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Amy McBride, Tacoma Arts Administrator
Chevi Chung, Community Programs Specialist
Rebecca Solverson, Public Art Specialist
Naomi Strom-Avila, Funding & Cultural Programs Manager

Summary Minutes

Tacoma Arts Commission

Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality
Tacoma Venues and Events Department

Date: October 11, 2021

Time: 5:00 pm

Location: Virtual

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



Commission Members in Attendance:

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Sarah Woodson

City Staff Present:

Amy McBride
Chevi Chung
Naomi Strom-Avila
Rebecca Solverson
Tammi Bryant

Commission Members Excused Absence:

MaryMikel Stump

Commission Members Unexcused Absence:

Elizabeth Pew
Jamika Scott

1. Call to Order

5:04 pm (00:32)

Chair Ayala called the meeting to order. Chair Ayala recognized that the meeting was held on Indigenous land: the traditional homelands of the Puyallup people.

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

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2. Consent Agenda (00:49)

There was one excused absence: Commissioner Stump.

Vice Chair Maestas III asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda and the minutes from the September 13, 2021 meeting.

There was a motion: "I so move."

Motion: Commissioner Woodson

Seconded: Commissioner Sanchez

Motion: Carried

3. Chair's Report/Housekeeping (02:19)

Chair Ayala gave an update about open seats on the Tacoma Arts Commission and invited discussion from the Commission. Commissioners discussed what they would like to see with the future of the Tacoma Arts Commission. The Tacoma Arts Commission application window is open through Tuesday, October 19, 2021.

4. Public Comment on Agenda Items (21:06)

There were no public comments on agenda items.

5. Discussion/Updates

a. Commission Executive Committee Nominations (22:00)

Staff gave an update about the Tacoma Arts Commission Chair and Vice Chair positions. Nominations are open for Chair and Vice Chair through October 31, 2021. Commissioners can nominate themselves and other Commissioners. The Chair and Vice Chair nominations will go to vote at the next Commission meeting on November 8, 2021. Staff shared about responsibilities, commitments, and the monthly Executive meeting for both Chair and Vice Chair. Chair Ayala and Vice Chair Maestas III gave an update about their experiences serving in the Executive Committee positions. Chair Ayala, Vice Chair Maestas, and Commissioner Allison were nominated for the Executive Committee. Staff will send an email out with reminders about making nominations for the Commission Executive Committee.

b. Tacoma Arts Month – Updates and Feedback (33:00)

Staff gave an update about the upcoming Arts at the Armory event on October 16 and October 17 with reminders for event volunteers. Commissioners were reminded to submit honorees for the 2021 AMOCAT Arts Awards. Commissioners and staff discussed the AMOCAT Arts Awards and general feedback about Tacoma Arts Month 2021.

6. Staff Check-In (46:09)

a. Staff Projects Overview and Updates

Staff gave an update about the applications for the open Tacoma Arts Commission seats, the virtual application workshop for Community Arts Projects funding held on October 5, and a reminder to help get the word out about the funding applications. Commissioner Stowe gave an update about his mid-project meeting with TAIP-funded artist Mark Monlux. Staff gave an update about the Rotary 8 Club presentation in September. Staff gave an update about the next Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) subcommittee meeting on October 22. Staff shared a reminder about the upcoming Tacoma Artists Hangout hosted by Artist Trust on October 14.

b. Public Art Updates

(59:12)

Staff gave updates about: Tidy Up Tacoma initiative, including mural cleanup and traffic box wraps; bringing an artwork donation request to the November Tacoma Arts Commission meeting; maintenance on the Welcome Figure by artist Shaun Peterson; the East 64th Street project; the dedication of the Billy Ray Shirley III Memorial on October 23 at the Eastside Community Center; the Public Art Reaching Community (PARC) temporary art installations at Wright Park by Teruko Nimura, Masahiro Sugano, and Anida Yoeu Ali; Dionne Bonner’s presentation at the Human Rights Commission about the Black Lives Matter mural in Tollefson Plaza; and the completion of the Pierce Transit Waterwall project. Gabriel Brown of Spaceworks Tacoma gave an update about the murals at Park Plaza North by artists Peter Boome and Speakthunder Berry.

c. Tacoma Creates

(01:17:27)

Staff gave an update about the launch of the next session of Beyond the Bell afterschool programming and reminded parents to check out the communication from their children’s school to learn more about the Beyond the Bell program during the afterschool hours.

7. Report Back

a. Advocacy Reports

(01:18:22)

There were no advocacy reports.

b. Funded Project Updates/Arts Events Attended

(01:18:23)

c. Future Agenda Items for Consideration

(01:18:33)

There were no agenda items for consideration.

Adjourn

6:23 (01:19:03)

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