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Amy McBride, *Tacoma Arts Administrator*  
Naomi Strom-Avila, *Cultural Arts Specialist*  
Rebecca Solverson, *Public Art Specialist*  
Asia Tail, *Arts Program Coordinator*

# Summary Minutes

## Tacoma Arts Commission

### Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality

These minutes accompany the recorded meeting of the Tacoma Arts Commission, which is available at [www.cityoftacoma.org/tacagendaminutes](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/tacagendaminutes).

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Date: October 9, 2017

Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

#### *Commission Members in Attendance:*

Mike Sweney, Chair  
Marty Campbell, City Council Liaison  
Scott Campbell  
Heather Conklin  
Quincy Henry  
Johnaye Kendrick  
Michael Kula  
Donald Lacky  
Liesl Santkuyl  
Wanda Thompson  
Paul Throne  
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

#### *Staff Present:*

Amy McBride, Arts Administrator  
Naomi Strom-Avila, Cultural Arts Specialist  
Rebecca Solverson, Public Art Specialist  
Asia Tail, Arts Program Coordinator

#### *Guests Present:*

Chris Spadafore  
Nofo Porter

#### *Commission Members Excused Absence:*

Kareem Kandi  
Halley Knigge

#### *Commission Members Unexcused Absence:*

Traci Kelly

### **1. Call to Order**

**5:03 pm (00:13)**

**Chair Sweney**

Chair Sweney announced that Vice Chair Cardwell resigned her position because she moved out of state. Chair Sweney will present the consent agenda until a new Vice Chair is determined in next month's elections.

### **2. Consent Agenda**

**5:03 pm (00:56)**

**Chair Sweney**

Commissioners Kandi and Knigge had excused absences.

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Chair Sweney asked if there was a motion to approve the consent agenda as well as minutes from the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

There was a motion: “I so move.”

Motion: Wanda

Second: Heather

Motion: Carried

### **3. Chair’s Report**

**5:04 pm (01:41)**

**Chair Sweney**

Chair Sweney noted that the Arts Month opening party was a success, and shared the City Council proclamation naming October Tacoma Arts Month. He also recognized that the meeting was held on Indigenous land: the traditional homelands of the Puyallup people.

### **4. Action Items**

#### **A. Valhalla Hall Artwork Final Design**

**5:06 pm (03:12)**

Artists Matamatanonofu Porter and Chris Spadafore presented their final public art designs planned for Valhalla Hall. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

After Matamatanonofu’s presentation, Chair Sweney asked for a motion to approve the project.

There was a motion: “I move to accept the proposal.”

Motion: Don Lacky

Second: Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

Motion: Carried

After Chris Spadafore’s presentation, Chair Sweney asked for a motion to approve the project.

There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Heather Conklin

Second: Don Lacky

Motion: Carried

### **5. Discussion/Updates**

#### **A. Commission Executive Committee Nominations**

**5:34 pm (31:20)**

Staff and Chair Sweney explained the nomination and election processes. Chair Sweney shared that he would be willing to continue on as Chair another year should the Commission choose to re-elect him. Nominations should be emailed to Naomi Strom-Avila, and voting will occur at the December meeting.

#### **B. Tacoma Arts Month – Updates and Feedback**

**5:38 pm (35:30)**

Staff shared feedback on the Arts Month opening party, Kaleidoscope, including that 500 people attended and most found out about the event through Facebook. Commissioners were reminded to continue promoting arts month. Commissioners discussed, asked questions, and provided additional feedback.



**C. Candidate Forum on Arts and Culture 5:49 pm (46:10)**

Chair Sweney announced that the Candidate Forum would be held October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Asia Pacific Cultural Center. Commissioners were encouraged to volunteer and spread the word.

**6. Staff Check-In****A. Overview and Updates****5:52 pm (49:50)**

Staff shared updates on the following projects: Amy McBride has been presenting locally and nationally on the role of the arts in economic and cultural vitality; staff will be attending the NOWPAC conference in Olympia; the Tacoma Film Festival is underway; the Transform art walk was a success; applications will soon be accepted for 6 seats opening on the Arts Commission; 3 new murals have been completed along the Water Flume Line Trail; Arts Projects funding is now accepting applications.

**B. Public Art Updates****6:00 pm (57:10)**

Staff shared updates on the following public art projects: the October 7<sup>th</sup> Getting Art Contracts workshop was a success; the Portable Artworks Purchase opportunity for the Eastside Community Center is currently accepting applications; Adam Kuby's waterfront piece is almost completely installed; the Artist in Residence project will soon have an artist selected; the Latinx festival was a success; a Community Sing-a-Long event hosted by Erin Guinup and funded through a Lincoln mini-grant will take place November 4<sup>th</sup>; there is a Prairie Line Trail celebration on October 19<sup>th</sup>; staff met with administrators from the Science and Math Institute to discuss the development of their public art collection.

**7. Report Back****A. Advocacy Reports****6:14 pm (01:11:33)**

Councilmember Lonergan attended the Festival Latinx and spoke with commissioner Santkuyl.

**B. Arts Events Attended****6:15 pm (01:12:15)**

Commissioners shared arts events and venues that they attended, upcoming events, or events they have been involved with including: the Festival Latinx; the Tacoma Moon Festival; Parking Day; the YMCA's and TAM's first Y Arts Day; Tacoma Little Theatre's production of Rumors.

**C. Future Agenda Items for Consideration****6:19 pm (01:16:35)**

Commissioner Lucky suggested starting a program to keep track of important leaders in the art scene who are retiring and giving them a certificate honoring their service. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm**

