



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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6:00 PM

Online or via phone

Register to attend: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83110507299>

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Dobler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Chair Timothy Grisham

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[20-0771](#) Approval of September 10, 2020 Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Simmons thanked Commissioners for their work and commitment to the arts, especially given the added challenge of the pandemic.

Ms. Johnson announced there were still spots open for the Americans for the Arts training "Artists at the Development Table" on October 24.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[20-0769](#) Creative District Land Use Planning

Heritage Commission Staff Liaison Marygrace Goddu explained she was part of a team

of City staff looking at barriers in code and regulations that might be hindering housing as well as other types of development. She indicated the Creative District currently has two zones within its boundaries: waterfront and downtown business. Explaining how important the language is in code, she shared different approaches used to define "creative industry," as part of her own process of providing language for Olympia's code. Commissioners provided feedback.

The information was provided.

[20-0768](#) Arts Commission Chair and Vice-Chair for 2021

Vice-Chair Dobler noted that following two terms, Chair Grisham intended to step down from the position. Ms. Johnson said it has been the practice of the Arts Commission to have Vice-Chairs move in to the Chair role, having acquired experience in the support position. Vice-Chair Dobler indicated his interest in moving to the Chair position. Commissioners Burlingame and Murray expressed interest in the Vice-Chair opportunity. Commissioner Murray was provided the first option to be considered for the position. The slate of officers will be presented at the November meeting.

The discussion was completed.

[20-0770](#) Wander Olympia's Waterfront story map

Commissioners viewed the draft Wander Olympia's Waterfront story map sharing parks, public art and other amenities along the "Big W." Commissioners were complimentary of the work done and shared ideas of elements to include in the overlay maps.

The discussion was completed.

7. REPORTS

[20-0772](#) Policy and Program Recommendations to City Council

Commissioner Murray reported that a first attempt of an Artist in Residence program application has been drafted and reviewed. The group will continue to fine-tune the document at their November meeting.

The report was received.

[20-0773](#) Arts Program Support

Ms. Johnson shared that Arts Month had launched, the new Traffic Box Wraps were installed, the Grants to Arts Organizations workshop on October 7 was well-attended, and reminded Commissioners of the *Here We Are Magic* poetry workshop on October 17.

The report was received.

[20-0774](#) ARCH Support

No report.

8. OTHER TOPICS - None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.