



SUMMARY MINUTES

Tacoma Creates Advisory Board (TCAB)

Date: Monday, March 7, 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:

Allison Campbell
Megan Clark
Sheree Cooks
Amanda Figueroa
Roxane Hreha
Michael "Tony" Hudson
Naomi O'Connor
Liesl Santkuyl

Board Members Absent:

Putter Bert
Maeve Glackin-Coley
Brian Robinson

Staff Present:

Lisa Jaret
Clarissa Gines
Rico Lastrapes
Naomi Strom-Avila
Tammi Bryant

Guest Presenters:

Sergio Beltran
Ka'ohē Wong
Victor Rodriguez

1. Call to Order; Roll Call

Chair Cooks

Chair Cooks called the TCAB meeting to order at 5:36pm.

She started the meeting with a land acknowledgement:

ʔukʷədiitəb ʔuhigʷətəb čəł txʷəl tiit ʔa čəł ʔal tə swatxʷixʷtxʷəd ʔə tiit puyaləpabš dxʷəsłəlils 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 presented a check-in prompt for TCAB members to respond to, “In honor of Women’s History Month, has there been an influential woman in your life over the years, and in a few words, why have they been important to you?”

TCAB Members Megan Clark, Roxane Hreha, and Liesl Santkuyl then participated in the Member Spotlight, where they had an opportunity to share about themselves.

3. Consent Agenda

Chair Cooks

Chair Cooks asked for a motion to approve the March agenda, as well as the minutes from the February meeting.

There was a motion, “...to approve the March agenda, as well as the minutes for the February 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

Lisa Jaret introduced Rico Lastrapes, the new Tacoma Creates Program Technician to TCAB. He then shared a little bit about himself.

Clarissa Gines provided updates on the 2022-23 Tacoma Creates application workshops and support, and announced a new capacity building opportunity that is being offered to currently funded organizations around data collection, management, and analysis.

Lisa Jaret then shared information on Inspire Olympia, which is a cultural access initiative that will be on the City of Olympia’s ballot at the end of April.

6. TCAB Engagement/Operations

Chair Cooks, Staff

Chair Cooks briefly shared some committee and panel updates, as well as information on an opportunity for TCAB members to engage in a technical working group with funded organizations.

She also shared that the Advisory Board page on the Tacoma Creates website is in the process of being updated, and Rico Lastrapes provided a sneak peek of the updated page.

7. Presentation: School’s Out Washington

Sergio Beltran & Ka’ohe Wong

Lisa Jaret introduced Sergio Beltran, Program Quality Manager for School’s Out Washington, and Ka’ohe Wong, Division Director for Program Quality. They presented information on the importance of professional learning, program quality improvement, and how this ultimately impacts young people.

Chair Cooks facilitated questions after the presentation.

8. Presentation: Participatory Budgeting

Victor Rodriguez

Lisa Jaret introduced Victor Rodriguez, Health Equity Manager with the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department’s Center for Excellence. He shared information on the public launch of the voting process for the Tacoma Creates Participatory Budgeting project.

9. OACV Staff Reports

Naomi Strom-Avila

Naomi Strom-Avila provided information on a Neighborhood Planning Program pilot project, which looks at neighborhood history and identity. There is an upcoming meeting, which is currently focused on the McKinley neighborhood.

10. Closing Comments

Chair Cooks, TCAB Members

Chair Cooks gave Tony Hudson the opportunity to participate in the TCAB member spotlight, since he was unable to earlier in the meeting. Lisa Jaret shared a comment from Allison Campbell about her participation in the Destiny City Film Festival, and Naomi O’Connor reported out on her attendance at the Asia Pacific Cultural Center’s New Year’s Celebration.

As a future agenda item, Roxane Hreha asked if there could be discussion on the legislation that guides Tacoma Creates’ work.

11. Adjourn

Chair Cooks

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm.

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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