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**CITY OF OAK HARBOR
ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
APRIL 13, 2023 REGULAR MEETING**

This hybrid meeting was hosted in the Mayor’s Conference Room at City Hall and recorded through RingCentral.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Russell called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Position	Commission Member	Attendance
Position 1	Karla Freund	Present
Position 2	JR Russell	Present
Position 3	Mary Himes	Present
Position 4	Joanna Hanson	Absent
Position 5	Cynthia Mason	Present
Position 6	Vacant	
Position 7	Therese Kingsbury	Present
Alternate	Vacant	
Ex Officio	Councilmember Eric Marshall	Present

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Parks and Recreation Director Brian Smith, Executive Assistant Macalle Finkle

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Russell indicated that Items 5.a and 5.b would be heard at the end of the agenda.

Vice Chair Mason **MOVED**, Commission Member Kingsbury **SECONDED**, to add a request by Regency on Whidbey for an Arts Commission presentation to the agenda as Item 5.g. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Executive Assistant Finkle indicated that the March meeting minutes were not ready and would be placed on the following month’s agenda.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. PRESENTATIONS, REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. 2023 Priorities

Director Smith reviewed the Arts Commission’s power and duties and displayed a working draft of the Commission’s 2023 priorities worksheet.

Vice Chair Mason added that the key issues incorporated the brainstorming ideas submitted by individual Commission members.

Discussed ensued regarding creation of an Arts & Culture Plan.

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Member consensus was to schedule a separate work session to continue to work on the 2023 priorities.

b. Review of Powers and Duties Revisions

No discussion.

c. Angel de la Creatividad sculpture placement recommendation to City Council

Director Smith advised that members of the City Council, Arts Commission and Park Board conducted an onsite visit at Flintstone Park to discuss location options for the sculpture. He displayed an aerial noting that the recommended placement was to the west of the sidewalk intersection and north of the existing parking area.

Vice Chair Mason **MOVED**, Commission Member Freund **SECONDED**, to present the new location to City Council based on the Park Board recommendation. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

d. Arbor Day Event

Director Smith provided an overview of the activity schedule for the Arbor Day Celebration to be held on Friday, April 28, 2023, with students from Broad View Elementary at the park location known as Well Site #10. He noted that the students would be submitting nominations to rename Well Site #10 with the winning name to be selected by the Park Board, and invited Arts Commission members to participate in the event.

e. Wrapping of Electrical Boxes

Commission Member Kingsbury advised that the cost of the Home Connections project to wrap two utility boxes was \$800, noting there will be 13 utility boxes left to wrap.

Vice Chair Mason **MOVED**, Commission Member Kingsbury **SECONDED**, to ask City Council to approve a not to exceed amount of \$10,000 for the project and that the call for artwork will go out to students in the Oak Harbor School District. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Consensus was to discuss the selection process at a future meeting.

Director Smith confirmed the request would be placed on the May 2, 2023 City Council agenda.

f. Youth Mural Summer Camp Proposal

Chair Russell summarized the proposal received from Linnane Armstrong, noting the request was for \$1,000 to fund one of two Youth Mural Summer Camp for fourth grade students at Broad View and Crescent Harbor Elementary Schools.

Director Smith confirmed that discretionary funds were available in the Creative Arts Fund. Discussion ensued about how these types of student summer camps organized by the Oak Harbor School District were funded in the past couple of years and whether approving the request would set a precedent for future requests. Consensus was to table the item so that additional research could be completed.

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g. Request by Regency on Whidbey for an Arts Commission Presentation

Chair Russell advised that Regency on Whidbey was inquiring whether the Arts Commission would be interested in providing a presentation about the different arts/sculptures in Oak Harbor for its residents.

Vice Chair Mason commented that there was an Art Walk brochure, an Arts Commission video done by a former Commission member, and a video of the mural at the college.

Commission Member Kingsbury volunteered to organize the presentation within the next couple of months.

6. MEMBER COMMENTS AND DETERMINATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Smith provided a brief update on several pieces of the Kinnebrew Collection including Temple Blue, Meditation, and Gate of Inspiration, noting that a new location needed to be selected for the Gate of Inspiration sculpture.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.