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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 10, 2017

Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Mike Sweney, Chair
Rachel Cardwell, Vice Chair
Marty Campbell, City Council Liaison
Scott Campbell
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Kareem Kandi
Traci Kelly
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Staff Present:

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

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Paul Throne

Commission Members Unexcused Absence:

Quincy Henry

1. Call to Order

5:04 pm (00:10)

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

5:04 pm (00:35)

Vice Chair Cardwell

Commissioner Throne had an excused absence.

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Vice Chair Cardwell asked if there was a motion to approve the consent agenda as well as minutes from the March 13 meeting as well as the March 18 retreat.

There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Traci Kelly

Second: Wanda Thompson

Motion: Carried

3. Chair’s Report

5:05 pm (01:10)

Chair Sweney

Chair Sweney did not have a report.

4. Action Items

A. 2017-19 Tacoma Poet Laureate Recommendation

5:05 pm (01:30)

The Tacoma Poet Laureate selection panel recommended Kellie Richardson as the 2017-2019 Tacoma Poet Laureate, with Lydia Valentine as the alternate. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

The ceremony celebrating the new poet laureate will be April 29th at Tacoma Community College with a reception beginning at 5pm. Vice Chair Cardwell and Commissioners Kula, Thompson, and Knigge volunteered to assist at the event.

There was a motion: “I so move that we accept the new incoming poet laureate for 2017-18.”

Motion: Wanda Thompson

Second: Don Lacky

Motion: Carried

B. Hai Ying Wu Sculpture Accession Consideration

5:15 pm (11:35)

Artist Hai Ying Wu’s 1996 sculpture *Shipment to China* was recommended for official accession. The piece has been held jointly by the City of Tacoma and the Chinese Reconciliation Foundation for years and is now being retrofitted to become an outdoor public artwork, which will be sited on the new Prairie Line Trail. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

Chair Sweney called for a motion to accession *Shipment to China* into the Municipal Art Collection.

There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Rachel Cardwell

Second: Heather Conklin

Motion: Carried

C. People’s Community Center Portable Works Purchase Recommendation 5:22 pm (18:40)

19 artworks, by 14 artists, were recommended by the selection committee for purchase. The artworks will go on permanent display at the People’s Community Center. The total purchase comes to \$10,369.29 including tax. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.



The following works were recommended for purchase:

Artist Name	Artwork and price including tax
Adika Bell	Malcolm X (\$220.20), and Future Reflections (\$798.23)
Gerald Bigelow	Madonna (\$330.30), and Protest (\$330.30)
Jasmine Brown	Tanaja Stokes Icon (\$1,651.50)
Humbl	Thinking Cap (\$278.55)
Kate Cendejas	Untitled (\$330.30)
Tiffany Hammonds	Submerged (\$1,073.48)
JW Harrington	Color Abstraction 20 (\$440.40), and The Impossibility of Knowing (5) (\$275.25)
Saiyare Refaei	Migration is Natural (\$192.68)
Sarah Takahashi	Aqua (\$495.45)
Charles Taylor	Bates Welding Class (\$367.02), Officer Baker (\$367.02), and Issac at Peace (\$367.02)
Dion Thomas	African American? (\$770.70)
LaQuita Thurman	Yes, Noire Femme Series Part II "LIVE" (\$825.75)
Grace A Washington	Move! (\$1,211.10)
Byron White	Mellow Hype (\$44.04)

There was a motion: "I move that we accept these recommendations."

Motion: Scott Campbell

Second: Wanda Thompson

Motion: Carried

D. Water Flume Line Trail Public Art Proposal

5:31 pm (27:30)

Staff presented artist Clark Wiegman's final proposals for the Water Flume Line Trail and Oak Tree Park public art project. The proposal consists of four pieces titled *Free, Fly, Flow, Flume*.

Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

Chair Sweney called for a motion to accept the project proposals with the selection panel's feedback.

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Rachel Cardwell

Second: Wanda Thompson

Motion: Carried

5. Discussion/Updates

A. Arts Commission Annual Retreat Wrap-Up

5:53 pm (49:10)

Commissioners shared key takeaways from the retreat. Staff shared that they are working on pulling out the potential action items and recurring themes from the retreat notes, which they will bring back to the Commission at a future meeting to review.



6. Staff Check-In

A. Staff Projects Overview and Updates

6:00 pm (56:17)

Several Lincoln mini-grant projects are underway including two intersection mural workshops led by Dionne Bonner in April. Write253 will begin their outdoor poetry installations in May. Prairie Line Trail and Bay Terrace public artworks are nearing completion. The deaccessioned artwork *Tidal Pool* will be removed before the busy summer season. Justin Hahn's piece *Significant Figures* in South Tacoma will be restored and re-dedicated soon. Two public art opportunities for Valhalla Hall are currently open.

Staff recently attended a Leading for Racial Equity training hosted by the Seattle Office of Arts and Culture. The Culture and Transportation plan, McKinley Artist Lofts, Union Club, Alma Mater, and the Pacific Northwest College of Art and Design projects are all progressing as planned.

Artists receiving Tacoma Artists Initiative Project funding are being contracted with, and commissioners volunteered to meet with them for their mid-project reviews as follows:

Artist Name	Commission Volunteer
Anida Yoeu Ali	Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem
Travis Barker	Kareem Kandi
Priscilla Dobler	Heather Conklin
Daniel Garcia	Liesl Santkuyl
Antonio Gomez	Liesl Santkuyl
Mark Hoppmann	Traci Santkuyl
Maria Jost	Halley Knigge
Anne Lyman	Johnaye Kendrick
Kevin Miller	Michael Kula
Elise Richman	Traci Kelly
Mauricio Robalino	Mike Sweney
Jessica Spring	Mike Sweney
Nicholas Stokes	Scott Campbell
Kenji Stoll	Rachel Cardwell
Masahiro Sugano	
Qin Tan	Wanda Thompson
Collin Veenstra	Traci Kelly
Ben Wildenhaus	Halley Knigge

B. Public Art Updates

6:17 pm (1:13:20)

There were no further public art updates.



7. Report Back

A. Advocacy Reports

6:16 pm (1:13:00)

Chair Sweney debriefed on his recent meetings with councilmembers Blocker and Walker Lee.

B. Arts Events Attended

6:22 pm (1:19:03)

Commissioners shared arts events that they attended, upcoming events, or events they have been involved with including: Dukesbay Productions' Waltz of the Toreador, Tacoma Musical Playhouse's Spamalot, the Swiss' Stadium Jazz Band performance, PLU's dance concert, UPS's upcoming music performances, and the upcoming production of August Wilson's Red Door Project.

C. Future Agenda Items for Consideration

6:26 pm (1:22:50)

There were no items noted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm

