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Summary Minutes

Tacoma Arts Commission

Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality

Tacoma Venues and Events Department

Date: February 8, 2021

Time: 5:00 pm

Location: Virtual

These minutes accompany the recorded meeting of the Tacoma Arts Commission, which is available at www.cityoftacoma.org/tacagendaminutes.



Commission Members in Attendance:

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City Staff Present:

Amy McBride
Chevi Chung
Rebecca Solverson
Naomi Strom-Avila
Lisa Jaret
Adam Cook
Tammi Bryant

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Alejandra Villeda

Commission Members Unexcused Absence:

Jasmine Brown
Elizabeth Pew
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1. Call to Order

5:08 pm (00:00)

Chair Ayala called the meeting to order. Chair Ayala recognized that the meeting was held on Indigenous land: the traditional homelands of the Puyallup people.

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“We gratefully acknowledge that we rest on the traditional lands of the Puyallup People where they make their home and speak the Lushootseed language.”

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2. Consent Agenda (00:50)

There was one excused absence: Commissioner Villeda.

Vice Chair Maestas asked for a motion to approve the February agenda as well as the minutes from the January meeting.

There was a motion: “I so move.”

Motion: Commissioner Sanchez

Seconded: Commissioner Woodson

Motion: Carried

3. Chair’s Report/Housekeeping (01:45)

Chair Ayala welcomed Commissioner Scott and gave an overview of the DEI subcommittee. Staff shared the background of and gave a brief update about the subcommittee.

4. Public Comment on Agenda Items (05:57)

There were no public comments on agenda items.

5. Discussion/Updates

a. How do artists and creatives show up and respond in times of crisis and trauma? (07:56)

Chair Ayala read a prompt from Adrienne Maree Brown about pleasure activism and shared that the goal of the discussion item is for Commissioners to check-in, asking the question: “How do artists and creatives show up and respond in times of crisis and trauma?” Commissioners shared their responses to this question.

b. Council Coffee Topics of Interest (50:42)

Chair Ayala called on staff to start the discussion on the Council Coffee meetings. Commissioners shared topics and ideas for the Council Coffee meetings.

c. Arts Commission Annual Retreat Objectives (59:00)

Staff shared 2021 Tacoma Arts Commission retreat ideas and topics from the January 2021 Tacoma Arts Commission meeting. Commissioners brainstormed additional topics, discussed and then voted on the topics they were most interested in covering including:

- DEI strategy for the Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality (9 votes)
- Visioning – big picture ideas and goals (6 votes)
- How to better understand what local artists need (6 votes)
- Revitalization and healing – how can we support each other and other artists (6 votes)
- What are other communities or Arts Commissions doing as a response to Covid-19 in their community? Research/connecting to a wider community conversation beyond Tacoma for more ideas (5 votes)
- Discussion arts and wellness on small/large scales – individual vs. community wellness and the role of arts within healing/revitalizing as a community and individuals (5 votes)

6. Presentations

a. Staff Projects Overview and Updates (01:18:00)

Staff played the Open Public Meetings Act Online Training video from the Office of WA State Attorney General for Commissioners as required by the State of WA.

7. Staff Check-In

a. Staff Projects Overview and Updates

(01:37:38)

Staff gave an update about Community Arts Projects funding and programming. Staff reported on the Community Arts Projects TV Tacoma CityLine episode and Commissioner Allison shared about her experience on the show. Staff gave an update about Tacoma Artists Initiative Program (TAIP) funding, 40 applications were received for TAIP, and the panel will meet later this month. Staff reported on receipt of 12 applicants for the Tacoma Poet Laureate program and the panel will meet to review applications on March 2.

b. Public Art Updates

(01:43:08)

Staff gave an update on the Tacoma Totem Pole Deaccession committee. Staff gave an update about looking for ways to support Puyallup Tribe of Indians artists through the Language program and the traffic box wraps projects. Staff reported on the maintenance of the Bridge of Glass and conservation work on the Welcome Figure and People's Park benches. Staff informed Commissioners about the Public Art Reaching Community (PARC) artists launching their projects. Staff reported on The Jewels at The Rise at 19th including an upcoming TV Tacoma CityLine episode with artist Diane Hansen and the Tacoma Housing Authority.

c. Tacoma Creates

(01:46:54)

Staff gave an update about the Tacoma Creates funding guidelines, workshops, eligibility criteria, funding categories for Impact Funding and Comprehensive Organizational Support.

8. Report Back

a. Advocacy Reports

(01:53:22)

There were no report backs on advocacy reports.

b. Funded Project Updates/Arts Events Attended

(01:53:22)

There were no report backs on funded project updates and arts events attended.

c. Future Agenda Items for Consideration

(01:53:22)

There were no future agenda items for consideration.

9. Adjourn

7:02 pm (01:54:09)

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