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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: March 14, 2016

Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

#### *Commission Members in Attendance:*

Mike Sweney, Chair  
Rachel Cardwell, Vice Chair  
Scott Campbell  
Heather Conklin  
Kareem Kandi  
Halley Knigge  
Don Lacky  
Wanda Thompson  
Paul Throne

#### *Commission Members Excused Absence:*

Traci Kelly  
Katrina Toft  
Joel Chang  
Johnaye Kendrick  
Dane Meyer  
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

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

Marty Campbell

#### *Staff Present:*

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

#### *Guests:*

Tanisha Jumper  
Andy Buelow

### 1. Call to Order

5:07 pm (00:00)

Chair Sweney

### 2. Consent Agenda

5:07 pm (00:23)

Vice Chair Cardwell

Commissioners Meyer, Wilmot-Stenehjem, Toft, Chang, Kelly, and Kendrick had an excused absence.

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

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There was a motion: “I so move.”

Motion: Wanda Thompson

Second: Mike Sweney

Motion: Carried

### **3. Chair’s Report**

**5:08 pm (01:30)**

**Chair Sweney**

Chair Sweney thanked Commissioners for their time at the recent retreat. NEA Chairman Jane Chu visited Tacoma in February.

Commissioners and new staff introduced themselves.

### **4. Presentations**

#### **A. The Arts and Tacoma 2025**

**5:15 pm (08:15)**

**Tanisha Jumper**

Tanisha Jumper, Tacoma 2025 Manager, presented on the goals of 2025 and opportunities to integrate the arts. Tacoma 2025 is currently guided by 5 overarching areas of focus: livability, education, civic engagement, economy and workforce, and equity and accessibility.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions about next steps and which contacts from the arts community have been included in the process.

### **5. Discussion/Updates**

#### **A. 2015 Year in Review**

**5:43 pm (36:10)**

Commissioners reviewed a draft of the 2015 Year in Review document. The statistics listed will be updated and the document will be reformatted into a cleaner design.

Commissioners discussed and asked clarifying questions, recommending the creation of an additional abbreviated report with infographics for the general public.

#### **B. Council Coffee Sign-ups**

**5:57 pm (50:50)**

Commissioners discussed the process and general meeting protocol for Council Coffee meetings.

Commissioners volunteered to meet with City Council members as follows: Halley Knigge (Robert Thoms), Kareem Kandi and Wanda Thompson (Anders Ibsen), Mike Sweney and Rachel Cardwell (Keith Blocker), 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)

Commissioners discussed and asked clarifying questions.

#### **C. Arts and Economic Prosperity 5 Study**

**6:04 pm (57:18)**

For the first quarter of 2015, Commissioners collected 358 audience surveys at 7 local arts events.



Commissioners signed up to administer audience surveys during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>
5/25/16	Broadway Center	Buddy Guy	Rachel Cardwell, Halley Knigge
4/30/16 - 5/1/16	King's Bookstore	Tacoma Wayzgoose	Paul Throne, Wanda Thompson
5/21/16	Northwest Repertory Singers	Song of the Salish Chief	Don Lacky
4/21/16	Tacoma Little Theatre	"Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike"	Scott Campbell, Don Lacky
4/29/16 or 4/30/16	Tacoma Opera	Threepenny Opera	Wanda Thompson, Don Lacky
4/23/16	The Grand Cinema	Saturday screenings	Rachel Cardwell, Halley Knigge, Wanda Thompson
4/16/16	Northwest Sinfonietta	Brahms & Beethoven	Paul Throne, Heather Conklin
5/22/16	Tacoma Youth Symphony Assoc.	Tacoma Youth Symphony - An Enigmatic Caprice	Don Lacky, Mike Sweney

A list of Tacoma non-profit arts and culture organizations and venues was also passed around for review and possible additions. Commissioners discussed and asked clarifying questions.

#### **D. Tacoma Murals Project**

**6:12 pm (1:05:00)**

Mural artist roster applications closed March 7, with 33 total applications received for lead artists, assistant artists, and artists interested in both positions. A panel will meet to review applications on March 21. The community application closes March 14 at midnight and will be reviewed by a panel on March 18. Commissioners discussed and asked clarifying questions.

#### **E. Public Art Update**

**6:14 pm (1:07:10)**

Traffic wraps will be installed once weather allows.

The Water Flume Line Trail and Oak Tree Park public art opportunity received 35 applications. The panel interviewed four finalists and selected Clark Wiegman by unanimous vote. Commissioners viewed samples of Mr. Wiegman's work.

Horatio Law, artist for the Lincoln District project, is engaging the Lincoln community through a series of well-attended art gatherings and workshops. The community responses created during these workshops will be used as a data set and to inform the final public artwork. Commissioner Conklin shared her personal experiences working with the artist during his visits to her class at Lincoln High School, where he will be visiting every Tuesday through March. The artist will also attend the Lincoln Breakfast on March 19<sup>th</sup>.



Commissioners discussed and asked clarifying questions.

## **6. Staff Check-In**

**6:31 pm (1:24:48)**

Fort Nisqually will host a traditional arts and crafts show and are looking for a Commissioner to help jury it. Commissioner Lacky volunteered.

Tacoma Art Museum is putting together an advisory committee for the upcoming 30 Americans exhibit. Chair Sweney volunteered to be on the committee. Commissioner Thompson is already participating.

Planning for Tacoma Arts Month will begin soon. Commissioners volunteered to sit on committees as follows:

AMOCAT Arts Awards and Opening Party Committee - Kareem Kandi, Don Lacky, Scott Campbell, Heather Conklin

Tacoma Studio Tour Committee - Paul Throne, Mike Sweney

Marketing Committee - Wanda Thompson, Rachel Cardwell, Scott Campbell, Halley Knigge, Kareem Kandi

Metro Parks' public art program is underway, and conversation has started on several Sound Transit projects. Spaceworks, in partnership with the City, is working to find space for artists who were formerly in the Manitou Art Center. The People's Pool renovation project is moving forward and will likely include a mural.

## **7. Report Back**

### **A. Advocacy Reports**

**6:41 pm (01:34:00)**

There were no advocacy reports.

### **B. Arts Events Attended**

**6:41 pm (01:34:13)**

Commissioners shared art events they had attended or have been involved with including: the Museum of Glass's Healing in Flames exhibition, Tacoma Symphony Orchestra's Mini Maestros, the UPS Collins Memorial Library's exhibition Surviving and Thriving: AIDS, Politics, and Culture, ArtsWA's Poetry Out Loud, RAGS Wearable Art show, Classical Tuesdays in Old Town, and Asia Pacific Cultural Center's New Year Celebration.

### **C. Future Agenda Items for Consideration**

**6:55 pm (01:48:08)**

Commissioner Thompson inquired about ways to support KPLU. Commissioner Campbell suggested having a presentation on live/work space.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm**

