

**MINTUES**  
**GIG HARBOR ARTS COMMISSION MEETING**  
Wednesday, February 10, 2021 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Due to Covid-19 this meeting was held remotely.

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:**

Chair Charlee Glock-Jackson called the meeting to order and called roll. Present: Chair Glock-Jackson, Vice-Chair Robin Avni, Commissioners Dan Bozich, Lynn Stevenson, Linda Sutherland, and Samantha Kelly. Staff: Molly Towslee Commissioner Beard was absent.

**Guest:** Josie Turner introduced herself and said that she and her husband are artists who recently moved to Gig Harbor and would like to connect with the arts community. She is a former poet laureate for the City of Tacoma.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Move to approve the minutes of January 13, 2021 as amended.  
Kelly / Stevenson – unanimously approved

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. [Creative Endeavor Grant Program Update](#). Chair Glock-Jackson announced that there were representatives from two groups at the information study session: The Gig Harbor High School Band Boosters and United by Music. There was a good exchange of information, and she thanked the commissioners that were able to participate. Chair Glock-Jackson shared that she is going to assist the Harbor Poetry Collective find someone to prepare a program in 2021.

2. [2021 Budget & Workplan Discussion](#).  [Z](#) The group went through the Narrative of the Arts Commission's 2021 Goals:

- [Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment](#). Chair Glock-Jackson announced that the Arts element of the Gig Harbor Comprehensive Plan was scheduled to go before the City Council on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February. She and Vice-Chair Avni shared the importance of having this element incorporated into the city's comp plan. They encouraged everyone to submit a letter of support to the council and to spread the word to others to do the same.
- [Creative Endeavors Support](#). Already in motion.
- [Gig Harbor Arts + Culture Planning](#). Vice-Chair Avni provided an update on the Washington State Arts Commission efforts. She said there will be some grant

funding opportunities that might benefit the city. The \$250 budgeted is for holding informational sessions for the Creative Districts program.

- Workshops and Presentations. Chair Glock-Jackson voiced a desire to get these going again as they were well-attended. She will head up the effort for the Social Media as a Marketing Tool. Vice-Chair Avni will head up other in-person workshops as we work through the pandemic. Provided an update on the state Arts Commission efforts re-opening program and grant funding opportunities that might benefit the city's program.
- Harbor Arbor Art. Commissioner Stevenson shared an overview of the project. Opportunities for the Gig Harbor Sports Complex were discussed.
- Update the Catalogue of City-Owned Art. Chair Glock-Jackson reported that Mike Simmons, the city's GIS coordinator, has volunteered to help with the update. He can create an online data base about each piece of art that will include the artist's name, location of the piece, description, year of installation, a photo, etc. He calls it a "story map" and is eager to begin work using the existing information. The group discussed using the budget to find someone to add to the photo library, research missing information, and locate and document other public art. Commissioners Sutherland and Bozich agreed to work with Chair Glock-Jackson and Mike.
- Historic plaques for concrete pillars at Donkey Creek / Harbor History Museum / Austin Estuary. Chair Glock-Jackson explained that the first draft of verbiage for the plaques is completed, but with the efforts to rename the area, this will need to be updated with a strong focus on the original people. Commissioner Stevenson is going to take the lead and will contact Lita Dawn Stanton to discuss.

### 3. [Letter of support — Recognition of Ancestral Homelands of the sxwəbabč̓](#)

[Peoples](#)  [Z](#). Chair Glock-Jackson explained that the Ad Hoc Committee submitted a letter to the Parks Commission in support of the efforts to name the area around the History Museum site "Twalwacut Estuary," and renaming Austin Estuary Park to "Austin Park." The Parks Commissioners were receptive and supportive of these and other recommendations to recognize Gig Harbor's Native American History. She asked to send a similar letter to the Gig Harbor City Council from the GHAC.

Commissioner Kelly recommended that we incorporate language regarding how this action fits the goals of the Arts Commission. Chair Glock-Jackson will draft the letter.

**MOTION:** Move that we write a letter of support addressed to the city council.  
Kelly / Stevenson – unanimously approved.

### 1. [Incorporating Art in Harborview / Stinson Roadway Improvement Project](#) [Z](#)

The commissioners went through the draft call for proposals and suggested amendments. They discussed adding funds from the Capital Art Fund to ensure there would be a quality project.

**MOTION:** Move to release the call for artist for the Stinson/Harborview Sidewalk Project with a budget of \$25,000; \$15,000 coming from the road project and \$10,000 coming from the Arts Commission Capital Project Budget. Avni /Bozich - unanimously approved.

Director Jeff Langhelm confirmed by email that the project would start this June and would be completed by the end of the year. He also shared that the public works crew would be able to remove the temporary asphalt patch prior to the artist installation.

Because the artwork won't be installed until spring of 2022, publishing this can be postponed until after the recommendations for the Endeavor Grants have been completed.

2. [Love Locks Project](#) – Lynn Stevenson was going to get in touch with Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm to discuss this project and report back. The group will then decide how to proceed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. [City Art Catalogue](#). (Discussed under Old Business 2.)

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS / REPORTS:**

1. [Update on "Our Fisherman — Our Guardian"](#) artwork honoring the Puyallup Tribe. Chair Glock-Jackson will send out a link to the video of the artist, Guy Capoean, talking about the Honor Figure he's carving that will be placed in Austin Park.

2. [Arts Element of the Gig Harbor Comprehensive Plan \(discussed under old business.\)](#)

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:**

1. March 3 and March 6 (if needed) in-person interviews with grant applicants
2. March 10, 2021 regular meeting
3. March 12, special meeting (if needed)

**ADJOURN:**

**MOTION:** Move to adjourn at 12:02 p.m.  
Stevenson / Kelly – unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted:

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Molly Towslee, City Clerk