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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: March 13, 2017

Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Rachel Cardwell, *Vice Chair*
Marty Campbell, *City Council Liaison*
Scott Campbell
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Staff Present:

Amy McBride, *Tacoma Arts Administrator*
Naomi Strom-Avila, *Cultural Arts Specialist*
Rebecca Solverson, *Public Art Specialist*
Asia Tail, *Arts Program Coordinator*

Guests:

Chris Serface
Liz Heath
Ellen Peters

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Mike Sweney, *Chair*
Johnaye Kendrick

1. Call to Order **5:09 pm (00:30)** **Vice Chair Cardwell**

2. Consent Agenda **5:09 pm (00:44)** **Vice Chair Cardwell**
Chair Sweney and Commissioner Kendrick had an excused absence.

Vice Chair Cardwell asked if there was a motion to approve the consent agenda as well as minutes from the February meeting.

There was a motion: "So moved."

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Motion: Traci Kelly
 Second: Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem
 Motion: Carried

3. Chair’s Report **5:10 pm (01:14)** **Vice Chair Cardwell**

Vice Chair Cardwell reminded commissioners that the retreat is on March 18 and shared a thank you card from the Hilltop Street Fair, which was funded through Arts Projects.

4. Action Items

A. 2017-18 Tacoma Artists Initiative Program Funding Recommendations **5:10 pm (01:45)**

The 2017-18 Tacoma Artists Initiative Program review panel’s funding recommendations were presented to the Commission. The panel recommended funding the following 18 applicants at \$2,500 each for a total of \$45,000:

Name	Category
Anida Yoeu Ali	Interdisciplinary Arts
Travis Barker	Performing Arts
Priscilla Dobler	Visual Arts
Daniel Garcia	Performing Arts
Antonio Gomez	Performing Arts
Mark Hoppmann	Visual Arts
Maria Jost	Visual Arts
Anne Lyman	Performing Arts
Kevin Miller	Literary Arts
Elise Richman	Visual Arts
Mauricio Robalino	Visual Arts
Jessica Spring	Visual Arts
Nicholas Stokes	Interdisciplinary Arts
Kenji Stoll	Visual Arts
Masahiro Sugano	Media Arts
Qin Tan	Visual Arts
Collin Veenstra	Visual Arts
Ben Wildenhaus	Interdisciplinary Arts

A total of 43 applications were received. Commissioners discussed and asked questions. Vice Chair Cardwell called for a motion to accept the funding recommendations as presented.

There was a motion: “So moved.”
 Motion: Paul Throne



Second: Don Lacky

Motion: Carried

B. 2017-18 Arts Anchor Fund Funding Recommendations 5:17 pm (08:30)

The 2017-18 Arts Anchor Fund review panel's funding recommendations were presented to the Commission. The panel recommended funding all 10 applicants for a total of \$255,000 as follows:

Organization	Recommended Funding
Hilltop Artists	\$ 33,000.00
Museum of Glass	\$ 22,000.00
Northwest Sinfonietta	\$ 20,000.00
Symphony Tacoma	\$ 27,000.00
Tacoma Art Museum	\$ 24,000.00
Tacoma Little Theatre	\$ 24,000.00
Tacoma Musical Playhouse	\$ 27,000.00
Tacoma Opera Association	\$ 20,000.00
Tacoma Youth Symphony Association	\$ 25,000.00
The Grand Cinema	\$ 33,000.00
Total Funding for 2017-18	\$ 255,000.00

Commissioners discussed and asked questions. Vice Chair Cardwell called for a motion to accept the funding recommendations as presented.

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Wanda Thompson

Second: Traci Kelly

Motion: Carried

5. Discussion/Updates

A. Retreat Agenda

5:25 pm (16:00)

Staff shared the proposed retreat agenda. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

B. Collector Systems Overview

5:28 pm (19:10)

Staff presented the new online art collection database, Collector Systems. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

C. Council Coffee Sign-Ups

5:37 pm (28:40)

Commissioners signed up for meeting slots as follows:



Michael Kula and Traci Kelly (Robert Thoms); Rachel Cardwell and Liesl Santkuyl (Anders Ibsen); Paul Throne and Liesl Santkuyl (Joe Lonergan); Rachel Cardwell and Johnaye Kendrick (Marty Campbell); Mike Sweney and Halley Knigge (Keith Blocker); Mike Sweney and Scott Campbell (Lauren Walker Lee); Wanda Thompson and Quincy Henry (Conor McCarthy); Paul Throne and Traci Kelly (Ryan Mello); Mike Sweney, Rachel Cardwell, and Wanda Thompson (Mayor Marilyn Strickland)

2016 Year in Review documents are finalized and available to use during meetings. Most appointments will occur in April on Tuesdays, and will last approximately 30 minutes.

6. Staff Check-In

A. Staff Projects Overview and Updates **5:42 pm (33:22)**

The McKinley Artist Lofts have started construction and are hoping to open September 1st. Alma Mater is in permitting and is hoping to open in the fall. The Union Club on Broadway is being developed into creative working space. The Northwest College of Art and Design in Poulsbo is moving to Tacoma.

A special project part-time employee position was approved for the Arts Office. The Tacoma Poet Laureate call received 13 applications, which will be reviewed in April, with a celebration of the selected poet April 29th at Tacoma Community College. Two art opportunities for Valhalla Hall will be launched soon. Artwork for the People's Community Center Portable Artworks Purchase will be decided at the end of March, and the People's Community Center History Project is underway.

B. Public Art Updates **5:49 pm (40:20)**

Staff informed commissioners of ongoing projects at the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium, the Prairie Line Trail, and in the Lincoln District.

7. Report Back

A. Advocacy Reports **5:52 pm (43:30)**

There were no reports.

B. Arts Events Attended **5:52 pm (43:45)**

Commissioners shared arts events that they attended or have been involved with including: Teen Tix meetings, Jazz Walk, Tacoma Little Theater performances, Tacoma Musical Theater performances, Tacoma Opera performances, and the Barefoot Collective adult dance classes at the YMCA.

Commissioner Kula also shared that he is now co-chair of the UW Tacoma campus art committee. They have recently started a 1% for Art program and are planning an additional Prairie Line Trail piece.

Upcoming events include: Artist Trust Mentorship Night, Spaceworks Gallery's opening of Scars and Stripes, and Second City Chamber Series high school recital.



C. Future Agenda Items for Consideration

6:00 pm (51:15)

There were no items noted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm

