



City Council

Approval of 2015 Percival Plinth Project ("People's Prize") Sculpture Exhibits

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Recommended Action

Commission Recommendation:

The Olympia Arts Commission recommends approval of 15 sculptures and two alternates for exhibition along Percival Landing for up to one year starting July 2015.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve the recommended 15 sculptures and two alternates for exhibition along Percival Landing for up to one year starting July 2015.

Report

Issue:

To review and approve the Arts Commission recommendation of 15 sculptures for the Percival Plinth Project exhibition, and Peoples' Choice Award for 2015-2016.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

None - Consent item.

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 2015-2016 Percival Plinth Project and Peoples' Prize includes the following components:

- Artists applied statewide.
- 15 sculptures and two alternates were recommended by the jury for loan, and reviewed and recommended by the Arts Commission.
- Selected artists will be awarded a \$700 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 12, 2015, 29 sculptures, submitted by 18 artists were reviewed by the project jury. The Arts Commission reviewed the jury recommendation of 15 sculptures and two alternates on May 14. The Commission unanimously agreed to move the recommendation forward to City Council.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

In 2014, 481 votes were received for the Peoples' Choice Award. Of those, 320 were from Olympia proper, and 69 were from Lacey, Tumwater and Thurston County.

Options:

1. Move to approve the recommended 15 sculptures and two alternates for exhibition along Percival Landing for up to one year starting July 2015.
2. Move to direct staff to make changes to the proposed list.
3. Move to not approve the recommendation.

Financial Impact:

\$700 honoraria for 15 sculptures	\$10,500
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)	\$21,500