



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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Thursday, June 13, 2019

6:00 PM

Room 112

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Grisham called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Chair Timothy Grisham, Vice Chair Frederick Dobler, Commissioner Jim Burlingame, Commissioner Kathryn Dorgan, Commissioner Kathy Murray, Commissioner Kevin McManus and Commissioner Katherine Williams

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Diana Fairbanks and Commissioner Stacy Hicks

OTHERS PRESENT

Arbutus Folk School Executive Director Stacey Waterman-Hoey
Recreation Manager Tad Earley
Arts Program Specialist Angel Nava
Historic Preservation Officer Marygrace Goddu
Economic Development Director Mike Reid

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[19-0525](#) Approval of May 9, 2019 Arts Commission Minutes

Attachments: [OAC 5.9.19 Minutes](#)

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners shared information about past and upcoming arts events.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[19-0520](#) Art and Summer Camps

Mr. Earley shared information about Camp Olywahoo and art activities currently offered during City summer camps. He reported art projects are very popular among campers and any additions to the curriculum the Arts Commission could provide would be welcome. Arts in City summer camps will be the topic of the 5:00 p.m. work group on July 11.

The information was provided.

[19-0523](#) Creative District Update

Ms. Goddu and Mr. Reid updated the Commission on the concept and focus of the Creative District application submitted to ArtsWA on May 30. Mr. Reid reported the Creative District provides the opportunity to take a look at rules and barriers to create a thriving arts economy in that area and make changes.

The report was received.

[19-0521](#) Arbutus Folk School Meet & Greet

Ms. Waterman-Hoey provided an overview of the folk school tradition: music, writing and handwork that bring beauty and meaning to life. She shared that Arbutus Folk School is dedicated to sustainable economic development, sourcing their wood, wool and other materials as locally as possible. The school hosts artists-in-residence, and Ms. Waterman-Hoey offered to be a resource as the Commission considers their own program.

The information was provided.

[19-0522](#) Percival Plinth Project Update

Ms. Nava reported the plinth kick-off is June 21. She shared the schedule and location map and asked for Commission assistance during the public event, 5:30-7:00 p.m. She noted online voting will be available for the first time.

The report was received.

[19-0524](#) Spring Arts Walk Recap

Ms. Nava shared a few Arts Walk "wins" from the spring event. The 5th Avenue street closure, set up and expanded activities were well received, and the process set up for easy expansion of food booths at coming events. We have new photos to promote Arts Walk and a new process to capture images inside private spaces, allowing the photos to better represent the event. The Washington Center exhibition associated with the event went off well, although it was a more difficult lift for staff than originally expected.

The report was received.

[19-0538](#) Committee Assignment - Artist-in-Residence Program

Commissioners Williams, Murray and Dorgan volunteered to serve on the Artist-in-Residence program work group.

The information was provided.

7. REPORTS

[19-0526](#) Policy and Program Recommendations to City Council

The report was closed with no discussion or action.

[19-0527](#) Arts Program Support

Vice-Chair Dobler reported musicians have been selected for the Music Out Loud performances in June, July and August. He said start times have been staggered so viewers could take in performances at all three locations. Ms. Johnson noted there will be a project page added to the City's website covering both the mosaics and the performances.

Ms. Johnson distributed an updated concept plan for the West Bay Art Crossing based on feedback received by the artists at the May meeting. She noted she was at the Planning Commission meeting June 3, and will discuss the concept at the Heritage Commission meeting on June 26. She is also in communication with transportation and permitting staff.

The report was received.

[19-0528](#) 2019 ArCH Support

The report was closed with no discussion or action.

8. OTHER TOPICS - None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.