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Summary Minutes

Tacoma Arts Commission

Community & Economic Development

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

Staff

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

Date: December 14, 2015

Location: City of Tacoma Municipal Building North, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Traci Kelly, Chair
 Scott Campbell
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Council Members in Attendance:

David Boe

Staff Present:

Amy McBride, Tacoma Arts Administrator
 Naomi Strom-Avila, Cultural Arts Specialist

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Dane Meyer, Vice Chair
 Katrina Toft

1. Call to Order **5:03 pm (00:00)** **Chair Kelly**

2. Consent Agenda **5:03 pm (00:08)** **Chair Kelly**

Vice Chair Meyer and Commissioner Toft had an excused absence.

Chair Kelly asked if there was a motion to accept the agenda and minutes.

There was a motion: "I would move to accept the minutes and agenda."

Motion: Scott Campbell

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Second: Paul Throne

Motion: Carried

3. Chair's Report

5:03 pm (00:40)

Chair Kelly

Chair Kelly thanked Commissioner Hudgins and Deputy Mayor Boe for their service on the Commission. Chair Kelly thanked the Commission for being able to serve as chair.

The Commission's request for an Arts FTE was not approved in the City's mid-biennium adjustment. The Commission will continue to work on this position request.

The Commission's annual retreat will be held on February 6, 2016, 10 am – 3 pm.

4. Action Items

A. 2016 Arts Projects Funding Recommendations 5:13 pm (10:28)

The 2016 Arts Projects review panel's funding recommendations were presented to the Commission. The panel recommended funding 20 applicants for a total of \$50,000 as follows:

Organization	Recommended Funding
Asia Pacific Cultural Center	\$ 5,000.00
Assemblage Theater	\$ 1,000.00
Barefoot Collective	\$ 2,000.00
Centro Latino	\$ 1,500.00
Children's Museum of Tacoma	\$ 4,000.00
Feast Arts Center	\$ 1,000.00
Fort Nisqually Foundation	\$ 3,500.00
Foss Waterway Seaport	\$ 2,000.00
Hilltop Business Association	\$ 3,750.00
King's Bookstore	\$ 5,000.00
Northwest Repertory Singers	\$ 2,500.00
Old Town Business and Professional Assoc.	\$ 3,750.00
Puget Sound Poetry Connection	\$ 1,500.00
Second City Chamber Series	\$ 1,500.00
Sister Cities Council of Tacoma/Pierce County	\$ 1,000.00
Sixth Avenue Business District	\$ 1,000.00
Tacoma Concert Band	\$ 1,000.00
Tacoma Little Theatre	\$ 2,000.00
Washington State Historical Society	\$ 5,000.00
Write@253	\$ 2,000.00

A total of 23 applications were received, requesting a total of \$87,700.



Commissioners asked clarifying questions including ways to improve outreach to underrepresented areas of Tacoma. Panel members gave an overview of particular applications in question.

Chair Kelly asked, “Is there a motion to approve the recommendations?”

There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Mike Sweney

Second: Rachel Cardwell

Motion: Carried

B. John Armstrong Artwork Donation 5:21 pm (18:46)

Commissioners reviewed the resume, bio, and application materials for John Armstrong’s gift proposal of three photographs: Signs, Signs; Kitchen, Port Lockroy; and Waiting Room.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions.

There was a motion: “I move we accept the generous offer of John Armstrong to donate the pieces of art.”

Motion: Paul Throne

Second: Matt Hudgins

Motion: Carried

5. Discussion/Updates

A. Art Plan Updates 5:32 pm (29:03)

Amy McBride presented an overview of 3 Square Blocks’ presentation to the Economic Development Committee on November 10. Based on feedback received during multiple forms of outreach to the community, the high level recommendations include: welcome and sustain the creative community, embrace diversity and inclusiveness, enhance awareness and involvement, create welcoming public places, enhance collaboration, and create a healthy arts infrastructure.

The Commission will work through the 5-year Art Plan at their annual retreat.

B. Public Art Updates 5:39 pm (36:25)

Lincoln District Revitalization – Horatio Law has started work in the Lincoln District.

Sound Transit D to M – A date is being worked out for the artists to visit Tacoma again.

Prairie Line Trail Spur – Susan Zoccola has been developing a proposal and working through engineering needs for the project.

Metro Parks Tacoma – Six finalists were selected for the two projects at the Point Defiance Aquarium. Arts Program staff is planning to go to the Parks board on January 25 to get their plan and enter into an inter-local agreement with Metro Parks to manage their public art program.



South Tacoma – The call to artists for the Water Flume Line Trail is now available. The Arts Program will manage a gateway public art project on South Tacoma Way, funded by a State Farm grant.

Traffic Box Wrap Project – One box has been wrapped already and the other boxes will be wrapped in early 2016.

Commissioners discussed projects and asked clarifying questions.

6. Staff Check-In 5:44 pm (41:04)

A thank you letter from a Studio Tour Passport winner was shared. Over 1,000 submissions were received in the Tacoma Arts Month Challenge from people using #TacomaArts.

Commissioners volunteered to attend/evaluate funded projects as follows:

date	organization	event	volunteer
1/31/16	Tacoma Symphony	Mini Maestros - The Great String Thing-a-Machine	Rachel Cardwell

Mayor Strickland will be hosting a Monday Mixer event on February 1 centered on creative space, live/work, and adaptive reuse.

7. Report Back

A. Advocacy Reports 5:51 pm (48:33)

There were no advocacy reports.

B. Arts Events Attended 5:51 pm (48:41)

Commissioners shared art events they had attended or have been involved with including the poet laureate’s True Grit panel discussion, World AIDS Day at Tacoma Art Museum, Grand Cinema, Struggle & Strength exhibit at 1120 Creative Space, judging elementary art shows in Pierce county, Classical Tuesdays in Old Town, Tacoma Musical Playhouse, Tacoma Jazz Association, and Museum of Glass.

The Arts Program will be working with two Computer Science students at University of Puget Sound to develop a mobile app for Tacoma Arts Month.

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm

