

Commission Meeting
Monday, January 11, 2016
Oak Harbor City Hall, upstairs conference room

In Attendance:

Chair: Skip Pohtilla; Commissioners: Rick Lawler, KC Pohtilla, Nora O'Connell-Balda, John Pendleton; Kathryn Martinez

Staff: Cac Kamak

- Meeting Notes – The meeting notes from the November 2015 meeting were approved.
- Public Comment – Eric Mann addresses the commission and requested that the Arts Commission shift focus from commissioning stand-alone pieces and find ways to integrate art into City projects. He reminded the commission that the Arts Commission is charged with supporting all forms or artistic expression. He suggested that the Arts Commission be involved in the Windjammer Park Integration Plan and contribute ideas to enhancing features within the park. He shared photographs of ideas that could fit in Windjammer Park. He mentioned integrating a performance area into the park
Hal Hovey spoke to the lack of information available to the public on the Arts Commission and the outdated information on the website. He stated that meeting agendas and notes should be available on the City's web page. He also requested the commission to look for ideas for smaller projects that are incorporated into day-to-day infrastructure. He also expressed interest in interactive art.
- Post Office Oak Tree – Chairman Skip provided an update of the discussion from the last meeting, The commission discussed locations for the rings – treatment plant, high school, post office and possibly city hall. Skip mentioned that the thickness required for a tree ring will determine the number of rings that can be made. The commission discussed the possibility of having one of the rings be a high school student's project to denote timelines.
- Windtree – Commissioner John provided an update on his conversation with the artist who is from Europe. He stated that the artist is not interested in expanding his projects in the United States at this time.
- Krakken – The commissioners discussed solutions for the base. The idea of building a base was discussed. The commissioners wanted to find out what the artist's thoughts were and whether a metal base would be feasible. Commissioner John mentioned that the piece could benefit from moving further up on Pioneer Way for more visibility.
- Cac provided an update on the SVC project and that no advancements have been made. SVC attorneys were supposed to be discussing the issue with City legal staff but no solutions have been reached. The Arts Commission expressed concerns on the currently planned locations for the pieces and how it impacts visibility. The commission is ok with waiting for SVC to contact the city on the project.
- Farmers Market Site – Cac provided an update. The project is in its design phases and the artist is working with public works on the foundation design and location.

- Vision – The Arts Commission reviewed their purpose statement from the code. They felt that is adequately addressed the vision for the Arts Commission.
- Windjammer Park Integration Plan (WPIP) – The commission discussed who to nominate to the WPIP advisory committee. Commissioner Nora nominated Chair Skip to the committee. Commissioner John seconded and all present agreed.
- Cac mentioned that the commission needs to elect a new chair at the next meeting.
- Meeting adjourned.

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