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# 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).

**Staff**

Amy McBride, *Tacoma Arts Administrator*  
 Naomi Strom-Avila, *Cultural Arts Specialist*

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Date: September 9, 2013

Location: City of Tacoma Municipal Building North, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

*Commission Members in Attendance:*

Robin Echte, Chair  
 Traci Kelly, Vice Chair  
 Rachel Cardwell  
 J.D. Elquist  
 Matt Hudgins  
 Don Lacky  
 Dane Meyer  
 Zach Powers  
 Catherine Stegeman  
 Mike Sweney  
 Wanda Thompson  
 Jana Wennstrom

*Staff Present:*

Amy McBride, Tacoma Arts Administrator  
 Naomi Strom-Avila, Cultural Arts Specialist

*Guests:*

Heather Joy Helbach-Olds  
 Gabriel Brown  
 Elizabeth Conner

*Commission Members Excused Absence:*

Jan Brazzell  
 Scott Ramsey

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| <b>1. Call to Order</b>       | <b>5:07 pm (00:03)</b> | <b>Chair Echte</b>      |
| <b>2. Excusal of Absences</b> | <b>5:07 pm (00:12)</b> | <b>Vice Chair Kelly</b> |

Commissioners Brazzell and Ramsey had an excused absence.

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| <b>3. Approval of Agenda and Minutes</b> | <b>5:07 pm (00:18)</b> | <b>Vice Chair Kelly</b> |
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There was a motion: "I so move to approve."

Motion: Mike Sweney

Second: Jana Wennstrom

Motion: Carried

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**4. Chair's Report****5:07 pm (00:42)****Chair Echtle**

There was no Chair's Report.

**5. Staff Check-In****5:07 pm (00:47)**

Sundance Institute's Film Forward series ran September 3 – 7. Eight films were screened around Tacoma and were accompanied by moderated discussions. Two of the film makers were in attendance.

Conversations RE: Tacoma will be hosting three lectures this fall.

A bid package for the base of the Sun King public art piece is out to bid.

Hilltop Artists and Museum of Glass is hosting a special event with Dale Chihuly at Museum of Glass on September 17 and 19.

Commissioners volunteered to attend coffee meetings with City Council members as follows:

Robert Thoms - Traci Kelly, Rachel Cardwell

Marty Campbell - Traci Kelly, Rachel Cardwell

Lauren Walker - Mike Sweney

Victoria Woodards - Zach Powers, Wanda Thompson

David Boe - Don Lacky, Dane Meyer

Ryan Mello - J.D. Elquist, Matt Hudgins

Mayor Marilyn Strickland - Robin Echtle, Mike Sweney

**6. Presentations****A. Spaceworks Tacoma****5:15 pm (08:24)**

Heather Joy Helbach-Olds and Gabriel Brown presented on the status of Spaceworks Tacoma. They handed out maps of the Spaceworks sites and showed a presentation of the current Artscapes installations (installed September 1 – December 20, 2013), Special Project Residencies, and Creative Enterprise projects.

Applications for the next round of Artscapes will be available starting September 10. Spaceworks is working on branching out to other neighborhoods but needs new spaces and property owners.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions.

**B. Pacific Avenue Streetscape****5:38 pm (31:58)**

Elizabeth Conner presented on the status of the Pacific Avenue Streetscape project. She showed a presentation of the streetscape project including temporary work that is being done to help activate Pacific Avenue during construction such as duct tape installations, AstroTurf, and posters. She also showed samples of the tile pieces and glaze colors that will be used in the green flash installation, a map of the location for installations, samples of cast concrete sculptural elements, and ideas for bollards for the intersection of 17<sup>th</sup> and Pacific Avenue.



Commissioners asked clarifying questions including durability and longevity of media, oversight of maintenance and conservation, design approval, and timelines.

## 7. Action Items

### A. AMOCAT Arts Awards

6:21 pm (01:14:47)

Commissioners reviewed all nominees and then voted for the 2013 AMOCAT Arts Awards as follows:

<b>Category: Community Outreach by an Individual</b>	<b>Voting Round 1</b>	<b>Voting Round 2</b>
Angela Jossy	3	
Chandler O'Leary		
Darren "Scooter" Spencer		
David Domkoski	11	11
Julian Pena	1	
Justin Mayfield	1	
Kareem Kandi	2	
Kerry Cole		
RR Anderson	2	
Seong Shin		
sweetpea Flaherty	2	
<b>Category: Community Outreach by an Organization</b>		
LILT	2	
Mad Hat Tea Company	1	
Puget Sound Book Artists	3	8
Second Cycle	4	
Tacoma Academy of Fine Art	1	
Tacoma Historical Society		
Tacoma Little Theatre	2	1
Tacoma Public Library	5	3
The Cartoonists League of Absurd Washingtonians	1	
<b>Category: Arts Patron</b>		
Metropolitan Veterinary Hospital	1	
MultiCare Health System	6	2
Erivan and Helga Haub and Family	4	8
Tacoma Food Co-op	1	
The Dan & Pat Nelson Family Foundation	0	1
Griselda "Babe" Lehrer	5	1



The 2013 AMOCAT Arts Award winners are:

<b>Category: Community Outreach by an Individual</b>
David Domkoski
<b>Category: Community Outreach by an Organization</b>
Puget Sound Book Artists
<b>Category: Arts Patron</b>
Erivan and Helga Haub and Family

## 8. Discussion/Updates

### A. Art at Work Month

7:01 pm (1:54:35)

Commissioners volunteered to assist with the Art at Work Opening Party as follows:

- Set-Up
  - 4:00 – 6:00 pm – Traci Kelly, Catherine Stegeman
- Welcome Table
  - 5:30 – 6:00 pm – J.D. Elquist, Matt Hudgins
  - 6:00 – 6:30 pm – Traci Kelly, Rachel Cardwell
  - 6:30 – 7:00 pm – Traci Kelly
- Tacoma Locks Assistant
  - 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Robin Echte
- Meet and Greet
  - 6:00 – 8:30 pm – Robin Echte, J.D. Elquist, Rachel Cardwell, Matt Hudgins, Don Lucky, Wanda Thompson
- Usher to seats for awards
  - 7:05 – 7:15 pm – Traci Kelly, Rachel Cardwell, Dane Meyer
- Help with Wrap-up
  - 8:30 – 9:30 pm – Matt Hudgins, Don Lucky, Dane Meyer

The following Commissioners volunteered to help distribute Art at Work print materials: J.D. Elquist, Matt Hudgins, Mike Sweney, Don Lucky, Wanda Thompson, Scott Ramsey, Catherine Stegeman, Rachel Cardwell, Dane Meyer.

Commissioners viewed the 30-second ad spot that will air on Click! Cable TV. Sean Alexander created the Art at Work poster. Commissioners viewed samples of print materials.

The Tacoma Studio Tour will be held on November 2 & 3.

The Opening Party & AMOCAT Arts Awards will be held on October 28 at the Foss Waterway Seaport. Mayor Strickland, Deputy Mayor Campbell, and Councilmember Walker are lined up to present the AMOCAT Arts Awards. Entertainment includes a hands-on project with Diane Hansen, iron pour by Tacoma Community College, and film, music, dance, and poetry.

Arts Leadership Lab is planning an arts conference for November 16.



**B. Tacoma Murals Project** **7:11 pm (02:04:40)**

Mural updates will be reported on at the October 14 meeting.

**8. Report Back**

**A. Landmarks Preservation Commission** **6:47 pm (01:40:55)**

Commissioner Elquist reported that the Landmarks Preservation Commission has been going through design reviews. Old City Hall was classified as a dangerous building due to the leaking roof.

**B. Advocacy Reports** **6:48 pm (01:41:38)**

There were no advocacy reports.

**C. Arts Events Attended** **6:48 pm (01:41:47)**

Commissioners shared arts events they had attended or been involved with including the Sundance Institute's Film Forward series, In the Spirit festival and market at the History Museum, Maritime Fest, 25 New Faces of Film at The Grand Cinema, Tacoma Film Festival, Hilltop Artists Night Out, groundbreaking for the Haub wing at the Tacoma Art Museum, and Downtown Block Party.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm

