



Snohomish County Council
Finance and Economic Development Committee
Meeting Minutes

Stephanie Wright, Committee Chair
Nate Nehring, Committee Vice-Chair
Committee Members: Sam Low, Megan Dunn, Jared Mead

Jim Martin, Senior Legislative Analyst
Paula Rhyne, Legislative Aide
Cheri Danner, Assistant Clerk of the Council

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

10:00 AM

**Jackson Board Room
& Remote Meeting**

PRESENT:

Committee Chair Wright
Committee Vice-Chair Nehring
Committee Member Low
Committee Member Dunn
Committee Member Mead (*remote*)
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Ken Klein, Executive's Office
Cat Olsen, Stanwood Camano Arts Advocacy Commission
Kathy Lynott, Everett Artist
Kathryn Kibbee, Arts Educator, Granite Falls
Kari Johnson, Arts Commission
Debbie Cople, Sky Valley Arts Commission
Tom Teigen, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Nicole Ng-A-Qui, Arts Commission
Dr. Kate MacKenzie, Arts Commission
Mary Toews, Mari's Place for the Arts
George J. Skiles, Snohomish County Performance Auditor
Jason Schwarz, Office of Public Defense
Kathleen Kyle, Snohomish County Public Defender's Association
Elena Lao, Asst. Clerk of the Council
Cheri Danner, Asst. Clerk of the Council

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and provided instructions for those wishing to provide public comment for both in-person and remote via Zoom .

ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and stated that all five members were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals provided public comment relating to the funding of the County Arts Program:

1. Cat Olson, Stanwood Camano Arts Advocacy Commission
2. Kathy Lynott, Artist and resident of Everett
3. Kathryn Kibbee, resident of Granite Falls
4. Kari Johnson (Via Zoom), Snohomish County Arts Commissioner
5. Debbie Cople, Sky Valley Arts Council

ACTION ITEMS

1. Ordinance 22-031, relating to funding the County Arts Program, [2022-0772](#)
setting maximum dollar amount for projects to be subject to 1%
contribution to arts fund; amending Chapter 2.95 Snohomish
County Code

Jim Martin, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report and explained the current proposal.

Discussion ensued and Committee Members Nehring, Dunn, and Wright expressed interest moving forward without a cap.

ACTION: Move to Administrative Matters, General Legislative Session August 31st to set time and date for a public hearing.

2. Motion 22-335, appointing Ms. Cheri Ryan to the Snohomish County Historic Preservation Commission [2022-0766](#)

Jim Martin, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report. He noted that the original ECAF came in indicating this was a reappointment, but is actually an appointment.

Mr. Martin provided background on the Historic Preservation Commission and Cheri Ryan. He said if appointed, Ms. Ryan would serve as an at-large member and her term would expire January 2025.

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session August 24th for consideration.

3. Motion 22-311, establishing lease and rental rates to be charged by Snohomish County Airport at Paine Field [2022-0717](#)

Jim Martin, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report.

Committee Member Low inquired about the latest adjustment date. Mr. Martin followed up later in the meeting and confirmed that an adjustment was done in 2019.

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session August 31st for consideration.

4. Motion 22-341, approving Q2 2022 budget transfer from Nondepartmental to Sheriff's Office Corrections Bureau related to achievement of revenue target and satisfaction of criterion to receive contingent authority [2022-0736](#)

Jim Martin, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a detailed staff report.

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session August 31st for consideration.

5. Motion 22-345, adopting the Snohomish County Executive Branch Equal Employment Opportunity Plan for 2022-2023 [2022-0793](#)

Jim Martin, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report.

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session August 31st for consideration.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Arts Commission Workplan [2022-0815](#)
Tom Teigen, Director of Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources and Kate MacKenzie, Arts Commissioner

Tom Teigen, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Director, provided an introduction and introduced Dr. Kate MacKenzie, Arts Commissioner, who presented a PowerPoint presentation showing a new mission, vision, and goals included in the Arts Commission 2023 work plan.

Cat Olson, Stanwood Camano Arts Advocacy Commission, spoke about a building donation for a Community Center in Stanwood. Mary Toews, Owner/Director of Mari's Place for the Arts provided testimony regarding art being a connection to the community.

Committee Members thanked the Arts Commission for their efforts and asked Mr. Teigen about how 1% of building projects are spent. Mr. Teigen and Dr. MacKenzie responded and shared how the Arts Commissions are also looking for outside grants and corporations who want to invest in the arts.

Committee Member Low spoke about the Council supporting other art projects.

2. Office of Public Defense Performance Audit [2022-0729](#)
George Skiles - Performance Auditor

George J. Skiles, Snohomish County Performance Auditor and Partner with Sjoberg Evashenk Consulting, provided the performance audit report for the Office of Public Defense.

Lengthy discussion ensued between committee members, Mr. Skiles, Jason Schwarz, Office of Public Defense, Kathleen Kyle, Snohomish County Public Defender's Association, and Ken Klein, Executive's Office.

Committee Chair Wright thanked all involved in the audit.

3. 2022 Hires vs Separations by Depts. [2022-0784](#)

Committee Chair Wright noted that the information is in the committee packets. There were no questions from committee members.

4. 2022 Budget Note/Conditions Matrix [2022-0814](#)
Jim Martin, Council Staff

Jim Martin, Sr. Legislative Analyst, said Council staff continues to monitor the status of the 2022 budget notes and conditions and he provided current updates. He responded to Committee Member Dunn's question related to Office of Public Defense's Performance Audit.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.