



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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Thursday, October 10, 2019

4:00 PM

Harbor House

Special Meeting - Fall Retreat

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Dobler called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 2 - Chair Timothy Grisham and Commissioner Kevin McManus

OTHERS PRESENT

Arts Program Specialist Angel Nava
Animal Fire Theater Representative Scott Douglas
Olympia Artspace Alliance members Michelle Pope and Lucy Gentry Meltzer

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[19-0904](#) Approval of September 12, 2019 Arts Commission Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners made announcements.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

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Fall Arts Commission Retreat

Poet Laureate Sady Sparks - Poetry Activity Each Commissioner participated in putting together a black-out poem, created by removing words from already existing prose, which they then read aloud. Ms. Sparks noted the exercise is a part of the community workshops she's been conducting as Poet Laureate, and it's a good way to engage new writers.

Arts Walk Strategic Plan Update and discussion Ms. Nava provided an Arts Walk update and Commissioners engaged in freeform discussion about the event.

Creative District handout Ms. Johnson shared Creative District handouts.

GACO Discussion: Animal Fire Theater, Hummingbird Studio, Olympia

Artspace Alliance Hummingbird Studio was not represented due to illness, but the other two organizations shared their experience with the GACO process, their take on the funding climate in Olympia, and information about their organizations.

2020 Chair/Vice-Chair Appointments and Work Plan Kick-Off Ms. Johnson noted that according to Rules of Procedure, the Commission shall elect new leadership each November or December. She reported Chair Grisham is interested in seeking a second term as Chair. Commissioners will return in November to self-nominate, with an election in November or December. Commissioners went through the 2019/20 Work Plan and Municipal Art Plan with an eye for additions and changes they would like to make for 2020/21. Commissioner Hicks asked Ms. Johnson to bring an updated version of the Municipal Art Plan budget with expenditures to the next meeting.

The discussion was completed.

7. REPORTS - None

8. OTHER TOPICS - None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p. m.