, including more information about hardware, attachments and finishes. They noted once approved, they would send the drawings for engineering and once the permit is approved, begin fabrication.

Commissioner Batt moved, seconded by Commissioner Murray, to approve the final design. The motion was unanimously approved.

[23-0028](#) Review proposed Arts Commission Mission Statement

Commissioner Tran proposed a new Mission Statement based on meetings with Commissioner Vergotis and staff. Following some wordsmithing, the final statement was read for motion: *The Olympia Arts Commission advises City Council on the art experiences of diverse communities of this region, through programs and opportunities that pro-actively foster arts and cultural activity for every segment of the community.*

Commissioner Tran moved, seconded by Commissioner Batt, to approve the new Mission Statement for inclusion in the 2023-2024 Work Plan and Municipal Art Plan as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

[23-0146](#) 2023-2024 Arts Commission Work Plan and Municipal Art Plan

Commissioner Hoag moved, seconded by Commissioner Vergotis, to forward the documents to the Community Livability and Public Safety Committee with the addition of the new Mission Statement for consideration. The motion passed unanimously.

7. REPORTS

Ms. Johnson shared information about the removal of the sculpture Joie De Vivre by David Varnau, for repair to the pedestal. She also noted the Traffic Box Wrap Project was open for vote, with the substitution of one of the submissions as it was a photo taken from a viewpoint off limits to the public. She also shared the request for loan of sculpture from Thurston County for their new office building, and a community proposal for exhibition at City Hall.

8. OTHER TOPICS - None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.