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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](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/tacagendaminutes).

Date: November 14, 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  
Scott Campbell  
Heather Conklin  
Johnaye Kendrick

*Staff Present:*

Amy McBride, Tacoma Arts Administrator  
Naomi Strom-Avila, Cultural Arts Specialist  
Rebecca Solverson, Public Art Specialist

*Commission Members Excused Absence:*

Joel Chang  
Wanda Thompson  
Dane Meyer

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| <b>1. Call to Order</b>  | <b>5:05 pm (00:05)</b> | <b>Chair Sweney</b>        |
| <b>2. Consent Agenda</b> | <b>5:05 pm (00:20)</b> | <b>Vice Chair Cardwell</b> |
- Commissioners Chang, 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 October meeting.

There was a motion: "I so move."

Motion: Paul Throne

Second: Don Lacky

Motion: Carried



**3. Chair's Report****5:05 pm (00:53) Chair Sweney**

Chair Sweney encouraged Commissioners to think about the recently approved 5-year ArtFull Tacoma plan with its commitment to social and racial justice, and about how the Commission can strengthen their commitment to serve people who are disenfranchised.

**4. Agenda Items****A. Commission Executive Committee Elections****5:07 pm (02:30)**

Chair Sweney explained the voting process, and the ballot which included himself and Vice Chair Cardwell for re-election, with no new nominations. Commissioners voted and there were 10 votes for Michael Sweney as Chair, and 10 votes for Rachel Cardwell for Vice Chair. The vote unanimously re-elected both positions.

There was a motion: "I move to approve the candidates submitted."

Motion: Traci Kelly

Second: Heather Conklin

Motion: Carried

**B. 2017 – 18 Funding Distribution****5:10 pm (05:00)**

Staff recommended amounts for the three upcoming funding programs: Arts Anchor Fund (\$255,000), Arts Projects (\$100,000), and TAIP (\$40,000). Commissioners approved the proposed amounts, and asked that a summation of how funding is used be provided in future.

There was a motion: "I move to accept the recommendations for distribution."

Motion: Traci Kelly

Second: Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

Motion: Carried

**C. 2017-18 Tacoma Artists Initiative Program Guidelines 5:25 pm (0:20:49)**

Commissioners reviewed and approved proposed updates to the TAIP funding guidelines.

There was a motion: "I move to approve the guidelines."

Motion: Haley Knigge

Second: Don Lacky

Motion: Carried

**D. 2017-18 Arts Anchor Fund Guidelines****5:29 pm (0:24:15)**

Commissioners reviewed and approved proposed updates to the Arts Anchor Fund funding guidelines. Commissioners asked questions about the appeals process and discussed.

Commissioners volunteered to sit on the funding review panels as follows:

TAIP panel: Mike Sweney, Kareem Kandi, Don Lacky, Scott Campbell, Halley Knigge, Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem, Traci Kelly

Arts Anchor Fund panel: Rachel Cardwell, Paul Throne, Kareem Kandi, Don Lacky, Scott Campbell, Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem



There was a motion: “I move to approve the guidelines.”

Motion: Scott Campbell

Second: Heather Conklin

Motion: Carried

## **5. Discussion/Updates**

### **A. Tacoma Arts Month Recap**

**5:50 pm (0:45:15)**

Staff shared feedback from Studio Tour artists. The overall visitor count went up this year, with an average of 132 visitors per studio. There was almost \$26,000 in reported income from the event. Social Media posts reached 134,000 people. 8 winners of the #TacomaArts Challenge were chosen and will receive prize packages: Jay Gilleland, Jane Evancho, Allison Kelanic, Michael McNeil, Dennis Evanger, Dave Richardson, Paula Short, and Judith Williams. Commissioners discussed feedback they heard while visiting studios, and Arts Month feedback in general.

## **6. Staff Check-In**

### **A. Staff Projects Overview and Updates**

**6:06 pm (01:01:34)**

Staff shared updates on the progress of the NEA Our Town Grant project to create a transportation plan for the theater district. Johnaye Kendrick and Paul Throne have been reappointed to the Tacoma Arts Commission. The artwork *Shipment to China* by Hai-Ying Wu will likely become a public artwork along the Prairie Line Trail. A Getting Art Contracts workshop was hosted on November 5<sup>th</sup> to help inform artists of color about local opportunities, and had approximately 50 attendees.

Twenty-six Arts Projects applications were received. Staff is managing a new mural opportunity for the Kroger Company.

### **B. Public Art Updates**

**6:18 pm (01:13:51)**

The Lincoln film festival, which received a Lincoln Creative Community Engagement Grant, will be this weekend, and there are other grantee projects coming up. Chandler O’Leary’s design projects for the Lincoln District Revitalization are also being installed in the form of street banners, garbage can wraps, and other temporary signage around the district. Christopher Paul Jordan and Kenji Stoll were selected for the Eastside Community Center art project. Clark Wiegman is entering the design phase for the Oak Tree Park/Water Flume Line Trail public art project.

### **C. Tacoma Murals Project**

**6:32 pm (01:27:56)**

Updates were shared about the progress of Tacoma Murals projects.

## **7. Report Back**

### **A. Arts & Culture Coalition Updates**

**6:39 pm (1:34:44)**

There were no updates.

### **B. Advocacy Reports**

**6:39 pm (1:34:44)**

There were no reports.



**C. Arts Events Attended**

**6:39 pm (1:34:52)**

Commissioner Conklin shared her experiences traveling to China with students from Lincoln High School. Commissioners shared events they attended, including: Tacoma City Ballet, Rainier League of Arts show, Dia de los Muertos festival at Tacoma Art Museum, Janet Marcavage's show opening, Symphony Tacoma, Tacoma Youth Symphony, Tacoma Musical Playhouse, and Tacoma Art Museum.

**D. Future Agenda Items for Consideration**

**6:48 pm (1:43:39)**

There were no items noted.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm**

