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Summary Minutes

Tacoma Arts Commission

Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality

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

Date: May 14, 2018
Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16
Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Mike Swenev, *Chair*
Heather Conklin, *Vice Chair*
Rosie Ayala
Scott Campbell
Michelle Douglas
Quincy Henry (via phone)
Paula Jacobson
Johnaye Kendrick
Halley Knigge
Michael Kula
Liesl Santkuyl
Paul Throne
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

Staff Present:

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

Guests Present:

Leah Anderson

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Wanda Thompson

1. Call to Order

5:06 pm (00:09)

Chair Swenev

Chair Swenev called the meeting to order, recognizing that the meeting was held on Indigenous land: the traditional homelands of the Puyallup people.

2. Consent Agenda

5:06 pm (00:24)

Vice Chair Conklin

Commissioner Thompson had an excused absence.

Vice Chair Conklin asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda as well as minutes from the April meeting.

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Halley Knigge

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Second: Rosie Ayala

Motion: Carried

3. Chair's Report

5:07 pm (01:20)

Chair Sweney

Chair Sweney shared that he was excited about all the arts programs happening in Tacoma.

4. Action Items

A. Union Club Mural Review

5:09 pm (03:14)

Leah Anderson presented on a mural, designed by artist Jake Wagner, which the Union Club is proposing to paint on a retaining wall below their building. The retaining wall is owned by the City of Tacoma and Union Club will pay for the mural and be responsible for maintenance of it. Leah presented the proposed mural design inspired by the 'Live Like the Mountain is Out' campaign. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

There was a motion: "I move to support the Union Club mural."

Motion: Scott Campbell

Second: Michelle Douglas

Motion: Carried

B. Cancellation of July Meeting

5:21 pm (15:27)

Chair Sweney and staff proposed that the July meeting be canceled. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

There was a motion: "I move we cancel July's meeting."

Motion: Paul Throne

Second: Halley Knigge

Motion: Carried

5. Discussion/Updates

A. Tacoma Creates/Community Conversations

5:23pm (17:25)

Staff proposed hosting another Creative Community Conversations event on May 30 at Asia Pacific Cultural Center. This event will be focused on collecting feedback on the Tacoma Creates legislation. Staff discussed the event plan, reviewed possible topics, and asked for input. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

B. ArtFull Tacoma Review and Progress

5:39 pm (33:17)

Staff presented on progress made thus far for each strategy and initiative in ArtFull Tacoma. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.



C. AMOCAT Arts Awards **6:27 pm (01:21:01)**

Staff presented on the AMOCAT Arts Awards and commissioners discussed possible nominees including: Benaroya Family, Point Ruston, Feast Arts Center, Kareem Kandi, Don Lacky, Barefoot Collective, Randy and Aya Clark, Lisa Fruichantie, Alma Mater, Tacoma Refugee Choir, Creative Colloquy, Jackie Fender, Saiyare Refaei, Tacoma Little Theater, Chandler O’Leary, and Met Vet.

The official application form will be released soon. Selections will be made by the Commission in August after the nomination process closes.

6. Staff Check-In**A. Staff Projects Overview and Updates** **6:42 pm (01:36:30)**

Staff shared updates on the following projects: traffic box wraps, Alberta J. Canada building, Prairie Line Trail Spur mural, new interns.

B. Public Art Updates **6:49 pm (01:43:20)**

Staff shared updates on the following public art projects: Artists in Residence, Prairie Line Trail Spur, Ryan Feddersen and Matthew Dockrey’s Prairie Line Trail public art installations, Sheila Klein’s South Tacoma public art project, Clark Wiegman’s Water Flume Line Trail public art project, Public Art: Public Action training program, Eastside Artist Training Cohort, and the Birds and Art walks event June 2.

C. Tacoma Arts Month **6:59 pm (01:53:18)**

Rachel Betron was hired as a contractor to coordinate Tacoma Arts Month this year. She is seeking commissioners to volunteer for some Tacoma Arts Month sub-committees.

Commissioners volunteered as follows:

- AMOCAT Arts Awards & Opening Party Committee – Heather Conklin, Liesl Santkuyl, Wanda Thompson
- Tacoma Studio Tour Committee – Mike Sweney, Johnaye Kendrick, Michael Kula, Rosie Ayala
- Marketing Committee – Paula Jacobson, Wanda Thompson

7. Report Back**A. Advocacy Reports** **7:02 pm (01:56:10)**

Commissioners shared about their council coffee meetings.

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

Discussion was postponed till the next meeting.

C. Future Agenda Items for Consideration **7:08 pm (02:02:02)**

There were no items for consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm

