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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.

Staff

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

Date: November 9, 2015

Location: City of Tacoma Municipal Building North, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Traci Kelly, Chair
 Dane Meyer, Vice Chair
 Scott Campbell
 Rachel Cardwell
 Joel Chang
 Heather Conklin
 Matt Hudgins
 Kareem Kandi
 Halley Knigge
 Don Lacky
 Mike Sweney
 Wanda Thompson
 Katrina Toft

Council Members in Attendance:

David Boe

Staff Present:

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

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Paul Throne
 Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

1. Call to Order

5:07 pm (00:01)

Chair Kelly

2. Consent Agenda

5:07 pm (00:11)

Vice Chair Meyer

Commissioners Throne and Wilmot-Stenehjem had an excused absence.

Vice Chair Meyer asked if there was a motion to accept the agenda and minutes.

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Rachel Cardwell



Second: Don Lacky

Motion: Carried

3. Chair's Report

5:07 pm (00:49)

Chair Kelly

Chair Kelly and Amy McBride will be presenting to the Economic Development Committee on November 10.

The next regular meeting of the Commission on December 14 will be shortened to allow for a non-business holiday gathering following the meeting.

Commissioners watched a short video created by ArtsWA in celebration of the National Endowment for the Arts' 50th anniversary.

4. Action Items

A. Portable Works Purchase

5:14 pm (07:42)

The Arts Program received 1,141 submissions from 213 artists. The panel reviewed 113 pieces from 60 artists in the second round. The panel recommended purchase of 32 pieces of artwork from the following artists: Juan Alonso-Rodriguez, Zack Bent, Gala Bent, Buddy Bunting, Romson Bustillo, MalPina Chan, Bill Colby, Neeka (Lloyd) Cook, Peter de Lory, Lynn Di Nino, Karen Doten, Jennifer Frohwerk, Randi Ganulin, Sarah Gilbert, Julia Haack, Claire B. Jones, Eunice Kim, Fred Lisaius, Hugo Ludeña, Jeremy Mangan, Kelda Martensen, Chandler O'Leary, Marvin Oliver, Mary Randlett, Elise Richman, Samuella Samaniego, Samantha Scherer, Preston Singletary, Jessica Spring, and Susan Zoccola.

The budget for total purchases was increased from \$20,000 to \$41,000. The panel included Janae Huber, Margaret Bullock, Zoe Donnell, Paul Throne, Tanisha Jumper, Kala Dralle, Julie Stoltman, and Lauren Hoogkamer.

Ms. McBride asked for a motion to “approve the slate of purchases as presented”

There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Mike Sweney

Second: Scott Campbell

Motion: Carried

B. Commission Executive Committee Elections

5:23 pm (16:01)

Commissioners conducted ranked choice voting for the 2016 Executive Committee. The votes were tallied as follows:

Mike Sweney – 11 votes

Rachel Cardwell – 8 votes

Scott Campbell – 7 votes

Chair Kelly stated “we should entertain a motion to accept Mike Sweney as Chair and Rachel Cardwell as Vice Chair, based on the majority vote.”

There was a motion: “I would like to make that recommendation.”



Motion: Scott Campbell
 Second: Halley Knigge
 Motion: Carried

5. Discussion/Updates

A. Tacoma Arts Month Recap

5:35 pm (28:10)

Commissioners gave suggestions for the Tacoma Studio Tour including asking Studio Tour artists to encourage visitors to participate in the #TacomaArts promotion, offering social media training for Studio Tour artists, correcting the itinerary function of the online Studio Tour map to either all numerical or all alphabetical ordering, and pursuing television publicity. It was observed that many people seemed to have learned about the tour via word of mouth and that the passport was very popular. There was an average of 124 visitors per studio.

Commissioners drew five names at random from people who had submitted completed Studio Tour passports. The drawing winners are: Cheryl Ann Bell, Susan Johnson, Kelly Stave, Jim Bilnoski, and Amy Goldberg.

The #TacomaArts promotion on social media will continue through November 15.

B. Art Plan Updates

5:47 pm (40:55)

3 Square Blocks has conducted their preliminary research, focus group meetings, and collection of online feedback. They will present to the Economic Development Committee on November 10.

The Commission will work through the 5-year Art Plan at their annual retreat in early 2016.

C. Public Art Updates

5:50 pm (43:45)

Lincoln District Revitalization – Horatio Law was selected for the project. His contract will go before Council on November 17. He will visit Tacoma on November 18 & 19 to begin work.

Bay Terrace/Tacoma Housing Authority – Christopher Jordan and Kenji Stoll have presented an initial proposal for the site.

Prairie Line Trail Spur – Susan Zoccola is working on a proposal for the project.

Metro Parks Tacoma – The call to artists for two projects at the Point Defiance Aquarium closes on November 23. Adam Kuby was hired by the Metro Parks architect to do design-integrated work for the waterfront in Point Defiance.

Thea Foss Waterway Esplanade – Ed Kroupa's artwork has been installed and was dedicated on October 15.

South Tacoma – There will be an upcoming joint call with Metro Parks for a public art project for Oak Tree Park and the Water Flume Line Trail. The Arts Program will manage a gateway public art project on South Tacoma Way, funded by a State Farm grant.



Water Forest – Museum of Glass is trying to set up a meeting with Howard Ben Tre.

Rebecca Solverson attended the annual Northwest Public Art Conference meeting.

Traffic Box Wrap Project – Wrap installation is underway.

Recommendations for panelists who reside or work in South Tacoma are needed for the upcoming South Tacoma public art projects.

Sound Transit D to M – The City purchased the land that the gateway artwork will be sited on and will be working on landscaping for the area. The City’s Neighborhood and Community Services department is working to address issues of homelessness in the area. James Sinding’s adjacent public art project is in the works.

Commissioners discussed projects and asked clarifying questions.

6. Staff Check-In

6:13 pm (01:06:12)

Applications for Spaceworks Tacoma’s Creative Enterprise program will be accepted through December 7. Spaceworks will be starting a strategic planning process and looking at next-level business training.

Commissioners volunteered to attend/evaluate funded projects as follows:

date	organization	event	volunteer
12/17/15	Elements of Education	Tacoma Spaces: See, Think, Wonder	Wanda Thompson
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11/10/15	Old Town Business and Professional Assoc.	Classical Tuesdays in Old Town - Flamenco	Don Lacky
12/11/15	Puget Sound Poetry Connection	Distinguished Writer Series and Open Mic	Wanda Thompson
12/4/15	Tacoma Musical Playhouse	Chitty Chitty Bang Bang	Don Lacky
12/5/15	Tacoma Musical Playhouse	Chitty Chitty Bang Bang	Heather Conklin
12/11/15	Tacoma Musical Playhouse	Chitty Chitty Bang Bang	Halley Knigge
12/12/15	Tacoma Musical Playhouse	Chitty Chitty Bang Bang	Matt Hudgins
12/19/15	Tacoma Musical Playhouse	Chitty Chitty Bang Bang	Wanda Thompson
12/20/15	Tacoma Musical Playhouse	Chitty Chitty Bang Bang	Traci Kelly



11/22/15	Tacoma Symphony	Sibelius & Mendelssohn	Don Lacky
12/6/15	Tacoma Symphony	Sounds of the Season	Don Lacky
11/21/15	Tacoma Youth Symphony Assoc.	Tacoma Young Artists Orchestra - Russian Fairytales	Wanda Thompson
12/12/15	Tacoma Youth Symphony Assoc.	Tacoma Junior Youth Symphony & Tacoma Youth Brass Ensemble	Wanda Thompson

Commissioner Hudgins volunteered to jury a student art show at Harvard Elementary in Franklin Pierce County.

Tacoma Poet Laureate Cathy Nguyen is co-producing True Grit, a multi-disciplinary event on November 19 exploring the topic of youth experiencing homelessness.

Twenty-three Arts Projects funding applications were received. The review panel will meet on December 10 to review applications and make funding recommendations. The Commission will vote on the panel's recommendations at the December 14 meeting.

7. Report Back

A. Advocacy Reports

6:21 pm (01:14:36)

There were no advocacy reports.

B. Arts Events Attended

6:21 pm (01:14:47)

Commissioners shared art events they had attended or have been involved with including the Tacoma Film Festival and 25 New Faces of Independent Film at The Grand Cinema, Art AIDS America at Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma Actors Repertory Theater, Hilltop Artists' at Museum of Glass, Tacoma City Ballet, Dukesbay Theater, and the Tacoma Youth Symphony Association.

C. Future Agenda Items for Consideration

6:29 pm (01:22:11)

There were no items noted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm

