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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 11, 2018

Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Mike Sweney, *Chair*
Heather Conklin, *Vice Chair*
Scott Campbell
Michelle Douglas
Quincy Henry (via phone)
Paula Jacobson
Halley Knigge
Liesl Santkuyl
Wanda Thompson
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

Commission Members Unexcused Absence:
Johnaye Kendrick

Staff Present:

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

Guests Present:

Susan Zoccola
Tanya Durand

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Paul Throne
Rosie Ayala
Michael Kula

1. Call to Order

5:05 pm (00:03)

Chair Sweney

Chair Sweney called the meeting to order, recognizing that the meeting was held on Indigenous land: the traditional homelands of the Puyallup people.

He proposed a motion for an agenda change to postpone staff check-in to accommodate an artist presentation, and to invite Tanya Durand to present during the Tacoma Creates portion of the agenda.

There was a motion: "I make a motion to approve those changes."

Motion: Wanda Thompson

Second: Michelle Douglas

Motion: Carried

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2. Consent Agenda **5:06 pm (01:41)** **Vice Chair Conklin**

Commissioners Throne, Ayala, and Kula had excused absences.

Vice Chair Conklin asked for a motion to approve the amended consent agenda as well as minutes from the May meeting.

There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Liesl Santkuyl

Second: Michelle Douglas

Motion: Carried

3. Chair’s Report **5:07 pm (02:12)** **Chair Sweney**

Chair Sweney shared that he attended an Artist Trust Workshop in Olympia, and an Artists Up convening in Seattle. He also thanked Tacoma Creates for their leadership during the recent Creative Community Conversations event.

4. Discussion/Updates**A. Tacoma Creates/Community Conversations****5:09 pm (04:06)**

Tanya Durand of the Children’s Museum gave an update on the Tacoma Creates presentation given to the Tacoma City Council during the June 5 Study Session. She shared concerns and feedback heard from the council. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

Staff and commissioners also shared a summary of the latest Creative Community Conversations event.

B. AMOCAT Arts Awards**5:39 pm (34:16)**

Staff gave an overview of awards categories and discussed potential nominees for 2018 including Northwest Repertory Singers and Real Art Tacoma. The application will be live in the next couple of weeks.

5. Action Items**A. Prairie Line Trail Spur Public Art****5:49 pm (44:20)**

Staff gave an overview of the project and site. Artist Susan Zoccola presented her designs and answered questions.

There was a motion: “Motion to approve proposal.”

Motion: Wanda Thompson

Second: Liesl Santkuyl

Motion: Carried



6. Staff Check-In**A. Staff Projects Overview and Updates****6:13 pm (1:08:27)**

Staff shared updates on the following projects: Heather Joy is leaving Spaceworks; NEON auction; potential funding for Spaceworks from JP Morgan Chase to address housing displacement on Hilltop; Public Art Public Action training sessions summary; Tacoma Public Utilities percent for art updates; new director of CEDD appointed; Culture and Transportation Plan led by Spaceworks is being finalized; new intern Nayra from UPS; Poet Laureate's Summer Solstice event; new Instagram account; City's EnviroChallenger program hiring an artist.

B. Public Art Updates**6:36 pm (1:31:13)**

Staff shared updates on the following projects: Matthew Dockrey's installation on the Prairie Line Trail; Chris Jordan and Kenji Stoll selected for Tacoma Town Center project; Mauricio Robalino selected for the Alberta J. Canada building; Eastside Community Center training and walking tour; Kenji Stoll selected for Prairie Line Trail Spur Mural; Oak Tree Park Birds, Art, and Trails event; Artists in Residence events.

7. Report Back**A. Advocacy Reports****6:46 pm (1:41:15)**

Commissioners shared about their council coffee meeting.

B. Arts Events Attended**6:47 pm (1:42:38)**

Commissioners shared arts events and venues that they attended, upcoming events, or events they have been involved with including: Tacoma Youth Symphony; Orchestral Recital Series; NW Repertory Singers; Tacoma Musical Playhouse; SOTA Orchestra at Alma Mater; and Night Market.

C. Future Agenda Items for Consideration**6:52 pm (1:47:20)**

There were no items for consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm

