



SUMMARY MINUTES

Tacoma Creates Advisory Board (TCAB)

Date: Monday, April 1, 2024

Time: 5:30-7:30 pm

Location: Virtual and in-person

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 Arts & Cultural Vitality Division, which is part of the Community and Economic Development Department.

Board Members in Attendance:

Dan Arias-Gomez
Putter Bert
Sheree Cooks
Amanda Figueroa
Roxane Hreha
Brian Robinson
Wind Dell Woods

Staff Present:

Lisa Jaret
Clarissa Gines

Guests:

Chelsea Talbert

Board Members Absent:

Sophia Agtarap
Allison Campbell
Megan Clark
Katie Mattran
Ava Sims

1. Call to Order; Roll Call

Chair Robinson

Chair Robinson called the TCAB meeting to order at 5:34pm. He started the meeting with a land acknowledgement:

ʔukʷədiitəb ʔuhigʷətəb čəł txʷəl tiit ʔa čəł ʔal tə swatxʷixʷtxʷəd ʔə tiit puyaləpabš dxʷəsłəłlils 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. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Chair Robinson

Chair Robinson provided an opportunity for attendees to share public comment. There were no public comments made at this time.

3. Consent Agenda

Chair Robinson

Chair Robinson asked for a motion to approve the April 1st meeting agenda, as well as the minutes from the March 4th meeting.

There was a motion, "...to approve the agenda, as well as the minutes from the previous meeting."

Motion: Putter Bert

Seconded: Roxane Hreha

Motion: Carried

4. Warm-up / Check-ins

TCAB Members

Chair Robinson invited TCAB members to answer the check-in prompt, "If you had to decide between doing an Olympic sport or writing a Grammy-nominated song, what would you choose?"

5. Program Updates

Staff

Clarissa Gines provided an update the 2024-25 funding application cycle, and shared that 92 applications were received.

Lisa Jaret shared that an offer has been accepted for the Arts & Cultural Vitality Division Manager position, with a start date of May 20th. She also shared details on upcoming and going projects, which include the JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) Film Series, Teaching Artist Training Lab, capacity building work with CPIN (Collaborative Partners Initiative Network), and Elevate Health.

6. TCAB Committees & Operations

Chair Robinson & Staff

TCAB member Sheree Cooks talked about the Councilmember meeting she attended, and Lisa Jaret shared an update about the most recent Reauthorization Committee meeting.

Chair Robinson then presented information on the funding application and panel process, to prep TCAB for voting on funding recommendations in the May meeting. Lisa Jaret presented stats on funding applications and shared that there has been an increase in applications and amount of funding requests.

7. Action Item: Eligibility Committee

TCAB Members

TCAB member Putter Bert presented the determinations of the Eligibility Committee. A total of 19 organizations were referred to the Eligibility Committee by staff. 12 organizations were found to be ineligible for review, and 7 were found to be eligible.

Chair Robinson asked for a motion to “ratify the Eligibility Committee determinations.”

Motion: Putter Bert

Second: Roxane Hreha

Motion: Carried

8. Presentation: City of Tacoma Equity Index

Chelsea Talbert

Lisa Jaret introduced guest presenter Chelsea Talbert, the City of Tacoma’s Strategic Initiatives Coordinator in the Office of Strategy, who presented on the City’s Equity Index. Appreciation was shared from TCAB members.

9. ACV Staff Reports

Staff

Clarissa Gines reported that the Public Art team selected Natalie Dupille for the Public Works Artist-in-Residence (AiR) program, and the Environmental Services AiR artist Teruko Nimura will be leading an activity at the City’s Sustainability Expo. The Arts & Cultural Vitality Division will also be releasing their 2023 Annual Report soon.

10. Comments from TCAB

TCAB members

Chair Robinson offered an opportunity for TCAB members to share any experiences they had with events put on by Tacoma Creates-supported organizations. Chair Robinson and TCAB member Roxane Hreha shared highlights from events they attended.

11. Closing Comments

Chair Robinson, TCAB Members

Chair Robinson provided space for folks to share any upcoming events or future agenda items before the meeting adjourned.

12. Adjourn

Chair Robinson

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm.

Meeting Frequency: Every First Monday of every month at 5:30pm, both virtually on Zoom and in-person at the Tacoma Municipal Building, room 248. All meetings of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board are open to the public.



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