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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*

Date: December 8, 2014

Location: City of Tacoma Municipal Building North, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Traci Kelly, Chair
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 Jan Brazzell
 Rachel Cardwell
 Joel Chang
 Matt Hudgins
 Sarah Idstrom
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Staff Present:

Martha Anderson, Assistant Director, CEDD
 Amy McBride, Tacoma Arts Administrator
 Naomi Strom-Avila, Cultural Arts Specialist
 Vyra Saran, Arts Program Intern

Guests:

Stephanie Stebich, Heather Conklin, Molly Wilmoth

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Scott Campbell
 Ronald Lagman
 Mike Sweney

1. Call to Order**5:05 pm (00:01)****Chair Kelly****2. Consent Agenda****5:05 pm (00:07)****Vice Chair Elquist**

Commissioners Campbell, Lagman, and Sweney had excused absences. Commissioner Cardwell gave notice that she will arrive late.

Vice Chair Elquist asked if Commissioners had a chance to review the minutes from the last meeting and the agenda for this meeting. There were no objections.

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3. Chair's Report**5:05 pm (00:22)****Chair Kelly**

Chair Kelly thanked Vice Chair Elquist and Commissioners Brazzell and Stegeman for their service on the Commission.

Commissioners were thanked for their attendance to Metal-Urge events, the opening of Tacoma Art Museum's new wing, the Ferguson community conversation, and the creative space community meeting.

4. Action Items**A. 2015 Arts Projects Funding Recommendations 5:07 pm (02:01)**

The 2015 Arts Projects review panel's funding recommendations were presented to the Commission. The panel recommended funding 18 applicants for a total of \$50,000 as follows:

Organization	Recommended Funding
Asia Pacific Cultural Center	\$ 4,600.00
Children's Museum of Tacoma	\$ 4,000.00
Elements of Education	\$ 3,000.00
Fort Nisqually Foundation	\$ 3,000.00
Hilltop Business Association	\$ 3,000.00
King's Bookstore	\$ 4,000.00
Metropolitan Glass	\$ 4,000.00
Northwest Repertory Singers	\$ 2,000.00
Old Town Business and Professional Assoc.	\$ 3,000.00
Puget Sound Poetry Connection	\$ 1,000.00
Puget Sound Revels	\$ 1,000.00
Second City Chamber Series	\$ 2,000.00
Tacoma City Ballet	\$ 2,300.00
Tacoma Concert Band	\$ 2,500.00
Tacoma Maritime Fest	\$ 1,500.00
Toy Boat Theatre	\$ 2,500.00
University of Washington	\$ 2,000.00
Washington State Historical Society	\$ 4,600.00

A total of 19 applications were received, requesting a total of \$68,150.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions. Panel members gave an overview of particular applications in question.

There was a motion: "I'd make a motion that we accept the recommendations as stated in this."

Motion: Jan Brazzell
 Second: Dane Meyer
 Motion: Carried



B. 2015-2017 Tacoma Poet Laureate Application 5:12 pm (07:34)

Commissioners reviewed the proposed edits to the 2015-17 Tacoma Poet Laureate call to artists. Edits include expanding eligibility to poets living in Pierce County, aligning the program with the City's Equity and Empowerment Initiative, asking for a community engagement strategy, and adding an application workshop.

Commissioners discussed and asked clarifying questions.

Amy McBride stated, "If you approve these tonight, we'll get them out on the streets in January."

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Jan Brazzell
Second: Dane Meyer
Motion: Carried

Commissioners Hudgins, Meyer, Idstrom, and Thompson volunteered to sit on the 2015-17 Tacoma Poet Laureate selection panel.

C. Commission Executive Committee Elections 5:21 pm (16:00)

Commissioners voted for the 2015 Executive Committee.

The votes for Chair were tallied as follows: Traci Kelly – 11 votes

The votes for Vice Chair were tallied as follows: Dane Meyer – 11 votes

5. Staff Check-In 5:23 pm (18:31)

A card from Seattle Metals Guild thanking the Commission for coordinating Metal-Urge was shared.

Maintenance on the Venetian Wall and replacement of lighting on the Seaform Pavilion on the Bridge of Glass continues.

A letter of interest was submitted to ArtPlace for a grant for Spaceworks. Arts Program and Spaceworks staff has been working with JPMorgan Chase to see about funding workforce development and entrepreneurship.

6. Discussion/Updates**A. Creative Space Tacoma 5:27 pm (22:30)**

The Artspace survey of creative space needs in Tacoma was launched at a community conversation on December 4. Commissioners were asked to help spread the word about the survey; about 500 responses to the survey are needed by February 9. The event featured Michael Seiwerath speaking about the creation of a mixed-use creative space in Capitol Hill.

The City will be hiring an architectural firm to look at the McKinley police substation property as a potential creative space.

Spaceworks is securing additional properties to grow the program.



B. Warhol for the Tacoma Dome**5:55 pm (50:45)**

On December 9, Kim Bedier, the City's Director of Public Assembly Facilities, will present to the Economic Development Committee on the results on the test patch on the Tacoma Dome. Initial reports show that the patch wore well, there was some fading, the seams were dirty, and it will require periodic cleaning. If the Warhol for the Dome is to move forward, periodic cleaning of the Dome would have to be worked into the plan and fundraising efforts would need to include the cost of the cleanings.

The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation has established a fund for the project and has seeded it with \$10,000. Beautiful Angle donated the proceeds of their recent poster sale to the fund.

Commissioners discussed and asked clarifying questions covering fundraising, current cleaning schedule, length of time the piece would be installed on the Dome, City Council's next step, other methods for reproduction, and garnering public support.

7. Report Back**A. Advocacy Reports****6:08 pm (01:03:15)**

Commissioners reported about their meetings with Councilmembers Thoms, Ibsen, and Woodards.

B. Arts Events Attended**6:14 pm (01:09:33)**

Commissioners shared art events they had attended or have been involved with including Seattle International Comedy Competition, Classical Tuesdays in Old Town, Tacoma Symphony Orchestra, Tacoma Little Theatre, Sixth Avenue business window painting, and The Grand Cinema.

C. Future Agenda Items for Consideration

There were no items noted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm

