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Amy McBride, *Tacoma Arts Administrator*  
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Asia Tail, *Arts Program Coordinator*

# Summary Minutes

## Tacoma Arts Commission

### Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality

### Tacoma Venues & Events

These minutes accompany the recorded meeting of the Tacoma Arts Commission, which is available at [www.cityoftacoma.org/tacagendaminutes](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/tacagendaminutes).

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Date: March 11, 2019  
Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16  
Time: 5:00 pm

***Commission Members in Attendance:***

Heather Conklin, *Chair*  
Rosie Ayala, *Vice Chair*  
Michelle Douglas  
Heide Fernandez-Llamazares  
Anna Holcomb  
Paula Jacobson  
Michael Kula  
James Stowe  
Wanda Thompson  
Paul Throne  
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem  
Sarah Woodson

***Commission Members Excused Absence:***

Johnaye Kendrick  
Liesl Santkuyl

***Commission Members Unexcused Absence:***

Quincy Henry

***Staff Present:***

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

***Guests Present:***

Kristin Luippold  
Kim Bedier  
Don Lacky  
Stacy Hicks

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- 1. Call to Order** **5:05 pm (00:04) Chair Conklin**  
Chair Conklin called the meeting to order and recognized that the meeting was held on Indigenous land: the traditional homelands of the Puyallup people.
- 2. Consent Agenda** **5:05 pm (00:25) Vice Chair Ayala**  
Commissioners Kendrick and Santkuyl had excused absences.

Vice Chair Ayala asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda, postponing the council coffee role playing session until the March 30 retreat, as well as minutes from the January meeting.

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Paul Throne

Second: Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

Motion: Carried

- 3. Chair's Report** **5:06 pm (01:30) Chair Conklin**  
Chair Conklin welcomed the group and introduced Charles Lee for the next portion of the meeting.
- 4. Presentations** **5:06 pm (01:46)**  
Charles Lee, Deputy City Attorney, gave the annual overview of the City's Ethics, Public Disclosure, and Open Meetings Act. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

**5. Action Items**

- a. 2019-20 Tacoma Artists Initiative Program Funding Recommendations** **5:33 pm (28:43)**  
The 2019-20 Tacoma Artists Initiative Program review panel's funding recommendations were presented to the Commission. The panel recommended funding the following 24 applicants at \$2,500 each for a total of \$60,000:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Category</b>
Kristina Batiste	Visual Art
Dionne Bonner	Visual Art
Gabriel Brown	Visual Art
Sarah A. Chavez	Literary Arts
Kimberly M Davenport	Music/Sound Art
Alice Di Certo	Visual Art
Kyle Dillehay	Visual Art
Ryan Feddersen	Visual Art

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Erin Guinup	Music/Sound Art
Chad Hagedorn	Music/Sound Art
Lucia Harrison	Visual Art
Fumiko Kimura	Visual Art
Nori Kimura	Visual Art
Lisa Kinoshita	Visual Art
Sasha LaPointe	Literary Arts
Melinda Raebyne	Performance or New Media
Elizabeth Reeves	Visual Art
Brian Robinson	Performance or New Media
Jeanette Sanchez-Izenman	Performance or New Media
Jamika Scott	Performance or New Media
Kenya Shakoore	Visual Art
Sharon Styer	Visual Art
Wendy Wahman	Interdisciplinary Art
Anique Zimmer	Visual Art

A total of 45 applications were received. Multiple disciplines and all 5 council districts are represented in the selections. Commissioners discussed and asked questions. Chair Conklin called for a motion to accept the funding recommendations as presented.

There was a motion: "I so move."

Motion: Wanda Thompson

Second: Michael Kula

Motion: Carried

**b. 2019 Arts Anchor Fund Funding Recommendations**

**6:47 pm (42:10)**

The 2019 Arts Anchor Fund review panel's funding recommendations were presented to the Commission. The panel recommended funding all 10 applicants for a total of \$130,000 as follows:

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Recommended Funding</b>
Tacoma Youth Symphony Association, Inc	\$ 15,000.00
Tacoma Opera Association	\$ 10,000.00
Tacoma Musical Playhouse	\$ 12,000.00
Tacoma Little Theatre	\$ 12,000.00
Tacoma Art Museum	\$ 14,000.00



Symphony Tacoma	\$	12,000.00
Northwest Sinfonietta	\$	10,000.00
Museum of Glass	\$	14,000.00
Hilltop Artists	\$	15,000.00
The Grand Cinema	\$	16,000.00

Commissioners discussed and asked questions. Commissioners who served on the selection panel noted that many organizations struggled with the questions around equity and that there is significant room for growth and training in that area. Chair Conklin called for a motion to accept the funding recommendations as presented.

There was a motion: "Motion to accept."

Motion: Michelle Douglas

Second: Wanda Thompson

Motion: Carried

**c. Fern Hill Traffic Box Wrap**

**5:53 pm (48:18)**

Staff presented the proposal for a traffic box wrap by the Fern Hill Business District for the box on 84th and Park Avenue. Commissioners discussed and asked questions. Chair Conklin called for a motion to accept the proposal as presented.

There was a motion: "Motion to accept."

Motion: Michelle Douglas

Second: Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

Motion: Carried with 1 abstention

**6. Discussion/Updates**

**a. Tacoma Creates**

**6:09 pm (01:04:15)**

Amy McBride asked commissioners for feedback on the most recent Tacoma Creates community event on January 23. Staff is looking into ways to process qualitative data gathered from past events and has upcoming events planned to focus on science and heritage. Commissioners are invited to volunteer.

**b. Artist in Residence Final Report Out**

**6:27 pm (01:22:31)**

A draft of the Artist in Residence overview report was shared with commissioners, along with a summary video from Roni Chelben on her project *In Our Backyard*, and Susan Robb's presentation of her findings and recommendations.



**7. Staff Check In****a. Staff Projects Overview and Updates****6:54 pm (01:49:25)**

Staff shared updates on the following projects: future Tacoma Arts Commission meetings will be moved to TMB243 starting in April, Poet Laureate application review planned for March 22 and Pass the Torch event planned for April 24 at Tacoma Arts Live. A Council Coffee sign-up sheet was passed around.

**b. Public Art Updates****6:58 pm (01:53:08)**

Staff shared updates on the following projects: Port of Tacoma Centennial project, library kiosk wraps at community centers, Gertie's Ghost, Prairie Line Trail – Ryan Feddersen, Lincoln District – Horatio Law, mural repair.

**8. Report Back****a. Advocacy Reports****7:05 pm (02:00:30)**

There were no advocacy reports.

**b. Arts Events Attended****7:05 pm (02:00:30)**

Commissioners and staff shared arts events and venues that they attended, upcoming events, or events they have been involved with including: yəhaw at King Street Station, Pierce County Aids Foundation show on stigma and AIDS in POC communities, Sister Cities, TCC Ceramics Department Workshop, Destiny City Film Festival, TUPAC's Black Swan, Kareem Kandi World Orchestra.

**c. Future Agenda Items for Consideration****7:10 pm (02:05:30)**

There were no items.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm**

