

**CITY OF SEQUIM
CITY ARTS ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES
VIRTUAL MEETING
SEQUIM, WA
August 19, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

The City Arts Advisory Commission of the City of Sequim, Washington met virtually using teleconferencing software on Monday, August 19, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m., with Chair Ross Brown presiding. The meeting was quorate.

ROLL CALL

City Arts Coordinator Aurora Lagattuta conducted an informal roll call of introductions. Commissioners Susan Boudreau, Ross Brown, Maggie Hall, Suzanne Horne, Mary Lofstrom and Craig Robinson were in attendance.

Jury volunteer, Mary Beth Beuke, and City Parks and Arts Manager, Jason Loihle were also in attendance.

Council Liaison, Mayor Armacost was not present.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

MOTION: Commission Chair Brown moved to approve the final agenda. Commissioner Horne seconded. VOTE: 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were available for this meeting.

AGENDA

The Commission approved the agenda for the August 19, 2020, regular meeting of the City Arts Advisory Commission by unanimous consent.

MINUTES

MOTION: Commission Chair Brown moved to approve minutes. VOTE: 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.

The minutes of the February 18, 2020, regular meeting of the City Arts Advisory Commission were approved as presented.

REPORTS

1. Commission Chair Brown reported on home projects.
2. Commission Vice Chair Horne reported that she is very excited about what we have accomplished thus far and the survey responses. Thank you to everyone to doing this. Commission Vice Chair Horne also suggested to do something for former Commissioner Carol Neidhardt.
3. Arts Coordinator Lagattuta referred commission to see attached [Monthly Report](#). Arts Coordinator Lagattuta informed the commissioners that the City is creating city email addresses for all commission members and there is also a possibility of acquiring devices for each commission member.

City Parks and Arts Manager Jason Loihle spoke to the need for devices due to privacy issues and public records requests. He explained that if any city related content was saved to a personal device than that device could be subject to a public records search.

MOTION: Commissioner Horne moved to approve that each commission member receive their own device. Commissioner Boudreau seconded. VOTE: 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.

The Commission recommended the City purchase computers for the Commission to use for City business.

4. Financial Reports:
February [Expenditures and Revenues](#)
March [Expenditures and Revenues](#)
April [Expenditures and Revenues](#)
May [Expenditures and Revenues](#)
June [Expenditures and Revenues](#)
July [Expenditures and Revenues](#)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CAAC 2020-21 Survey Results

Commission Chair Brown went over survey results and possibilities. He discussed Commission Vice Chair Horne's idea to place art in local business windows.

Commissioner Lofstrom was supportive of the idea of art in local businesses. Commissioner Robinson suggested placing a screen for Live painting. Commissioners Taylor, Boudreau and Lofstrom will get a list of local businesses and reach out to them for feedback. Arts Coordinator Lagattuta will discuss idea with Art Walk Coordinator, Renne Brock.

CAAC 2020-21 Plan & Goals

Commission Chair Brown looked at these briefly and stated that the commission will Discuss more during the next meeting on September 21, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall "Youthful Expressions" Exhibit

Commission Vice Chair Horne will write a blurb about the exhibit and proposes that the commission open the exhibit to artists of all mediums and ages in the community. Commissioners unanimously agreed to one week for remote digital jury. Jury Volunteer, Beuke suggests that the jury be an odd number, no more than five. The Council direction to the Arts Coordinator is that artists' submissions are due by October 15th at the latest. The jury process should be complete no later than November 1st, and the show opens Friday, December 4, 2020.

MOTION: Commission Chair Brown moved to create jury for "Youthful Expressions" to include: Commission Vice Chair Horne, Commissioner Boudreau, Jury Volunteer, Beuke, Commissioner Lofstrom and Commissioner Taylor. Commissioner ? seconded the motion. VOTE: 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.

2021 Exhibit Calendar

Commission Chair Brown suggested revisiting this topic at the next meeting on Monday, September 21, 2020. In this meeting the Commission will need to come up with 1) themes and 2) how many exhibits to offer.

pARTners Group and Collaboration

Commission Chair Brown discussed COVID-19 effects on the pARTners group. Most members are not engaging. Commission Chair Brown said he would like to re-engage and will reach out to some of the members. Commissioner Lofstrom suggested meeting in a large room like the theatre at Olympic Theater Arts (OTA). Commission Chair Brown said Commissioners should explore it and see what people think.

Open Brainstorming

The floor was opened for any brainstorming ideas about art possibilities during COVID-19. Jury Volunteer, Beuke mentioned the possibility of live streaming art in her home studio. Commissioner Taylor asked about connecting with local youth and clubs,

requesting their teachers to liaison with the Commission. The Commission's direction was for Arts Coordinator Lagattuta to follow up and provide additional information.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objection from the Commission, Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m.