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Approval of Percival Plinth Project Sculpture Recommendation 2014

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Recommended Action

Commission Recommendation:

The Olympia Arts Commission recommends approval of 13 sculptures and one alternate for exhibition along Percival Landing for up to one year starting July 2014.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve the recommended 13 sculptures and one alternate for exhibition along Percival Landing for up to one year starting July 2014.

Report

Issue:

To review and approve the Arts Commission recommendation of 13 sculptures for the Percival Plinth Project exhibition, and Peoples' Choice Award for 2013-2014.

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Presenter(s):

Stephanie Johnson, Arts & Events Program Manager, Parks, Arts & Recreation
Trent Hart, Chair of the Art in Public Places Committee of the Olympia Arts Commission

Background and Analysis:

This recommendation marks the fourth installation of the Percival Plinth Project, 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 - the "Peoples' Choice Award." Following the exhibition, the purchased sculpture will be moved to City Hall for one year before permanent exhibition in another location.

The Call for Sculpture for the 2014-2015 Percival Plinth Project and Peoples' Prize includes the following components:

- Artists applied statewide.
- 13 sculptures and one alternate were recommended by the jury for loan, and reviewed and recommended by the Arts Commission.
- Selected artists will be awarded a \$580 honoraria for loan of each 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 6, 2013, 25 sculptures, submitted by 17 artists were reviewed by the project jury. The Arts Commission reviewed the jury recommendation of 13 sculptures on May 8. The Commission unanimously agreed to move the recommendation forward to City Council.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

In 2013, 374 votes were received for the Peoples' Choice Award. Of those, 223 were from Olympia proper, and 54 were from Lacey, Tumwater and Thurston County. Staff hopes to expand the word about voting and welcomes invitations to speak at Service Club meetings and other gatherings.

Options:

1. Move to approve the recommended 13 sculptures and one alternate for exhibition along Percival Landing for up to one year starting July 2014.
2. Move to direct staff to make changes to the proposed list.
3. Move to not approve the recommendation.

Financial Impact:

\$580 honoraria for 13 sculptures	\$7,540
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)	\$18,540