



# Meeting Minutes

## Arts Commission

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**Thursday, February 13, 2020**

**6:00 PM**

**Room 112**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Grisham called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**1.A ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 8 - Chair Timothy Grisham, Vice Chair Frederick Dobler, Commissioner Kathryn Dorgan, Commissioner Diana Fairbanks, Commissioner Stacy Hicks, Commissioner Kathy Murray, Commissioner Kevin McManus and Commissioner Katherine Williams

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jim Burlingame

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[20-0132](#) Approval of January 9, 2020 Arts Commission Minutes

**Attachments:** [OAC 1.9.2020 Minutes](#)

The minutes were approved.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS - None**

**6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

[20-0133](#) Discussion with Colin DeForrest

Olympia's Homeless Response Coordinator Colin DeForrest met with Commissioners to share his experience with a homelessness-focused, Artist-In-Residence program while he worked for the City of Tacoma. With regards to Olympia, he affirmed that any type of artist engagement would be welcome in any of the City sites serving unsheltered citizens. He offered to act as a sounding board as Commissioners worked to develop a program proposal.

**The discussion was completed.**

[20-0134](#) 2020 Arts Commission Work Plan and Municipal Art Plan Development

**Attachments:** [2020 Draft Work Plan](#)

[2020 Draft Municipal Art Plan](#)

Commissioner Dorgan brought attention to item 1.4 on the proposed work plan. She questioned whether an Artist-In-Residency should be limited to visual arts. Commissioners agreed to take out the word "visual," twice listed in the text. No changes were made to the draft Municipal Art Plan.

**Commissioner McManus moved, seconded by Commissioner Dorgan, to recommend the 2020 Municipal Art Plan and Work Plan as amended to the General Government Committee. The motion passed unanimously.**

## 7. REPORTS

[20-0136](#) Policy and Program Recommendations to City Council

Commissioner Hicks noted there was good constituent turnout for the 22nd District at this year's Arts, Heritage and Science Day. She noted the Olympia Symphony Orchestra Executive Director shared with the group that 185 applicants had responded to the conductor search, which the Director considered a good indicator of Olympia's presence as an arts community and a positive reflection on the orchestra as well.

**The report was received.**

[20-0137](#) Arts Program Support

Ms. Johnson shared the upcoming Arts Walk poster proof, featuring the artwork "Fluttering" by Laurel Henn. Commissioners shared their enthusiasm for the image.

Ms. Johnson also shared images and an update on the West Bay Art Crossing project. The Eastside Street Art Crossing Call for Art will go to the General Government Committee Tuesday, February 26.

**The report was received.**

[20-0138](#) 2019 ArCH Support

Vice-Chair Dobler provided an update on Keystone planning, sharing with Commissioners the schedule of events as it stands now.

**The report was received.**

## 8. OTHER TOPICS - None

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.