

In Attendance:

Chair: Skip Pohrilla; Commissioners: Rick Lawler, Nora O'Connell-Balda, Kit Christopherson, John Pendleton;
Staff: Cac Kamak

- Meeting Notes – The meeting notes from the July 13, 2015 meeting were approved.
- Public Comment – No comments
- Founders Sculpture – Sue Karahalios and Rick Nash addressed the commission on the Founders sculpture that the City Council approved a few years ago and followed up shortly a two year extension. The project had been on hold and is being reconsidered. Sue Karahalios mentioned that the delay was due to the sensitivity around the cultural resources discovered in Pioneer Way reconstruction. Sue mentioned that prices have gone up since the original proposal. Rick Nash talked about the non-representational style of the sculpture and the quality of corten steel as a material. They mentioned that they will take advantage of the power extension as part of the outfall project. Superior System will be casting the piece and delivering it to the site. Commissioner Kit enquired if the scale of the structure. Rick mentioned that the costs would go up with the size. There were discussions on the footing and the base of the sculpture and concerns on wheelchair accessibility and avoiding sudden fall offs due to the terrain. Commissioner Skip mentioned that he would like to explore scaling up the sculpture or raising the foundation. Commissioner John asked about the connection, if any, between the recently approved Barringtons and the Founder's sculpture. Sue mentioned the history of the founders and about the plaque that honors them is currently at Windjammer Park and this proposals connection to it, while the Barringtons were important in the development of Old Town. Sue is asking the Arts Commission to endorse the project to move it forward. Commissioner Nora made a motion to endorse the proposal and Commissioner Kit seconded it.
- Farmer's Market Site – Cac reported that making a mock-up of the sculpture will be approximately \$750. The Arts Commission thought that it's a good idea to get a mock up made so that the Commission can collect and provide feedback to the artist. Cac also mentioned that a sight analysis is being done at that intersection to assure that the sculpture will not be blocking any sight lines.
- Driftwood Day – Cac mentioned that the postcards have arrived and the special events permit was approved. Hank needs to be contacted for the tent, tables, chairs, PA system, A frames etc. Skip mentioned that the banners are being updated with the dates. Skip will contact Carl Fruend to install banner along SR 20. The Commission decided to meet at the boat ramp at 9am.
- New Business – The Commission discussed beautifying trash cans in the city. Nora mentioned that some cities have soup cans and that something similar would be good near Whidbey Coffee on Pioneer Way. Commissioner Kit mentioned that UK had a similar project where the trash can made a sound everytime which encouraged people to use it.
- Meeting adjourned.