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Summary Minutes

Tacoma Arts Commission

Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality

Tacoma Venues & Events

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

Date: January 14, 2019

Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

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Heide Fernandez-Llamazares
Anna Holcomb
Paula Jacobson
Michael Kula
James Stowe
Paul Throne
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem
Sarah Woodson

Staff Present:

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

Guests Present:

Kim Bedier
Wes Wenhardt

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Michelle Douglas
Wanda Thompson
Johnaye Kendrick

Commission Members Unexcused Absence:

Quincy Henry
Liesl Santkuyl

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- 1. Call to Order** **5:05 pm (00:08) Chair Conklin**
Chair Conklin called the meeting to order, and recognized that the meeting was held on Indigenous land: the traditional homelands of the Puyallup people.

- 2. Consent Agenda** **5:05 pm (00:48) Vice Chair Ayala**
Commissioners Douglas, Kendrick, and Thompson had excused absences.

Vice Chair Ayala asked for a motion to approve the agenda as well as minutes from the December meeting.

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Michael Kula

Second: Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

Motion: Carried

- 3. Chair's Report** **5:06 pm (01:29) Chair Conklin**
Chair Conklin welcomed new commissioners and invited everyone to introduce themselves.

4. Agenda Items

- a. Tacoma Creates Community Conversations** **5:09 pm (04:25)**
Staff requested volunteers for the January 23 Tacoma Creates Community Conversation event. Amy McBride gave an overview of the plan for the event, including discussing what Tacoma Creates is and how it will roll out, collecting attendee input, and facilitating visioning exercises to record community goals and desired impacts from the new legislation. She also shared related staffing updates and next steps.
- b. Arts Commission Annual Retreat** **5:19 pm (14:06)**
Staff and commissioners discussed possible dates for the annual retreat, and selected March 30th.
- c. 2018 Year in Review** **5:26 pm (21:47)**
Staff shared the drafted content and data for the 2018 report. Commissioners discussed, asked questions, and gave suggestions.
- d. Council Coffee Sign-Ups** **5:34 pm (29:27)**
Staff described the council coffee process and passed around a sign-up sheet. Commissioners discussed and recommended having mini-planning sessions between commissioner teams to prepare before the actual meetings with council members.



5. Staff Check In

a. Staff Projects Overview and Updates

5:41 pm (36:30)

Kim Bedier, Director of Tacoma Venues and Events introduced herself. Staff shared updates on the following projects: Tacoma Creates, Gertie's Ghost, Sound Transit LINK light rail, Northwest College of Art and Design volunteer request, Arts Projects contracting.

b. Public Art Updates

5:51 pm (46:30)

Staff shared updates on the following projects: portable works purchases, Mauricio Robalino's sculpture for Tacoma Housing Authority, East 64th Street February 8 community engagement event, Artists in Residence reporting, partner projects with Metro Parks, portable works collection reframing, Port Centennial artwork.

6. Report Back

a. Advocacy Reports

5:59 pm (54:52)

There were no advocacy reports.

b. Arts Events Attended

6:00 pm (55:01)

Commissioners shared arts events and venues that they attended, upcoming events, or events they have been involved with including: Mary Coss's show at 950 Gallery, opening of the Benaroya Wing at Tacoma Art Museum, William Morris lecture at Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma Arts Live theater cohort, MLK day celebration on January 21.

c. Future Agenda Items for Consideration

6:04 pm (59:04)

There were no items.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm

