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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: June 12, 2017

Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Mike Sweney, Chair
Rachel Cardwell, Vice Chair
Scott Campbell
Heather Conklin
Kareem Kandi
Traci Kelly
Johnaye Kendrick
Halley Knigge
Michael Kula
Donald Lacky
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Paul Throne
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

Staff Present:

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

Staff Absent:

Rebecca Solverson, Public Art Specialist

Guests Present:

Sheila Miraflor
Katie Johnston
Tiffany Hammonds
Whitney Brady

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Quincy Henry
Wanda Thompson

1. Call to Order

5:05 pm (00:06)

Chair Sweney

Chair Sweney called the meeting to order.

2. Consent Agenda

5:05 pm (00:22)

Vice Chair Cardwell

Commissioners Henry, Thompson, and Throne had excused absences.

Vice Chair Cardwell asked if there was a motion to approve the consent agenda as well as minutes from the May 8 meeting.

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There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Traci Kelly

Second: Halley Knigge

Motion: Carried

The motion was then amended to alter the agenda for the night depending on when guests arrived for their presentations, and to move the Continuous Improvement 1% for the Arts from an Action Item to a Discussion/Update item.

There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Scott Campbell

Second: Traci Kelly

Motion: Carried

3. Chair’s Report

5:07 pm (02:33)

Chair Sweney

Chair Sweney acknowledged the recent passing of Dawn Lucien, recognizing her valuable influence on the art scene in Tacoma over the years.

4. Discussion/Updates

A. AMOCAT Arts Awards

5:09 pm (04:10)

Staff reviewed the nominations made by commissioners at the last meeting and opened the floor for additional recommendations. The following were suggested:

- Marilyn Bennett
- Multicare
- Chandler O’Leary
- Dawn Lucien – Patron or Arts Leadership Awards

5. Action Items

A. Prairie Line Trail: 1 Public Artwork Final Design

5:15 pm (10:27)

Matthew Dockrey was mistakenly listed on the agenda but did not present at the meeting. He will present his final designs at a future meeting.

6. Staff Check-In

A. Staff Projects Overview and Updates

5:16 pm (11:55)

Staff shared progress on the following projects: a new National Endowment for the Arts grant that will be used to create a public art training cohort that will create work in the Tacoma Mall area, the Theater District culture and transportation plan, Cultural Access Washington, the Lincoln Business District guide, the Arts and Economic Prosperity survey results, the assessment of the Municipal Artwork Collection being led by the Arts Office intern Sarah Griffin, upcoming traffic box wrap installations, MSM Deli mural, the People’s Community Center mural, Valhalla Hall artist selections, and Water Flume Line Trail murals artist selections.



7. Action Items, Continued**B. Continuous Improvement 1% for the Arts****5:28 pm (23:59)**

Katie Johnston presented a high level overview of proposed changes to the 1% for Art policy, summarizing the work of the review group which included Chair Sweney, Vice Chair Cardwell, and Commissioner Kelly.

Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

8. Staff Check-In, Continued**B. Public Art Updates****5:50 pm (45:40)**

There were no public art updates.

C. Tacoma Arts Month**5:50 pm (45:40)**

Staff updated commissioners on the progress of Tacoma Arts Month planning. The Opening Party is set for Wednesday, October 4th and Lisa Fruichantie is the event planner. Applications for the Tacoma Studio Tour on October 14th-15th are now open. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

Volunteers are needed for various Tacoma Arts Month committees. Commissioners signed up as follows (including previous sign-ups):

AMOCAT Arts Awards & Opening Party Committee:

1. Don Lacky
2. Johnaye Kendrick
3. Heather Conklin
4. Traci Kelly

Tacoma Studio Tour Committee:

1. Paul Throne
2. Michael Kula
3. Michael Sweney

Marketing Committee:

1. Rachel Cardwell
2. Scott Campbell
3. Kareem Kandi
4. Halley Knigge
5. Wanda Thompson

9. Action Items Continued**C. People's Community Center****6:07 pm (01:02:24)**

Whitney Brady and Tiffany Hammonds presented on their history public art project for the People's Community Center, the third in a series of projects happening at the center. Whitney Brady is recording 20 interviews with Hilltop residents. Tiffany Hammonds will create a painted interactive map of the neighborhood that, when touched, will play clips of the audio recordings. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.



Chair Sweney proposed a motion to accept the proposal pending final review by the community panel.

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Liesl Santkuyl

Second: Halley Knigge

Motion: Carried

10. Report Back

A. Advocacy Reports

6:41 pm (1:36:50)

Chair Sweney reported on his and Vice Chair Cardwell's meeting with Mayor Strickland.

B. Arts Events Attended

6:43 pm (1:38:32)

Commissioners shared arts events and venues that they attended, upcoming events, or events they have been involved with including: Water by the Spoonful at UWT, Tacoma Little Theatre's The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance, and several Orchestral Recital Series events.

C. Future Agenda Items for Consideration

6:47 pm (1:42:03)

There were no items noted.

Chair Sweney noted that he was remiss in forgetting at the start of the gathering to acknowledge that the meeting was held on Indigenous land: the traditional homelands of the Puyallup people.

Staff reminded commissioners that there will be no July meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm

