

In Attendance:

Chair: Skip Pohtilla; Commissioners: John Pendleton, Rick Lawler, O'Connell-Balda, K.C.Pohtilla; Ex-officio members: Kathryn Martinez
Staff: Cac Kamak

- Meeting Notes – The meeting notes from the May 11, 2015 meeting were approved.
- Public Comment – No comments
- Barringtons – The Commission reviewed the material provided for the donation. Scott Hornung had submitted a historical excerpt on the Barringtons and their significance to Oak Harbor. Peggy Darst stated that the proposed donation was similar to Island Spirit and is requesting that the City contribute towards the bronzing of the sculpture. Peggy also stated that she has raised \$4000 towards the piece but will be unable to raise the \$12,000 required for the bronzing. The Commission briefly discussed the historical importance of the Barringtons. Commissioner Lawler questioned the proposed location of the Barringtons and wondered if it was too close to the Island Spirit. Commissioner Skip mentioned that the piece may be better suited at the overlook by Ireland Street. Commissioner Nora expressed concerns on setting a precedent for providing funding for pieces considered as donations. Commissioner Skip indicated that the City currently doesn't have anything currently that celebrated its history and that this could be considered differently that a regular art donation and the Commission can consider this as a collaboration. Commissioner Rick moved to accept the piece as a historically significant sculpture. Commissioner Pendleton seconded it. Motion passed. Commissioner KC Pohtilla moved that the piece be located at the overlook by Ireland Street. Commissioner Rick seconded it. Motion passed. Peggy Darst proposed that she will raise an additional \$2000 for a total of \$6000 and requested that the City match her fund raising efforts. Commissioner Rick motioned that the Arts Commission recommend that the City fund up to \$6000 from the Arts Fund as a match to funds raised by Peggy Darst. Commissioner Pendleton seconded it. Motion passed.
- Farmer's Market Site – Joe Clark presented the two concepts he had shared with the Commission. Commissioner Nora enquired about the safety of the piece with sharp edges from the metal. Joe indicated that the oak leaves are about 5ft long and the edges will be smoothed out for safety. Joes estimated the current proposal at approximately \$40,000 but can be scaled down based on budget. Joe asked about berming the site for better visibility. Commissioner Lawler asked about maintenance. Joe indicated that it is corten steel and will be allowed to rust over time. Joe indicated that he will provide a formal proposal before the next meeting.
- Oak Tree – Hank Nydam from the Parks Division gave a presentation on the process and ideas that came from the Oak Tree Committee. He mentioned that efforts are being made to cover the wood and preserve it. He mentioned that funding has not been approved for any of the ideas yet.
- Skagit Valley Art – Commissioner Skip updated the commission on a site visit by the sub-committee and the research into the various options for the kinetic sculpture. Videos of the various choices were presented to the commission. Commissioner Pendleton moved that the Double Spinner 19ft be selected for one of the pieces and Commissioner KC Pohtilla seconded that. Motion passed. Commissioner Pendleton also moved the the Stardance vertical 13ft be selected for the second piece. Commissioner Rick seconded that. Motion passed.

- Driftwood Day - The Commission briefly discussed preparing for the event. Commissioner Skip is going to make the poster.
- Krakken – The dedication day was briefly discussed.
- New Business or misc – Commissioner Nora mentioned the Anacortes has a giant chess board and that it would be good for the Arts Commission to consider one for Windjammer Park.
- Meeting adjourned 8:20pm