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#### Staff

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: April 11, 2016

Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

#### *Commission Members in Attendance:*

Mike Sweney, Chair  
Rachel Cardwell, Vice Chair  
Joel Chang  
Heather Conklin  
Kareem Kandi  
Traci Kelly  
Johnaye Kendrick  
Halley Knigge  
Don Lacky  
Dane Meyer  
Paul Throne  
Katrina Toft

#### *City Council Liaison in Attendance:*

Marty Campbell

#### *Staff Present:*

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

#### *Guests:*

Stephanie Stebich  
Horatio Law

#### *Commission Members Excused Absence:*

Scott Campbell  
Wanda Thompson  
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

### **1. Call to Order**

**5:02 pm (00:15)**

**Chair Sweney**

### **2. Consent Agenda**

**5:02 pm (00:30)**

**Vice Chair Cardwell**

Commissioners Campbell, Thomson, and Wilmot-Stenehjem had excused absences.

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



There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Traci Kelly

Second: Heather Conklin

Motion: Carried

### **3. Chair’s Report**

**5:03 pm (01:15)**

**Chair Sweney**

Chair Sweney shared that he and Vice Chair Cardwell participated in a Historic Preservation funding panel last month. He also congratulated Commissioners Kandi and Chang on their new babies.

### **4. Presentations**

#### **A. Lincoln District Public Art Project**

**5:06 pm (04:50)**

**Horatio Law**

Horatio Law, the artist selected for the Lincoln District Public Art project, presented on his work in the district thus far and his plans for a final artwork design. He reviewed the aspirational cloud-making activity he led with several community groups, and the upcoming development of a mini-grant program to fund local artists in Lincoln. Law plans to continue using the cloud motif in concrete benches for the neighborhood and lamp posts, and will also create historical plaques to be placed at various sites.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions about next steps and suggested additional resources.

### **5. Action Items**

#### **A. 5-Year Art Plan Strategies**

**5:34 pm (32:25)**

Amy McBride introduced the revised draft of the 5-Year Art Plan, which came out of the work Commissioners did at their retreat. The draft includes the following five strategies: grow and sustain the creative economy; promote equity, diversity and inclusiveness; use public art to create active, accessible, and welcoming public places; strengthen Tacoma’s creative ecosystem; optimize performance and capacity of arts programming services and operations. Commissioners and staff went through each strategy, discussed wording and content, and suggested changes.

There was a motion: “We adopt the strategies and encourage staff to move forward with adjustments discussed this evening.”

Motion: Traci Kelly

Second: Rachel Cardwell

Motion: Carried

### **6. Discussion/Updates**

#### **A. Tacoma Murals Project**

**6:35 pm (1:33:35)**

Naomi Strom-Avila presented the selected mural sites for the Tacoma Murals Project and the 2016-18 Mural Artist Roster. Artists will be connected with sites next month and murals will be completed this summer.

Traffic box wraps are now being installed around town as weather permits.



**B. Council Coffee Sign-ups****6:43 pm (1:41:30)**

Commissioners who were absent last month were encouraged to sign up for Council Coffee meetings. Commissioners volunteered to meet with City Council members as follows: Halley Knigge and Katrina Toft (Robert Thoms), Kareem Kandi and Wanda Thompson (Anders Ibsen), Paul Throne and Traci Kelly (Joe Lonergan), Rachel Cardwell and Traci Kelly (Marty Campbell), Mike Sweney and Rachel Cardwell and Traci Kelly (Keith Blocker), Dane Meyer and Johnaye Kendrick (Victoria Woodards), Mike Sweney and Rachel Cardwell and Wanda Thompson (Conor McCarthy), Scott Campbell and Paul Throne (Ryan Mello), Mike Sweney and Rachel Cardwell (Mayor Marilyn Strickland)

Meetings will be scheduled for early May. Chair Sweeney reminded Commissioners of the value of advocating for the Arts Program at these meetings.

The revised and redesigned Year in Review document was shared with Commissioners.

**C. Public Art Updates****6:48 pm (1:46:17)**

There were no pressing public art updates to announce at this time.

**7. Staff Check-In****6:49 pm (1:47:33)**

The Arts Program, in partnership with Pierce Transit, has been awarded an Our Town grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to support a culture and transportation plan for the Theater District.

Etsy has invited Amy McBride to attend their Maker Cities Summit where she will represent Tacoma, which is one of only thirteen cities that will be highlighted as creative hubs by the company.

**8. Report Back****A. Advocacy Reports****6:53 pm (01:51:00)**

There were no advocacy reports.

**B. Arts Events Attended****6:53 pm (01:51:13)**

Commissioners shared art events they had attended or have been involved with including: Tacoma Symphony Orchestra, Tacoma Art Museum openings, and several local jazz performances.

**C. Future Agenda Items for Consideration****6:56 pm (01:54:28)**

There were no items noted.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm**

