

Commission Meeting  
Monday, February 9, 2015  
Oak Harbor City Hall, upstairs conference room

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In Attendance:

Chair: Skip Pohtilla; Commissioners: K.C. Pohtilla, Kit Christopherson, Rick Lawler, O'Connell-Balda, Peggy Townsdin; Ex-officio members: Kathryn Martinez, Chris Stolmeier

Staff: Cac kamak

- Meeting Notes – The meeting notes from the January 12, 2015 meeting were approved.
- Public Comment – Mr. Ron Hancock introduced an idea of an archway across Pioneer Way. He shared rendering with the commission that depicted the archway in the form of the Deception Pass Bridge. The Arts Commission generally liked the idea and discussed the merits of it at locations near City Beach Street and SR 20. The renderings of the archway included cut outs of evergreen on both sides and of Mt Baker. The Arts Commission liked the mountain cut out and asymmetrical versions of the evergreen on both sides. The commission enquired about the costs and Mr.Hancock stated that he is working on it. Mr. Hancock believes that there are groups in the community that have the capability and the willingness to come together and make this a possibility. The Arts Commission would like to move this forward to the City Council with the recommended changes.
- Kraken – Cac provided an update to the Commission on the kraken. The piece is almost complete is likely to be installed in the next week or so. The commission wanted to document the installation since it will be covered by stucco.
- Farmers Market Site – Commissioner Peggy mentioned that she contacted artist Wayne Lewis . Wayne Lewis created a concept rendering that showed the leaves on a concrete pad. Three leave made from the same template was shown in the rendering. No cost information is available yet on his proposal. The commission though that the concrete pad was big and is too prominent. Commissioner Peggy mentioned that the artist is open to suggestions. The Arts Commission wanted the element of movement in the leaves. Staff brought up the fact that the Oak Tree committee is considering a giant oak to be made from the Post Office oak tree and could be combined with the leaves. The arts commission stated that they would like to see three different options for this proposal from three different artists. The Arts Commission tasked themselves to explore foundries in the area that may have contact info on local artists that can provide more options. Staff mentioned a contact in Bellingham that may have ideas and the capability to do something similar.
- Driftwood Day – Commissioner Skip mentioned that the best low tides fall on September 12 which falls on the same day as the Military Appreciation Day. The alternate date is Sept 26 which get a little late in the season. There were some discussions on the merits of combining it again with the Military Appreciation Day. There were also discussion on finding ways to make the judging more efficient and having the awards ceremony sooner. The commission discussed the start times for the event and the pros and cons of starting it earlier than normal. Eventually the commission decided to have a start time of 12pm with the awards ceremony at 2pm.
- Commissioner Kit announced the Exofficio member Chris, through his grades and participation in community projects has won a scholarship award of \$50,000
- Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.