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Summary Minutes

Tacoma Arts Commission

Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality
Tacoma Venues and Events Department



Date: June 14, 2021

Time: 5:00 pm

Location: Virtual

These minutes accompany the recorded meeting of the Tacoma Arts Commission, which is available at www.cityoftacoma.org/tacagendaminutes.

Commission Members in Attendance:

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City Staff Present:

Amy McBride
Chevi Chung
Rebecca Solverson
Naomi Strom-Avila
Lisa Jaret
Tammi Bryant

Presenters:

Kristin Lynett

1. Call to Order

5:06 pm (00:00)

Chair Ayala called the meeting to order. Chair Ayala recognized that the meeting was held on Indigenous land: the traditional homelands of the Puyallup people.

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“We gratefully acknowledge that we rest on the traditional lands of the Puyallup People where they make their home and speak the Lushootseed language.”

2. Consent Agenda

(00:33)

There were no excused absences.

Vice Chair Maestas asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda for as well as the minutes from the May 10, May 22 and June 6 meetings.

There was a motion: "I move that we accept the agenda and meeting minutes."

Motion: Commissioner Conklin

Seconded: Commissioner Stump

Motion: Carried

3. Chair's Report/Housekeeping (01:49)

Chair Ayala thanked the retreat facilitators and subcommittee for the retreat sessions and reminded Commissioners that there will be no meeting in July. Chair Ayala requested time at the end of the meeting for Commissioners to provide any personal updates.

4. Public Comment on Agenda Items (03:46)

There were no public comments on agenda items.

5. Presentations

a. Climate Justice Action Planning (04:57)

The City of Tacoma's Sustainability Officer, Kristin Lynett, presented on the Climate Justice Action Planning process including engagement opportunities, workshops, and the community survey.

6. Discussion/Updates

a. Arts Commission Retreat Sessions Wrap-Up (28:51)

Chair Ayala opened discussion on the Arts Commission retreat sessions. Commissioners shared feedback including how impactful the session with Coleman & Associates had been in building connections and a foundation, appreciation for the split session approach, and appreciation for one-on-one breakout room discussions.

b. 'Council Coffee' Meeting Feedback (42:55)

Commissioner Stump gave an update about her meeting with Councilmember Walker.

c. Municipal Art Collection Deaccession, Accession, and Gift Policy Subcommittee (45:28)

Commissioner Allison gave an update about the Municipal Art Collection Deaccession, Accession, and Gift Policy Subcommittee, specifically the significant changes based on the subcommittee's research and work. Staff added that all four policies are being looked at with an emphasis on the Deaccession Policy.

d. Tacoma Arts Month (54:01)

Staff gave an update about the Tacoma Arts Month website. The studio tour survey closed on June 13 with 144 responses received; 32% preferred a studio tour, 63% preferred an artist fair, 5% preferred not participating in 2021. Staff toured the STAR Center in May and toured the Armory in June. Staff gave an update about the 20th Anniversary Special presentation with TV Tacoma and the AMOCAT Arts Awards Wonder & Care version for 2021. Subcommittee members shared updates.

e. DEI Subcommittee (01:03:14)

Subcommittee members gave an update about the direction of the subcommittee's work, plans around the

Cultural New Deal, and an overview of their meeting with Colemon & Associates in preparation for the June 6 retreat session.

7. Staff Check-In

(01:09:41)

a. Staff Projects Overview and Updates

Staff shared that Community Arts Projects organizations and Tacoma Artists Initiative Program (TAIP) artists are progressing with their funded projects. The second cohort meeting with TAIP artists will be on July 8. UPS student intern Myles Sterns started this week and will work with the office during the summer to create a marketing kit with best practices and samples for artists and organizations for promotion of their work as well as several projects for Tacoma Creates. Staff have updated the Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality's webpages. Staff are securing in-kind sponsorships for Tacoma Arts Month and the graphic designer is working on developing the look and feel for this year's materials. Spaceworks Tacoma will present two Building Better Business Foundations professional development workshops in July.

b. Public Art Updates

(1:17:43)

Staff gave updates about Mary Coss' *Ghost Log*, RYAN! Feddersen's *Mini Tahoma* for the Pierce Transit Waterwall, East 64th Street, storm water murals, Black Lives Matter mural with the Human Rights Commission at Tollefson Plaza, and the Tacoma Town Center project. Staff gave an update about the Tacoma City Council study session on June 29 for the totem pole delisting with Historic Preservation. Master's degree students at Evergreen College are working on a research project about equity in public art in Tacoma. Staff gave an update about Environmental Services' mural wraps and stencil project that Spaceworks Tacoma is supporting.

c. Tacoma Creates

(01:27:08)

Fifty-one organizations were selected for Tacoma Creates funding July 2021-June 2022. Staff are contacting the organizations and writing up contracts. The Tacoma Creates Advisory Board is currently recruiting for three seats including the Council District 3, Heritage, and Arts seats. The application deadline is June 29.

8. Report Back

a. Advocacy Reports

(01:33:03)

There were no advocacy reports.

b. Funded Project Updates/Arts Events Attended

(01:33:16)

Commissioner Woodson attended the Jacob Lawrence exhibit in Seattle.

c. Future Agenda Items for Consideration

(01:33:17)

There were no items for consideration.

Chair Ayala led a discussion with Commissioners on how they best connect with each other.

9. Adjourn

6:47 (01:42:03)

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