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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](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/tacagendaminutes).

**Staff**

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

Date: February 8, 2016  
 Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16  
 Time: 5:00 pm

*Commission Members in Attendance:*

Mike Sweney, Chair  
 Rachel Cardwell, Vice Chair  
 Scott Campbell  
 Joel Chang  
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 Kareem Kandi  
 Johnaye Kendrick  
 Halley Knigge  
 Don Lacky  
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*Staff Present:*

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

*Guests:*

Andrew Golden  
 Carol Powell  
 Susan Warner  
 Becky Downey  
 Phil Chang  
 Courtenay Chamberlin  
 Kit Evans  
 Andy Buelow  
 Ellen Kaspi

*Commission Members Unexcused Absence:*

Traci Kelly  
 Katrina Toft

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|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>1. Call to Order</b>  | <b>5:04 pm (00:01)</b> | <b>Chair Sweney</b>        |
| <b>2. Consent Agenda</b> | <b>5:04 pm (00:11)</b> | <b>Vice Chair Cardwell</b> |
- Commissioners Kelly and Toft had an excused absence.

Vice Chair Cardwell asked if there was a motion to approve the agenda and minutes.

There was a motion: "I'll make that motion."

Motion: Dane Meyer

Second: Don Lacky

Motion: Carried



### **3. Chair's Report**

**5:04 pm (00:44)**

**Chair Sweney**

Chair Sweney reminded Commissioners of NEA Chairman Jane Chu's upcoming visit to Tacoma.

Guests introduced themselves.

### **4. Presentations**

#### **A. ArtsFund Economic Impact Study**

**5:07 pm (03:51)**

Andrew Golden from ArtsFund presented on the results from ArtsFund's Economic Impact Study. The study includes data from 313 arts organizations in King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish counties and 3,500 patron surveys. The study measured a statewide economic impact of \$2.4 billion in aggregate sales, \$105 million in taxes, \$996 million in labor income, and 35,376 jobs supported. Details about the study can be found at [www.artsfund.org/EIS](http://www.artsfund.org/EIS).

Commissioners and guests asked clarifying questions.

### **5. Discussion/Updates**

#### **A. Arts and Economic Prosperity 5 Study**

**5:37 pm (33:48)**

Naomi Strom-Avila gave an overview of the Arts and Economic Prosperity 5 study including instructions on how to administer the audience surveys via audience-intercept and random distribution methods.

Commissioners discussed and asked clarifying questions.

#### **B. Tacoma Murals Project**

**5:54 pm (50:44)**

The Tacoma Murals Project call to community groups is now available. Applications are due March 14. Approximately five mural sites will be selected in 2016.

The 2016-18 Mural Artist Roster call to artists is now available. Applications are due March 7.

Commissioners discussed and asked clarifying questions.

#### **C. Public Art Updates**

**6:04 pm (1:00:33)**

Lincoln District Revitalization – Horatio Law has been doing community engagement work in the Lincoln District. The timeline for the project has been delayed.

Water Flume Line Trail – About 30 applications were received for this call.

Metro Parks – Metro Parks will review and vote on their art plan on February 22. Artist team Ball and Nogues were selected for the Aquarium public art projects.

Commissioners discussed and asked clarifying questions.



**D. Arts Commission Annual Retreat Follow-Up 6:14 pm (1:10:08)**

Commissioners discussed items that need to be included or expanded on in the 5 Year Art Plan including professional development opportunities for artists and audience development vs. just marketing. Essential categories that the plan needs to include are equity and public art.

Commissioners discussed and asked clarifying questions including how the art plan will dovetail with other City plans. Tanisha Jumper will be invited to present about Tacoma 2025 at an upcoming Commission meeting.

**6. Staff Check-In 6:46 pm (1:42:44)**

University of Washington Tacoma will host a free urban studies forum on February 25.

Commissioners volunteered for the following opportunities:

Heritage Grant Panel - Rachel Cardwell, Mike Sweney

National Arts Program artwork judging - Wanda Thompson, Heather Conklin, Paul Throne, Don Lacky

Mural Artist Roster panel - Wanda Thompson, Don Lacky

AEP5 audience surveys at Second City Chamber Series on March 4 - Halley Knigge

Artist Trust will be holding a pop-up studio in Tacoma on February 18 at Feast Art Center.

Metro Parks is holding community forums to collect input for their strategic plan on Feb 24 and 25.

Commissioners received a handout that gives a synopsis of the City's live/work work/live code.

Teen Tix presented to the Arts and Culture Coalition of Pierce County and are working to develop a local advisory committee and conduct a feasibility study in Pierce County.

The Bill Hoppe artwork that was in the Bicentennial Pavilion was moved to the Convention Center. The Harold Balazs sculpture outside the Bicentennial Pavilion was removed.

**7. Report Back****A. Advocacy Reports****7:01 pm (01:57:00)**

Commissioner Thompson met with Tacoma Art Museum in follow up to the January Commission presentation. The Museum plans to collect public feedback and suggestions and would like the Commission to consider writing a letter of endorsement.

February 10 is Arts & Heritage Day in Olympia. Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

**B. Arts Events Attended****7:08 pm (02:04:39)**

Tacoma Public Library shared the AMOCAT Arts Awards at their recent board meeting.

**C. Future Agenda Items for Consideration****7:09 pm (02:05:06)**

Commissioner Campbell suggested a presentation on live/work space.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm**

