



**CITY OF OAK HARBOR
ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
AGENDA**

Thursday, July 16, 2020 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**The Center, 51 SE Jerome Street
Oak Harbor, WA 98277**

MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED

The public is welcome to attend.

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| 1. ROLL CALL: | Freund, Karla ¹
O’Connell-Balda, Nora ³
Mason, Cynthia ⁵
Kingsbury, Therese ⁷ | _____

_____ | Russell, J.R. ²
Pohtilla, K.C. ⁴
Gagnon, Rodric ⁶
Sipes, Lowell ^{Alternate} | _____

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| 2. Excuse Absent Commissioners | | | | |
| 3. Public Comment | | | | |
| 4. Approval of June 11, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes | | | | |
| 5. “Tao” Sculptures next steps | | | | |
| a. Location
b. Amount
c. Amended Resolution to Council | | | | |
| 6. Acorn Sculpture RFQ \$15,000 next steps | | | | |
| a. Location
b. Draft RFQ progress from Committee | | | | |
| 7. Joseph Kinnebrew sculpture collection next steps | | | | |
| a. Work needed
b. Location | | | | |
| 8. Other Projects / Items for Discussion | | | | |
| 9. Next Meeting TBD | | | | |
| 10. Adjournment | | | | |

**City of Oak Harbor
Arts Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2020 at 4:00 PM via RingCentral virtual meeting**

1. Roll Call

Present:

Rodric Gagnon⁶
J.R. Russell²
Nora O’Connell-Balda³
Cynthia Mason⁵
Therese Kingsbury⁷
Lowell Sipes^{Alternate}

Staff Present:

Blaine Oborn, City Administrator

Absent:

Karla Freund¹
K.C. Pohtilla⁴

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

2. Excuse Absent Commissioners

Motion: Commissioner Kingsbury moved to excuse Commissioners Freund and K.C. Pohtilla. **Second:** Commissioner Mason seconded. With all in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments

Public comment had been given to Chairman Gagnon requesting the Arts Commission Meeting minutes be posted to the City website.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Mason moved to approve the February 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes as presented. **Second:** Commissioner Kingsbury seconded the motion. Commissioners Russell, O’Connell-Balda, and Sipes abstained as they had been absent. With all in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

5. “Tao” Sculptures next steps (approved by City Council June 2)

City Administrator Blaine Oborn briefed the Commission on Resolution 20-17 that was passed at the June 2, 2020 City Council Meeting. The Resolution authorized the purchase of the “Tao” Sculptures for \$7,000, and \$500 for transportation of the pieces, and \$500 for creation of a plaque and appropriate base for the pieces, and the placement of the pieces in the pocket park along SR 20 adjacent to Office Max. After the Resolution was approved, the artist provided an invoice which included \$7,000 purchase price, \$500 for installation, and added tax at \$675, for a total of \$8,175. Commissioner Kingsbury reiterated that she wants the sculpture placed at Windjammer Park, or at Scenic Heights if it needs a location in the meantime. Mr. Oborn explained that the City Archaeologist explained the specific requirements for art to qualify as Native American, and that the artist that created that Tao has not advertised the pieces as such. Mr. Oborn worked with Parks Manager Hank Nydam on the pocket park location, and Mr. Nydam is working with the Garden Club to coordinate placement of the sculpture. The Arts Commission discussed that they were not satisfied with the pocket park as the location and want to take the item back to Council for a different location and increased amount to cover the taxes.

Motion: Commissioner Mason moved to request City Council to amend Resolution 20-17 with a location to be determined and to add \$675.00 for the 9% tax to the total approved amount. **Second:** Commissioner

Kingsbury seconded. **Discussion:** Commissioner O'Connell-Balda asked that the artist be involved with the Arts Commission and Park Board for the installation of the piece when it gets a location. With all in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

6. Acorn Sculpture RFQ \$15,000 next steps (approved by City Council June 2)

City Administrator Blaine Oborn briefed the Commission on amending the proposed RFQ that went before City Council on June 2, 2020. Council approved amending the RFQ from \$30,000 to \$15,000 and from three sculptures to one sculpture. Mr. Oborn worked with Parks Manager Hank Nydam on suggesting the acorn sculpture be located next to the Autumn Winds Sculpture to tie in with the theme. The Commission discussed that the Garry Oak Society had wanted the sculpture to be placed at the site of the Garry Oak tree at the post office where it was cut down. Mr. Oborn asked that the Commission Members work to create specific, detailed criteria for a scope of work so that staff can move forward with soliciting bids. Chairman Gagnon explained the next steps are for Commission Members to work offline to develop solid criteria for the project and then reviewing that with the Commission at a meeting to get unanimous buy-in, including the size, amount of wood, how it should be mounted, and what the preservation requirements will be.

7. Status of Driftwood Day Event (scheduled for September 5, 2020)

Chairman Gagnon asked the Commission if they should consider cancelling the Driftwood Day event this year due to the COVID-19 crisis. Staff encouraged the Commission to keep working on the event and wait to decide to cancel it until the date is closer, as there may be ways to adapt the event to meet the State requirements related to COVID-19. The Commission discussed getting nice signs printed with the branding for the event if it does go forward for this year.

Motion: Commissioner O'Connell-Balda moved to request City Council obligate \$1,000 for the Creative Arts Fund for the Driftwood Day event and marketing. **Second:** Commissioner Kingsbury seconded. With all in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

8. Other Projects / Items for Discussion

Chairman Gagnon briefed the Commission on the status of the newly formed non-profit's work on the Sculpture Park. The non-profit is waiting for its 501(c)3 application to be approved after the State closed licensing offices, and expects the next steps to be working on a Memorandum of Understanding with the School District. The non-profit has developed marketing material for the proposed sculpture park titled "The Pines".

Commissioner Kingsbury addressed the three pieces of the Joseph Kinnebrew sculpture collection that have been uncovered, and she estimates there is \$4,000 worth of damage to the pieces. Commissioner Mason suggested that if the pieces are ready to be placed the Commission should request the funding to complete the needed repairs and get the pieces placed, with the location to be determined by the Arts Commission working in conjunction with the Park Board.

Motion: Commissioner Kingsbury moved to request City Council obligate \$5,000 of the Creative Arts Fund for restoration of the Joseph Kinnebrew sculpture pieces. **Second:** Commissioner Russell seconded. With all in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Mason moved to place the Kinnebrew Sculpture collection pieces at various locations around the city as suggested by the Arts Commission in working with the Parks Department and in coordination with the Park Board. **Second:** Commissioner O'Connell-Balda seconded. With all in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner O'Connell-Balda mentioned that the Arts Commission had previously designated 10 locations around the city as possible art installation locations and those might be considered in researching the installation of current pieces.

Commissioner Mason requested that the Arts Commission Minutes get posted to the City website.

Commissioner Mason proposed to the Commission that Members reach out to City Councilmembers to take their pulse regarding what the Council sees as the role of the Arts Commission. Commissioner Kingsbury added that it would be helpful for Members to have a script so that each conversation would reflect the same message.

Commissioner Mason requested that the Arts Commission be invited to Council Workshops. Mr. Oborn explained that an option would be to request a City Councilmember join the Arts Commission as a liaison member. The Commission also discussed making a designated liaison from the Arts Commission to the Park Board.

9. Next Meeting – July 9, 2020

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Felix
Senior Administrative Assistant
Administration

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