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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.

Date: April 9, 2018
Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16
Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Mike Sweney, *Chair*
Heather Conklin, *Vice Chair*
Rosie Ayala
Scott Campbell
Halley Knigge
Michael Kula
Liesl Santkuyl
Paul Throne
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem
Wanda Thompson

Staff Present:

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

Guests Present:

Kimberly Keith
Horatio Law (via Skype)
Michelle

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Michelle Douglas
Paula Jacobson
Johnaye Kendrick

Commission Members Unexcused Absence:

Quincy Henry

1. Call to Order

5:07 pm (00:09)

Chair Sweney

Chair Sweney called the meeting to order, recognizing that the meeting was held on Indigenous land: the traditional homelands of the Puyallup people.

2. Consent Agenda

5:07 pm (00:24)

Vice Chair Conklin

Commissioners Douglas, Jacobson, and Kendrick had excused absences.

Vice Chair Conklin asked to table the motion to approve the consent agenda as well as minutes from the March meeting until later in the meeting when a quorum was present.

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3. Chair's Report**5:07 pm (00:33)****Chair Sweney**

Chair Sweney did not have anything to report, but promised to share more during the Advocacy Reports section.

4. Presentations**A. Lincoln District Public Art Project Update****5:08 pm (01:19)**

Horatio Law discussed his progress on projects in the Lincoln District that he is managing as lead artist, and his permanent public artworks currently in production that will be installed in the neighborhood this year. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

Following the presentation, enough commissioners were present to form a quorum. Commissioner Thompson noted that there was a mistake in the March minutes: she was marked absent when she was present by phone. There was a motion to approve the consent agenda with the mistake amended.

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Halley Knigge

Second: Liesl Santkuyl

Motion: Carried

5. Action Items**A. Awards and Recognition Subcommittee Recommendations****5:38 pm (31:30)**

Staff explained the origins of the Awards and Recognition Subcommittee. Commissioners on the subcommittee – Campbell, Knigge and Thompson – presented their recommendations. They recommended to keep the AMOCAT Arts Awards as they currently exist and decided not to move forward with retirement recognition for community members or any additional awards programs. They also recommended recognizing Tacoma Arts Commissioners who have actively served at least a 3 year term with a certificate. Some case by case exceptions may be made.

Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

There was a motion: "Motion to accept the recommendation of the committee to recognize outgoing commissioners who have served at least a full 3 year term, or most of it, and case by case exemptions including ones who may have recently cycled out will be taken up by the subcommittee."

Motion: Mike Sweeney

Second: Wanda Thompson

Motion: Carried

6. Discussion/Updates**A. Arts Commission Annual Retreat Wrap-Up****5:47pm (40:15)**

Staff shared an overview of the feedback and data gathered at the Creative Community Conversations event which was initially reviewed at the annual retreat. Staff is planning additional events, and gave an update on the progress of the Tacoma Creates initiative.



Commissioners shared key takeaways from the retreat discussions, proposed topics and activities for the next community event, and asked questions.

7. Staff Check-In

A. Overview and Updates

6:08 pm (1:01:14)

Staff shared updates on the following: Tacoma Arts Month contract position, TRANSFORM, Gillian Nordlund's artistic license department, Tacoma Town Center public art, Arts Office budgeting, Alberta J. Canada building public art, Prairie Line Trail Spur mural, EnviroChallenger position, incoming interns, Franke Tobey Jones would like a Commissioner to serve as a juror, Seattle magazine feature on Tacoma, and Tacoma Art Museum's new director.

B. Public Art Updates

6:30 pm (1:23:19)

Staff shared updates on the following public art projects: Artists in Residence, South Tacoma Sheila Klein public art project, Water Flume Line Trail Clark Wiegman public art project, Anthony Duenas was selected for the Pumphouse Mural project, Mary Coss was selected for the Dickman Mill project, Mauricio Robalino was selected for the Eastside Community Center's Outdoor Sculpture, Jasmine Brown was selected for the Eastside Community Center's Billy Ray Memorial, Public Art: Public Action training program, Eastside Artist Training Cohort.

8. Report Back

A. Advocacy Reports

6:45 pm (1:38:19)

Commissioners shared about their council coffee meetings.

B. Arts Events Attended

6:50 pm (1:43:30)

Commissioners shared arts events and venues that they attended, upcoming events, or events they have been involved with including: UWT's Prairie Line Trail public art project, Jeremy Mangan's Sound Transit mural, Barefoot Collective dance workshops for adults and lecture series, Priscilla Dobler's La Sala exhibition at Feast, working artist museum, Alma Mater opening, Spacework's upcoming fundraiser NEON.

C. Future Agenda Items for Consideration

6:56 pm (1:49:55)

There were no items for consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm

