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Summary Minutes

Tacoma Arts Commission

Community & Economic Development

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

Date: August 10, 2015

Location: City of Tacoma Municipal Building North, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Traci Kelly, Chair
Dane Meyer, Vice Chair
Scott Campbell
Heather Conklin
Matt Hudgins
Kareem Kandi
Halley Knigge
Don Lacky
Wanda Thompson
Paul Throne
Katrina Toft

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Rachel Cardwell
Joel Chang
Mike Sweney
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

Council Members in Attendance:

David Boe

Staff Present:

Martha Anderson, Assistant Director, CEDD
Amy McBride, Tacoma Arts Administrator
Naomi Strom-Avila, Cultural Arts Specialist
Rebecca Solverson, Public Art Specialist

Guests:

Deborah Munkberg
Jessie Hartmann
Stephen Atkinson
Jeff Soifer

1. Call to Order

5:02 pm (00:03)

Vice Chair Meyer

2. Consent Agenda

5:02 pm (00:14)

Vice Chair Meyer

Vice Chair Meyer asked if Commissioners had a chance to review the minutes from the last meeting and the agenda for this meeting.

There was a motion: "I move to accept the agenda and minutes."

Motion: Don Lacky

Second: Halley Knigge

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Motion: Carried

Commissioners Cardwell, Chang, Sweney, and Wilmot-Stenehjem had an excused absence.

3. Chair’s Report **5:02 pm (00:43)** **Vice Chair Meyer**

Commissioner Throne was welcomed to the Commission and introduced himself.

4. Presentations

A. Comprehensive Plan Update **5:03 pm (01:46)**

Stephen Atkinson presented on the City’s Comprehensive Plan update including background information on the two years of community outreach that has been done in undertaking the update. Stephen gave a brief overview of the entire plan and then focused a review of the Design & Development and Economic Development chapters in which the arts are integrated.

Commissioners discussed and asked clarifying questions.

B. 5 Year Art Plan **5:32 pm (30:53)**

Deborah Munkberg and Jessie Hartmann from 3 Square Blocks presented on their current work in evaluating the city’s current Arts Program and developing a 5 year action plan to enhance and expand the Arts Program. 3 Square Blocks has completed initial meetings with City staff and will be conducting three upcoming focus groups with community members.

Commissioners broke into two groups and discussed four questions:

- How do we promote culture, character and identity?
- How do we promote access to the arts?
- How do we promote our creative economy?
- How do we promote our arts organizations?

5. Action Items

A. AMOCAT Arts Awards **6:25 pm (01:23:23)**

Commissioners reviewed and discussed the nominees for the 2015 AMOCAT Arts Awards and then voted as follows:

Category: Community Outreach by an Individual	Voting Round 1	Voting Round 2	Voting Round 3
Amy Reeves	1		
Connie K Walle	5		
Emily Alm			
Gordy Lee			
Heather Joy			
Jack Curtright			
Jackie Fender	2		



James Allan Tucker	1		
Juel Lugo			
Laurie Cinotto			
Marilyn Bennett	1		
Stephanie Christy			
Steve Barnett	1		
Category: Community Outreach by an Organization			
SPUN Clay Arts Studio & Gallery			
Awesome Tacoma	1		
Museum of Glass	3	3	4
Ruston/Point Defiance Business District			
Tacoma Musical Playhouse	2	1	
LILT	2	2	
Post Defiance			
Northwest Regional Baha'i Training Institute			
Tacoma Public Library (write in)	2	4	6
Foss Waterway Seaport (write in)	1		
Category: Arts Patron			
University of Puget Sound	2		
Rick Semple & Jori Adkins	1		
University of Washington-Tacoma (write in)	7		
Multicare (write in)	1		

After the first round of voting for Community Outreach by an Organization, Commissioners discussed the candidates and re-voted.

The 2015 AMOCAT Arts Award winners are:

Category: Community Outreach by an Individual
Connie K Walle
Category: Community Outreach by an Organization
Tacoma Public Library
Category: Arts Patron
University of Washington Tacoma

There was a motion: "I move that we accept those declared as winners."

Motion: Scott Campbell
 Second: Wanda Thompson
 Motion: Carried



B. Water Forest Task Force**7:14 pm (02:12:30)**

Amy McBride gave a brief overview of vandalism to the Water Forest public art sculpture. Amy requested that a task force comprised of Commission members and content experts be assembled to look closely at the sculpture including possible fixes and to discuss if the piece needs to be considered for deaccession in the future. Commissioners discussed and asked clarifying questions.

Commissioner Sweney was recommended for the task force. Commissioners Toft and Lacky volunteered to sit on the task force.

There was a motion: "I would go ahead and propose that we put together a group to look at it."

Motion: Dane Meyer

Second: Wanda Thompson

Motion: Carried

C. Arts FTE Research Sub-Committee**7:25 pm (02:23:32)**

Chair Kelly shared that the sub-committee (Chair Kelly and Commissioners Chang, Thompson, Toft and Hudgins) met in July to discuss goals of a possible new FTE position in the Arts Program to support public art and community outreach. Initial outreach was made to Councilmembers Boe and Campbell. Councilmember Boe requested a position description/proposal to submit for consideration for a mid-biennium adjustment. Commissioners asked clarifying questions and discussed the needs of the position. Chair Kelly proposed that the Commission authorize the sub-committee to work with Arts Program staff to develop a proposal to submit.

There was a motion: "I'd just like to make a motion that we reactivate the TAC Capacity Analysis Sub-Committee to put together a final rough draft of a job description and the bullets. We talked about a white paper, so putting together the white paper with the job description and answers to those key questions."

Motion: Wanda Thompson

Second: Matt Hudgins

Motion: Carried

6. Discussion/Updates**A. Public Art****7:39 pm (02:37:30)**

Lincoln District Revitalization – The call to artists for this project has gone out and the deadline is September 8. This project has a \$210,000 budget to include gateway public art and community outreach. There is also an additional \$25,000 set aside for smaller public art projects to be completed by local artists. Community panel members are needed for these projects.

Prairie Line Trail Spur – Susan Zoccola, David Franklin, and Perri Howard interviewed as finalists for the project and Susan Zoccola was selected.

Bay Terrace – Christopher Jordan and Kenji Stoll were selected for this project combining youth engagement and public art.



Commissioners discussed projects and asked clarifying questions.

B. Tacoma Arts Month

7:55 pm (02:53:22)

Naomi Strom-Avila gave an overview of Tacoma Arts Month including print marketing pieces and sponsors. The Arts and Cultural Coalition of Pierce County is sponsoring an arts passport prize to encourage attendance to multiple events.

The Opening Party will be October 1, 6 - 9 pm, at the Tacoma Armory. The event will have a line-up of multiple arts events and exhibits and is being hosted in collaboration with Spaceworks Tacoma. The Tacoma Studio Tour will be October 17 & 18, 11 am – 5 pm.

Commissioners Thompson, Toft, Conklin, Lacky, Kandi, Throne, Hudgins, Campbell, and Meyer volunteered to help distribute Tacoma Arts Month marketing materials.

7. Staff Check-In

8:03 pm (03:01:33)

Commissioners viewed draft design proposals from each of the 20 Traffic Box Wrap Project artists.

Commissioners shared art events they had attended or have been involved with including the Seattle Art Fair, Proctor Arts Fest, Pop-Up Art Putt!, In the Spirit, and Crafts of the Past.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm

