



SUMMARY MINUTES

Tacoma Creates Advisory Board (TCAB)

Date: Monday, June 6, 2022

Time: 5:30-7:30 pm

Location: Virtually via Zoom

These minutes accompany the recorded meeting of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, which is available at <https://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=195545>.

Tacoma Creates is administered by the City of Tacoma's Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality, which is part of the Tacoma Venues and Events department.

Board Members in Attendance:

Putter Bert
Allison Campbell
Megan Clark
Sheree Cooks
Amanda Figueroa
Roxane Hreha
Naomi O'Connor
Brian Robinson
Liesl Santkuyl

Staff Present:

Lisa Jaret
Clarissa Gines
Rico Lastrapes
Naomi Strom-Avila

Board Members Absent:

Maeve Glackin-Coley

1. Call to Order; Roll Call

Chair Cooks

Chair Cooks called the TCAB meeting to order at 5:31pm.

She started the meeting with a land acknowledgement:

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gʷəl ʔutxʷəlšucidəbs həlgʷəʔ.

We gratefully acknowledge that we rest on the traditional lands of the Puyallup People where they make their home and speak the Lushootseed language.

2. Warm-up / Check-ins

TCAB Members

Chair Cooks asked TCAB members to respond to the check-in prompt, “what are you all ‘really into’ right now, especially as it relates to arts, culture, [heritage], and/or science.”

3. Consent Agenda

Vice Chair Bert

Vice Chair Bert asked for a motion to approve the June 6th agenda, as well as the minutes from the May 23rd meeting.

There was a motion, “...to approve the agenda, as well as the minutes from the previous meeting.”

Motion: Amanda Figueroa

Seconded: Allison Campbell

Motion: Carried

4. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Chair Cooks

Chair Cooks provided space for attendees to share public comment. There were no public comments made at this time.

5. Program Updates

Staff

Clarissa Gines provided updates on the 2022-23 Tacoma Creates funding year, and shared that funding notifications were sent out to the 58 organizations that were approved for funding. Tacoma Creates staff will host two kick-off convenings to set these organizations up for success. TCAB members are invited to these convenings, to learn more about how staff welcomes organizations into the new funding year.

She also noted that the Participatory Budgeting project closed its voting period, and shared that the Eastside community selected the Multicultural Festival Series, to be implemented by the Tacoma Refugee Choir, and the South Tacoma community selected the South Tacoma Heritage Festival, to be implemented by Asia Pacific Cultural Center. Both projects will be implemented sometime later this year, or in 2023.

6. TCAB Recruitment

Staff / Chair Cooks

Chair Cooks introduced the Recruitment Committee, which was made up of Chair Cooks and Amanda Figueroa, Naomi O’Connor, and Roxane Hreha. TCAB member Naomi O’Connor shared some updates on what was discussed during their Recruitment Committee meeting, talked through the recruitment timeline, and presented an action item for TCAB members to share the call for TCAB recruitment.

7. Project Funding Priorities

Staff / TCAB members

Lisa Jaret facilitated a brainstorming discussion about funding priorities, which was an opportunity for staff to share ideas that they have been talking about, and things on the

horizon for the future. These ideas, and feedback from TCAB will inform upcoming roundtable discussions with TCAB and funded organizations. TCAB members shared ideas and feedback.

8. Discussion Items

Naomi Strom-Avila gave a presentation on the Arts & Economic Prosperity (AEP) Study, and shared information on what this study is about, and why it matters. She also invited TCAB members to volunteer to help gather survey responses.

Lisa Jaret then provided a space for TCAB members to provide feedback on the approach that is currently in place in inviting funded organizations to present to TCAB between August and December. TCAB members were in agreement on continuing this approach.

Vice Chair Bert shared a quick update on the “What does success look like” document that was created by TCAB member Amanda Figueroa, and noted that this will be on the radar for a future meeting. She also informed TCAB on a summer social gathering happening later this month.

9. OACV Staff Reports

Staff

Naomi Strom-Avila provided some quick updates, including a Juneteenth recognition event happening at Tollefson Plaza on June 15th, and a public celebration on July 16th unveiling *Ghost Timber*, which is the sound component that accompanies the *Ghost Log* installation on the Ruston Way waterfront.

She also reminded TCAB that the Tacoma Arts Commission is currently accepting nominations for the AMOCAT Arts Awards, which recognizes organizations, individuals, and arts patrons.

10. Closing Comments

Chair Cooks, TCAB Members

Chair Cooks offered space for TCAB members to share back any experiences they had with Tacoma Creates-supported organizations or thoughts about future agenda items. Roxane Hreha shared that she attended the Heart of Tacoma festival; Brian Robinson shared that he visited the Tacoma Art Museum to view the Hilltop Artists’ *GATHER* exhibition; Naomi O’Connor went to The Grand Cinema’s 253 Short Film (?) Party event; Liesl Santkuyl attended one of Hilltop Artists’ glassmaking workshops at the Moore Library branch, and Chair Cooks attended *The Happiest Song Plays Last* at Tacoma Little Theatre.

11. Adjourn

Chair Cooks

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm.

Meeting Frequency: Every First Monday of every month at 5:30pm, venue to be determined based on health regulations. All meetings of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board are open to the public.



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