

Official Minutes of the City of Mount Rainier Arts Commission 12/03/2024, Virtual Meeting

Call to Order

8:03 p.m.

APPROVED
01/08/2025

Members Present

Tessla Thompson
Deanna Noel
Rebecca Solow
John Deamond

Minutes provided by:

John Deamond

Reading of Agenda

The agenda was read by John Deamond and approved

M-NCPPC Skatepark Public Art Project presentation

- M-NCPPC representatives present
 - Brittney McGowan: public art specialist
 - Sonya Kitchens: asst division chief for arts and culture
 - Alec Simpson: public and visual arts coordinator, m-ncppc, artist with studio over Washington Glass
 - Shubha Punase: Park planner north of central ave.
- Phase 1 was repairs, phase 2 is arts enhancements
- Phase 2: Mount Rainier Skate Park Enhancements
 - Identify stakeholders: that's why they're here tonight
 - Need to go to site and determine scope of work
- Met w/ Mayor Benitez, she suggested they talk to MRAC and rep from councilmember Fisher's office
 - Next steps:
 - Site visit to skatepark
 - Want custom-made pieces for the site
 - Work out budget based on scope
 - Figure out process with stakeholders, what artists are invited or how artists are selected
 - MNCPPC implements process from start to finish, including call for entry or invitations
 - Work with us to celebrate completion of project
 - >>> Need people willing to go to the site and do walkthrough
- Becca: have they communicated with skatepark users?
 - Brittney: yes! They talked to HS kids skating when they did the preliminary visit

- Planning on a bigger community engagement part once we figure out scope.
Planning on figuring out what community actually wants to see
- Becca: Make call for entry tight radius
- Tesla: engaging park users: there's a facebook page, city website, newsletter
- Site visit: Jarrett, Michael Harrison, Tesla, John

Station 3510 Mural

- Figure out what meetings we're supposed to go to
- Engaging MUTC early is important
 - Becca has already been in touch with Nathan, who came to last social
 - Sent him copy of powerpoint
- Action items:
 - Engage church in process: Jarrett has a relationship with the pastor, so he'll start the discussion
 - Becca emailing luke about what sessions we should attend, checking that we can do the call with payment info, how do we pay for hosting w/ publicartist.org?
 - John: work on altering Pennyroyal RFQ for this one, figure out the blanks that have to be filled, email

Holiday Open Studios

- Get more involved in future years
- Is there city funding? Maybe we can help them put a proposal together to get city funding in the future
- They want us to table and spread the word
- We can't do anything meaningful this time, just go and meet people
- John: Email Michael Janis

Artist Social

- Becca put word out, got some RSVPs, but a lot of people don't do that
 - Need to keep spreading word
- Don't plan to put anything on the walls
- Bring decorations for tables
- Plan to be there at 5:30
- Need table for art supply swap, baskets and bins
- Jarrett has speaker, we can bring playlists: I should bring mine
- John: Check with Brandon about beer

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for:

- 11/12/2024

Moved by John Deamond

Seconded by Deanna Noel

Next meeting scheduled for 1/8/2025 at 8 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.