



City Council

Special Recognition - Introduction of Olympia Poet Laureate Ashly McBunch

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Special Recognition. No action requested.

City Manager Recommendation:

Discussion only. No action requested.

Report

Issue:

Whether to meet Ashly McBunch, Olympia's incoming Poet Laureate.

Staff Contact:

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

Presenter(s):

Ashly McBunch, Olympia Poet Laureate

Background and Analysis:

On April 13, 2021, the City Council approved the recommendation to appoint Ashly McBunch as Poet Laureate for 2021 - 2023. It has been custom for the Poet Laureate to read a poem at the first Council meeting of the year. Due to the timing of the recruitment process, this meeting is the first opportunity for Council to meet with Mx. McBunch.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

The Poet Laureate interacts with many areas of the community through events and programming throughout their tenure.

Options:

1. Meet Olympia's newest Poet Laureate Ashly McBunch.
2. Do not meet Olympia's newest Poet Laureate Ashly McBunch.
3. Meet Olympia's newest Poet Laureate Ashly McBunch at another time.

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Financial Impact:

Honoraria for the Poet Laureate is \$1,500 per year.

Attachments:

None