



City Council

Approval of Appointments to the Olympia Arts Commission

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

General Government Committee unanimously recommends appointment of **Susan Aurand**, **Britta Echte**, and **Hart James** to the Olympia Arts Commission for 3 year terms ending March 31, 2018.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve the appointments to the Olympia Arts Commission recommended by General Government Committee.

Report

Issue:

Shall Susan Aurand, Britta Echte, and Hart James be appointed to the Olympia Arts Commission?

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

None. Consent Calendar Item.

Background and Analysis:

On March 10, General Government Committee interviewed 5 applicants for the Olympia Arts Commission. Also present was Marygrace Jennings, Arts Commission Chair.

The Committee unanimously recommends **Susan Aurand**, **Britta Echte**, and **Hart James** for appointment to 3-year terms ending March 31, 2018. Their applications are available in the Council office for review.

- **Susan Aurand** is an active professional artist and faculty emerita (38 year tenured faculty member in Visual Arts) with The Evergreen State College. She has an MA in Studio Art from Ohio State University. Ms. Aurand has lived in Olympia since 1974.

- ***Britta Echtle*** is Owner/Principal of Molten Blue Fine Art Associates. Prior professional experience includes Education Program Coordinator at the Museum of Glass and elementary art teacher. She has an MA in Museums and Galleries and a BA in Education. Ms. Echtle is a native Olympian.
- ***Hart James*** is a practicing artist and art historian who is also a member of many Olympia area arts organizations. She previously founded, owned, and managed art retail businesses in Kentucky. She has a BA in art history/biology from Northwestern University. Ms. James has been an active member of the Olympia arts community since moving here about 3 years ago, as she was in her prior locale.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

N/A

Options:

Approve or do not approve the recommended appointments.

Financial Impact:

None.