

Minutes
Gig Harbor Arts Commission Meeting
Wednesday, December 13, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.
Executive Conference Room or Virtual Link

Call to Order/Roll Call: Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Commissioners Lea Basile-Lazarus, Emily Ko Smith, Cassie Dickens, Suzanne Gillman, and Barbara Bleich were present. Commissioner Madelyn Hunter arrived at 10:14 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the November 8 meeting were unanimously approved.

Discussion Items:

1. **Election of Vice Chair** – Chair Johnson nominated Emily Ko Smith as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations.

Motion: Move to appoint Emily Ko Smith as Vice Chair (Johnson/Basile-Lazarus).

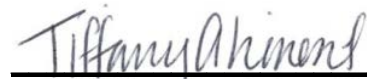
Vote: Unanimously approved.

2. **Creative Endeavor Grant Update** – Chair Johnson informed the commission of city council's informal decision to not fund the 2024 Creative Endeavor Grants. She discussed the letter she submitted to the mayor and council prior to the December 11 city council meeting and her public comments made during the meeting.

City Administrator Katrina Knutson joined the meeting to discuss city council's decision regarding the grants and how the commission can advocate for other arts related projects in the city.

Commissioner Comments: Commissioners discussed previous and upcoming arts and culture events.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.



Tiffany Alimant
Assistant City Clerk