



SUMMARY MINUTES

Tacoma Creates Advisory Board (TCAB)

Date: Monday, October 3, 2022

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?portalId=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:

Sophia Agtarap
Putter Bert
Sheree Cooks
Amanda Figueroa
Katie Mattran
Naomi O'Connor
Roxane Hreha
Brian Robinson
Chase Williams

Staff Present:

Lisa Jaret
Clarissa Gines
Rico Lastrapes
Amy McBride

Guest Presenters:

Karina Bharne
Dr. Anna Jensen

Board Members Absent:

Allison Campbell
Megan Clark

1. Call to Order; Roll Call

Chair Cooks

Chair Cooks 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

Chair Cooks provided an opportunity for new TCAB members to introduce themselves, and also shared the check-in prompt, “What is something you’ve done every fall, or remember doing as a kid growing up during this season?”

3. Consent Agenda

Vice Chair Bert

Vice Chair Bert asked for a motion to approve the October 3rd agenda, as well as the minutes from the August 29th meeting.

There was a motion, “...to approve the agenda, as well as the minutes from the previous meeting.”

Motion: Amanda Figueroa

Seconded: Naomi O’Connor

Motion: Carried

4. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Chair Cooks

Chair Cooks provided space for attendees to share public comment. There were no public comments made at this time.

5. Program Updates

Staff

Clarissa Gines shared information around the Roundtable Discussions, including the intentions for these discussions, and meeting dates and locations. She extended an invitation out to TCAB members if they are interested in attending. She also noted that work on the Annual Report continues to move forward, with a completion goal of October 31st.

Lisa Jaret provided a budget update and walked through a Financial Summary which will be included in the 2021-22 Annual Report. TCAB members were very engaged and had lots of questions. She also shared a quick update around Participatory Budgeting and informed TCAB that a community group has been identified to lead the Juneteenth event on the Eastside, and there is a solid path moving forward.

Lastly, Jaret listed some capacity building opportunities for Tacoma Creates-funded organizations that are available, and one opportunity that is also open to TCAB members to participate in.

6. TCAB Committees

Chair Cooks

Chair Cooks provided information around TCAB leadership for 2023, and let members know that they will need to nominate folks for TCAB Chair, and Co-Chair at the next meeting in November, with voting happening in December.

TCAB member Brian Robinson then shared brief updates on the work that the Annual Report

Committee did, and TCAB member Amanda Figueroa talked about her experience attending the Participatory Budgeting meetings as a TCAB member and Eastside resident.

Next, Chair Cooks invited TCAB members to review the 2021-22 Application Guidelines, and to offer notes to staff by email, but especially encouraged new members to consider reviewing as a way to learn more about Tacoma Creates' two core funding programs.

She also notified TCAB of the transition of City Commissions, Boards, and Committee meetings from virtual to a hybrid model, and that TCAB will start holding hybrid meetings in November. TCAB members will have the option of attending meetings either in-person at the Tacoma Municipal Building, or online. Chair Cooks encouraged everyone to attend in-person when possible.

7. Presentation:

Tacoma Creates Funded Organizations

Symphony Tacoma & Tacoma Youth Symphony Association

Lisa Jaret introduced Karina Bharne, Executive Director of Symphony Tacoma, and Dr. Anna Jensen, Executive Director of Tacoma Youth Symphony Association, before they presented about the work their organizations provide, and how Tacoma Creates funding has supported this work.

Chair Cooks facilitated questions at the end of the presentations. Lots of engagement and appreciation was shared from TCAB members.

8. OACV Staff Reports

Staff

Clarissa Gines provided information on the 21st anniversary of Tacoma Arts Month, the Kaleidoscope opening party, Tacoma Studio Tours, and 2023 Community Arts Projects funding.

9. Closing Comments

Chair Cooks, TCAB Members

Chair Cooks offered space for TCAB members to share back any experiences they had with Tacoma Creates-supported organizations. TCAB members Amanda Figueroa and Roxane Hreha both shared their experiences with various Tacoma Creates-supported events that they attended.

10. Adjourn

Chair Cooks

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm.

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.



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