MINUTES OF THE PULLMAN
ARTS COMMISSION
OCTOBER 11, 2011

ROLL CALL: A regular meeting of the Pullman Arts Commission was held on October 11, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room, City Hall, Pullman, Washington with the following present:

Pullman Arts Commission:

	Richard Berry	Commission Member
	David Hoyt	Commission Member
	Vicki Leeper	Commission Member
	John Rich	Commission Member
	Anna-Maria Shannon	Commission Member
	Patrick Siler	Commission Member
	Mike Yates	Commission Member
ABSENT	Vic Hudak	Commission Member
	Carl Mattoon	Commission Member

Call to Order — Chairperson Mike Yates opened the regular meeting at 4:06 p.m. Temporary Library Services Manager Joanna Bailey was also present.

Attendance 1. David Hoyt and John Rich introduced themselves.

Minutes of Sept 13, 2011 2. Richard moved, David seconded to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of September 13, 2011. Anna Maria and John abstained from vote as they were absent at that meeting. The motion carried.

Old Business 3.

A. Duties — Following last month's meeting, Jane Joyce sent the ordinance defining the Art Commission to all members. Pat read Section 3, Chapter 1.53 of the Pullman City Code aloud to all

members. Pat stated that the first duty of the Commission is to acquire art for public display and enjoyment. Richard asked if the original members of the Pullman Arts Commission had a hand in the creation of the language reflected in the code. Anna Maria said that was the case and that members agreed with the final language. The only part in the code that was hard for members was that the commission was not financially supported by the City.

Discussion commenced about the role of the Arts Commission. Pat stated that acquiring art was a big job and members should focus on pursuing funding and initiating a call for artists. He further stated that the Commission should pursue fewer things but really go after them. Anna Maria spoke about how lack of proper administrative support from the city hindered the Commission's progress early on.

In looking at funding issues, Mike stated that the Arts Commission is not a nonprofit organization. Anna Maria said the Pullman Civic Trust has served as a pass-through agent for them for grant funding. She said she has spoken with Mike about establishing a separate 501c(3) organization for the Arts Commission. Joanna will approach Laura for legal guidance about the ins and outs of forming a 501c(3) organization. John affirmed how important this was to talk about. Unless the Commission is a nonprofit, they cannot apply for many types of grants. Members discussed wanting to have a retreat to discuss ideas in more detail. Joanna will approach Laura for legal guidance about this as well.

B. Focus Groups

The Commission defined three main focus groups: Seek Funding, Identify source of projects, Establish nonprofit organization. Mike Yates asked the Committee to continue thinking about the skill sets they have as it relates to serving on these identified focus groups. He also wanted the group to think