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

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.

Date: October 10, 2016

Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Mike Sweney, Chair
Rachel Cardwell, Vice Chair
Kareem Kandi
Traci Kelly
Halley Knigge
Don Lacky
Paul Throne
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

Staff Present:

Amy McBride, Tacoma Arts Administrator
Naomi Strom-Avila, Cultural Arts Specialist
Asia Tail, Arts Program Assistant

Guests:

Patrick Babbitt
Cassandra de Kanter
Edwin Valentine

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Scott Campbell
Joel Chang
Heather Conklin
Johnaye Kendrick
Dane Meyer
Wanda Thompson

1. Call to Order

5:09 pm (00:05)

Chair Sweney

2. Consent Agenda

5:09 pm (00:20)

Vice Chair Cardwell

Commissioners Chang, Conklin, Kendrick, Meyer, and Thompson had excused absences.

Vice Chair Cardwell asked if there was a motion to approve the consent agenda as well as minutes from the September meeting.

There was a motion: "I so move."

Motion: Paul Throne

Second: Don Lacky

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Motion: Carried

3. Chair's Report

5:10 pm (00:55) Chair Sweney

Chair Sweney thanked Commissioners for helping with the Tacoma Arts Month Opening Party. He shared that there are several positions opening on the Arts Commission, and encouraged everyone to spread the word to potential applicants. He also shared that Mayor Strickland issued a proclamation that October is Tacoma Arts Month at the last City Council meeting.

4. Discussion/Updates

A. Commission Executive Committee Nominations

5:11 pm (03:05)

Chair Sweney announced that the executive committee positions on the Tacoma Arts Commission, will be re-opening at the end of the year. Both Chair Sweney and Vice Chair Cardwell are interested in continuing in their current positions, but welcome any interest from other Commissioners. Nominations and voting will occur at the next meeting.

B. Tacoma Arts Month – Updates and Feedback

5:14 pm (05:00)

Commissioners discussed and shared feedback about the Tacoma Arts Month Opening Party and Arts Month generally. Staff reminded Commissioners that the Studio Tour is this weekend, and that the upcoming Mayor's Monday Mixer on October 17th, from 5-7pm, will focus on Makers.

C. Artfull Tacoma Work Plan

5:27 pm (0:24:38)

Amy McBride presented the work plan and the baseline measures developed to ensure the goals of Artfull Tacoma are achieved. She also announced that the City Manager accepted the name change from Arts Program to Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality proposed in the plan, and recommended the addition of a full time Public Art Specialist in the next budget cycle.

5. Staff Check-In

A. Public Art Updates

5:42 pm (0:32:40)

The Eastside Community Center and Prairie Line Trail Calls to Artists are currently open. Clark Wegman and Sheila Klein are both in the design phase for their South Tacoma projects.

B. Staff Projects Overview and Updates

5:44 pm (0:34:03)

Spaceworks received another grant from Chase Bank to continue their alumni development program, and have also acquired a building in South Tacoma to repurpose as creative space. The City's Arts Projects grants are currently open and there will be an application workshop this Thursday. It is the final quarter of Arts and Economic Prosperity surveys and Commissioners were asked to volunteer for a few final events. There will be a workshop for emerging artists in November, with more details to come soon.

Commissioners Throne and Kelly volunteered to distribute surveys at the Dia de los Muertos celebration at Tacoma Art Museum, and Vice Chair Cardwell may assist.



C. Tacoma Murals Project

6:00 pm (0:40:00)

Bryant, Larchmont, and Cedar Rivers murals are complete, with dedication ceremonies upcoming. The Tacoma Musical Playhouse mural is almost done.

6. Report Back

A. Arts & Culture Coalition Updates

5:55 pm (0:46:08)

There were no updates noted.

B. Advocacy Reports

5:55 pm (0:46:08)

No advocacy reports were shared.

C. Arts Events Attended

5:55 pm (0:46:08)

Commissioners shared events they attended including: UPS arts and lecture programs, Fort Nisqually's juried art show, 30 Americans and Benaroya Collection exhibitions at Tacoma Art Museum, Hilltop Artist Luncheon, People's Center Mural Dedication, and Classical Tuesdays.

D. Future Agenda Items for Consideration

5:59 pm (0:50:08)

There were no items noted.

Meeting adjourned at 5:59 pm

