

**CITY OF OAK HARBOR  
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
May 11, 2023**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chair JR Russell called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

<b>Position and Commission Member</b>	<b>Attendance</b>		
Position 1 – Karla Freund	In person ✓	Online	Absent
Position 2 – JR Russell, Chair	In person ✓	Online	Absent
Position 3 – Mary Himes (joined at 5:04)	In person	Online ✓	Absent
Position 4 – Joanna Hanson	In person	Online	Absent ✓
Position 5 – Cynthia Mason, Vice-Chair	In person	Online	Absent ✓
Position 6 – Vacant	In person	Online	Absent
Position 7 – Therese Kingsbury	In person ✓	Online	Absent
Alternate – Vacant	In person	Online	Absent
Ex-Officio – Councilmember Eric Marshall	In person ✓	Online	Absent

STAFF PRESENT: Parks and Recreation Director Brian Smith, Executive Assistant Macalle Finkle and Sr. Administrative Assistant Kim Perrine.

PUBLIC: No public present.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Kingsbury discussed a comment received from Laura Renninger (Garry Oaks Society) regarding 3 Totems. This item was inserted as Agenda Item #5.c., with the last two items being moved down to 5.d. and 5.e., respectively.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Item approved after Agenda Item #7 was completed.**

- a. Regular Meeting of March 9, 2023.
- b. Regular Meeting of April 13, 2023.
- c. Special Meeting of April 20, 2023.

Ex-Officio Councilmember Marshall **MOVED** to approve the Minutes of March 9, 2023, April 13, 2023, and April 20, 2023 (as amended), **SECONDED** by Commissioner Freund. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## 5. DISCUSSION/ACTION/PRESENTATION/REPORT ITEMS

- a. **Kinnebrew Collection.** Commissioner Kingsbury indicated that “Meditation” was installed on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Boys & Girls Club. Ex-Officio Councilmember Marshall expressed his concern about public art on private property and provided history about this art piece. Should this matter go back to Council for location reconsideration? Questions regarding this should be asked of City Administrator Oborn. Parks and Recreation Director Smith will keep the Arts Commission apprised of this matter.
- b. **Pocket Park Update.** Commissioner Freund met with Monica regarding the placement of pots and indicated that several pots had been broken. She hopes that the Garden Club and the Parks Department will get replacements. It was noted that the picnic table was also missing. Parks and Recreation Director Smith said that a table would be returned to that location. The Commission discussed “Temple Blue”. The City needs to assure this is not an “interactive” art piece or attractive nuisance. Commissioner Himes stated that the City needs to resolve this issue, so it is not a liability. Commissioner Kingsbury suggested four stakes with yellow chain in between to let the public know this is not an interactive art piece. Archaeologist Gideon Cauffman and Parks and Recreation Director Smith to meet with Building Official Ginger Pennington to inspect “Temple Blue”.
- c. **The 3 Totems at Centennial Park.** Commissioner Kingsbury indicated Laura Renninger (Garry Oak Society) is not happy with the location of the 3 Totems being placed on the point at Centennial Park. Commissioner Freund and Commissioner Kingsbury thought Ms. Renninger was on board with the selection of Centennial Park for the location of 3 Totems. It was suggested that Commissioner Mason discuss this with Ms. Renninger.
- d. **Progress on Development of 2023 Priorities.** The Committee suggested setting another Workshop for May 25, 2023 from Noon – 1:00 p.m., at Public Works. Executive Assistant Finkle to send out the workshop invite.
- e. **Planning for Community Engagement.**
  - Chair Russell met with Maria McGee (Lotus Tea Bar) and would like to put an art piece in the Japanese Garden at Windjammer. Suggested that the Arts Commission invite Ms. McGee to the June meeting.
  - Parks and Recreation Director Smith suggested focusing on action items and the Arts Commission checklist.
  - Ex-Officio Councilmember Marshall suggested sending a survey to the list of stakeholders that Commissioner Mason provided, having a description of what the Arts Commission is trying to accomplish and having the stakeholders prioritize the items. Commissioner Freund and/or Parks and Recreation Director Smith will work on the survey. It was also suggested that Communications/IT Manager Sabrina Combs review the survey before it is distributed.

## 6. MEMBER COMMENTS

- Chair Russell was excited to be part of the District Parental Advisory Committee and announced that the funds for the wrapping of the electrical boxes was approved because the School Superintendant was part of that committee as well as the Vice Principal.
- Commissioner Kingsbury had a City employee submit an idea to her about wrapping the Portland Loos. For example, wrap the Portland Loo at Flintstone Park with a scenery wrap

that blends in with Maylor's Point. It was also brought to the Commission's attention that there is a typo in the April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Minutes.

**7. DETERMINATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Buskers in the parks.
- Maria McGee – Lotus Tea Bar.
- Survey.
- Parks and Recreation Director Smith's draft RFP for Art Plan Consultant.

**8. ADJOURNMENT.** Ex-Officio Councilmember Marshall **MOVED** to adjourn the Arts Commission meeting of May 11, 2023, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Freund. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Minutes taken by Sr. Administrative Assistant Kim Perrine.