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City Council

Approval of the 2021 Plinth Project Sculptures for Exhibition

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Move to approve the recommended sculptures for the 2021 Percival Plinth Project Exhibition.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve the Arts Commission recommended sculptures for the 2021 Percival Plinth Project Exhibition.

Report

Issue:

Whether to approve the Arts Commission recommendation of 16 sculptures for the upcoming exhibition on Percival Landing. Following a month of public voting, one sculpture will be purchased for the City of Olympia public art collection.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

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Frederick Dobler, Chair, Olympia Arts Commission

Background and Analysis:

The jury met on Monday, March 1 to review 24 submitted sculptures. The jury was comprised of Jim Burlingame, Arts Commission Vice-Chair, and artists Lin McJunkin and Travis Johnson. Prior to jury review, all submitted sculptures were reviewed by City staff for a visual structure assessment. Jurors reviewed the work based on a number of criteria including quality of work and attention to craft, safety requirements and community engagement.

Seventeen sculptures were recommended by the Arts Commission to City Council for approval on March 11, with no proposed alternates. Since that time, one of the recommended sculptures has become no longer available for loan, resulting in the final slate of sixteen sculptures.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

In 2020, 368 votes were received for the Peoples' Prize Award.

Options:

1. Approve the jury's recommendation of 16 sculptures for the 2021 Percival Plinth Project.
2. Approve the jury's recommendation of 16 sculptures for the 2021 Percival Plinth Project, as modified.
4. Do not approve any sculptures recommended for the 2021 Percival Plinth Project.

Financial Impact:

\$27,000 from the Municipal Art Fund for artist honoraria, technical support and purchase of selected sculpture.

Attachments:

Percival Plinth Project 2021 Recommendations