



## City Council

### Percival Plinths Sculpture Review

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**Title**

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**Issue:**

Whether to approve the Arts Commission recommendation of 15 sculptures for the Percival Plinth Project exhibition, and Peoples' Prize Award for 2012-2013.

**Arts Commission Recommendation:**

Move to approve the recommended 15 sculptures for exhibition along Percival Landing for up to one year starting July 2012. Sculptures would also be eligible for the People's Prize purchase award.

**City Manager's Recommendation:**

Move to approve the Arts Commission recommendation.

**Staff Contact:**

Stephanie Johnson, Arts & Events Program Manager, Parks, Arts & Recreation, 360.709.2678

**Presenter(s):**

Trent Hart, Chair of the Art in Public Places Committee of the Olympia Arts Commission

**Background and Analysis:**

On February 28, 2012, Council approved moving forward with the Percival Plinth Project and Peoples' Prize, which involves placing loaned sculptures on stands ("plinths") along Percival Landing for temporary exhibition of up to one year. Based on a one-month opportunity for public vote among the exhibited sculptures, the City will purchase the sculpture receiving the most votes. This will be known as the "Peoples' Prize." Following the exhibition, the purchased sculpture will be moved for permanent exhibition in another location.

The Call for Sculpture for the 2012-2013 Percival Plinth Project and Peoples' Prize includes the following components:

- Artists applied statewide.
- 15 sculptures were recommended by the jury for loan, and reviewed and recommended by the Arts Commission.
- Selected artists will be awarded a \$500 honoraria for loan of sculpture.
- One sculpture will be selected by the public for purchase.
- Voting must take place in person.

- Artwork purchase not to exceed \$10,000.

On May 7, 2012, 18 sculptures, submitted by 9 artists were reviewed by the project jury. The Arts Commission reviewed the jury recommendation of 15 sculptures on May 10. The Commission unanimously agreed to move the recommendation forward to City Council.

**Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):**

None known.

**Options:**

1. Approve the recommendation.
2. Direct staff to make changes to the proposed list.
3. Do not approve the recommendation.

**Financial Impact:**

\$500 honoraria for 15 sculptures	\$7,500
Up to \$10,000 purchase of Peoples' Prize Sculpture	\$10,000
Up to \$1,000 for installation of Peoples Prize following exhibition	\$1,000
Total (up to)	\$18,500