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SUBJECT: Consideration and recommendation of applicants to the Tacoma Arts Commission
DATE: November 21, 2024

PRESENTATION TYPE:
 Committees, Boards and Commissions Interviews

SUMMARY:
 The Economic Development Committee will interview and may recommend up to four applicants to the full City Council for appointment or reappointment to the Tacoma Arts Commission. Recruitment efforts for the open seats include notifying over fifteen organizations. Below is a list of the applicants, in order of interview:

APPLICANTS	COUNCIL DISTRICT
Ean Olsen	5
Erica Chang	4
Stein Hansen	1
Jared Moore	3
Vernon Ng	4
Cydney Stephens	4
Kristin Tollefson	1
Heide Fernandez-Llamazares* (seeking reappointment)	1

*Provided written response

BACKGROUND:
 The Tacoma Arts Commission’s (Commission) objective is to develop, support, coordinate, sponsor, present, and enhance the arts on a year-round basis for the benefit of the City and its residents. The Commission consists of 15 volunteer members who have demonstrated interest and familiarity with arts and culture, either through professional practice or volunteer work, and reside within the boundaries of Tacoma. Members serve three-year terms that begin on January 1 and end on December 31.

The primary duty of the Tacoma Arts Commission is to identify and actively encourage the development and sustainability of the arts in the City by serving as the City’s primary resource in matters of art, culture, public art, and cultural tourism. The Commissions primary programs include the Municipal Art Plan, public art projects for all City departments, stewardship of the Municipal Art Collection, and the funding of artists and arts organizations to provide service for the residents of Tacoma.

ISSUE:
 Positions need to be filled.

ALTERNATIVES:
 The Commission will continue to operate without full membership.

FISCAL IMPACT:
 There is no fiscal impact.



RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests that the Economic Development Committee recommend the appointment or reappointment of up to four applicants to the Tacoma Arts Commission which will be forwarded to the full City Council on December 10, 2024.

ATTACHMENTS:

Tacoma Arts Commission Applications
Current Roster