

# **SUMMARY MINUTES**

**Tacoma Creates Advisory Board (TCAB)** 

Date: Monday, July 7, 2021

Time: 5:30-7:30 pm

**Location: Virtually via Zoom** 

These minutes accompany the recorded meeting of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, which is available at https://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/One.aspx?portalld=169&pageId=195545.

Tacoma Creates is administered by the City of Tacoma's Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality, which is part of the Tacoma Venues and Events department.

# **Board Members in Attendance:**

Sheree Cooks Jason Gamboa Amanda Figueroa Roxane Hreha

Michael "Tony" Hudson

Dominica Myers Liesl Santkuyl

### **Board Members Absent:**

Kenya Adams (excused)
Putter Bert (excused)
Megan Clark
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Davon White (excused)

#### **Staff Present:**

Lisa Jaret Clarissa Gines Amy McBride Naomi Strom-Avila Tammi Bryant

#### **Guest Presenters:**

Sarah Low Lua Pritchard

#### 1. Call to Order; Roll Call

#### Vice Chair Figueroa

Tacoma Creates Advisory Board Vice Chair Amanda Figueroa called the TCAB meeting to order at 5:33pm.

She started the meeting with a land acknowledgement:

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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.

# 2. Warm-up / Check-ins

#### **TCAB Members, Staff**

Vice Chair Figueroa facilitated the meeting check-in, which was an invitation to share one way folks are nurturing their own creativity this summer.

# 3. Program Updates

#### Staff

Lisa Jaret shared updates on the 2020-21 Final Reports, which were released to funded organizations in mid-June and are due on July 25<sup>th</sup>, and highlighted that about 5 out of 50 reports have been submitted so far. She also shared an update on TCAB recruitment, and reported that she met with Council Member Thoms to review the applications that were submitted. Interviews and appointments will happen in August.

Clarissa Gines then invited TCAB members to attend the July Convening and Orientation for the 2021-22 cohort of funded organizations, and noted that the Tacoma Creates website was updated.

# 4. TCAB Engagement/Operations

#### **Chair White**

Vice Chair Figueroa, Sheree Cooks, and Tony Hudson from the Operations Committee shared information on the draft Operating Manual, and opened up the meeting for review and feedback. There was strong engagement from TCAB members, and lots of feedback was provided.

# 5. Presentation: Tacoma Creates Funded Organizations

# Asia Pacific Cultural Center & Tacoma Tree Foundation

Lisa Jaret introduced Sarah Low, Executive Director of Tacoma Tree Foundation and Lua Pritchard, Executive Director of Asia Pacific Cultural Center before they both presented about their organizations and how Tacoma Creates funding has supported their work.

Vice Chair Figueroa facilitated questions at the end of the presentations, and there was lots of engagement and appreciation shared from TCAB members.

# 6. OACV Staff Reports

#### Lisa Jaret

Lisa Jaret shared information about the planned removal of the Tacoma Totem Pole, and about two upcoming Professional Development workshops presented by Spaceworks Tacoma.

A question was asked about the transition with the City-owned theatres, and Lisa provided an update.

# 7. Closing Comments

#### **TCAB Members**

Vice Chair Figueroa provided a quick update about the TCAB retreat that will be happening in the coming months.

A reminder was shared that there will be two TCAB meetings in August – one on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the following meeting four weeks later on August 30<sup>th</sup> (due to the Labor Day weekend).

# 8. Adjourn

**Vice Chair Figueroa** 

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm.

Meeting Frequency: Every First Monday of every month at 5:30pm, venue to be determined based on health regulations. All meetings of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board are open to the public. Written comments are welcome to be submitted in advance of each meeting.



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