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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.

Date: December 12, 2016

Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Mike Sweney, Chair
Rachel Cardwell, Vice Chair
Scott Campbell
Joel Chang
Heather Conklin
Traci Kelly
Johnaye Kendrick
Don Lacky
Dane Meyer
Wanda Thompson
Paul Throne
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

Staff Present:

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

Guest:

Norman Taylor

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Kareem Kandi
Halley Knigge

1. Call to Order

5:03 pm (00:05)

Chair Sweney

2. Consent Agenda

5:03 pm (00:18)

Vice Chair Cardwell

Commissioners Knigge and Kandi had excused absences.

Vice Chair Cardwell asked if there was a motion to approve the consent agenda, with an added action item to create a sub-committee to develop an equity statement, as well as minutes from the October meeting.

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Mike Sweney

Second: Scott Campbell

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Motion: Carried

3. Chair's Report

5:04 pm (01:53) Chair Sweney

Chair Sweney acknowledged the service of commissioners Meyer and Chang, who are leaving the Tacoma Arts Commission at the end of 2016.

4. Agenda Items

A. 2017 Arts Projects Funding Recommendations

5:07 pm (04:11)

2017 Arts Projects Funding applications were reviewed on December 6th, by a panel consisting of: Rachel Cardwell, Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem, Don Lacky, Lisa Jaret, Holy Chea, and Jose Chavez. Nineteen programs were recommended for funding totaling \$50,000 as follows:

Organization	Recommended Funding
Asia Pacific Cultural Center	\$ 4,500.00
Hilltop Business Association	\$ 4,500.00
King's Bookstore	\$ 4,500.00
Washington State Historical Society	\$ 4,500.00
Children's Museum of Tacoma	\$ 3,500.00
Toy Boat Theatre	\$ 3,125.00
Write253	\$ 3,125.00
Fort Nisqually Foundation	\$ 3,000.00
Tacoma Concert Band	\$ 3,000.00
Classical Tuesdays in Old Town/Old Town Business & Professional Assoc.	\$ 2,500.00
Northwest Repertory Singers	\$ 2,250.00
Centro Latino	\$ 2,000.00
Foss Waterway Seaport	\$ 2,000.00
Salishan Association	\$ 2,000.00
Barefoot Collective	\$ 1,250.00
Destiny City Film Festival	\$ 1,250.00
Eastside Neighborhood Advisory Council of Tacoma	\$ 1,000.00
Morgan Family YMCA	\$ 1,000.00
Puget Sound Poetry Connection	\$ 1,000.00

A total of 28 applications were received, requesting a total of \$101,700. Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

Chair Sweney asked "Do we have a motion to approve?"

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Traci Kelly

Second: Wanda Thompson

Motion: Carried



B. 2017 Tacoma Poet Laureate Application**5:18 pm (15:17)**

The Tacoma Poet Laureate for the two year term from May 2017 – April 2019 will be selected in March or April, and applications will be opened in early January. This year the stipend will be increased from \$2,000 to \$4,000, and the application will be moved online. Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

Commissioners Thompson, Kelly, Kendrick and Wilmot-Stenehjem volunteered to serve on the selection panel.

There was a motion: “I’d like to make a motion that we approve the call to artists for the 2017-2019 poet laureate.”

Motion: Wanda Thompson

Second: Scott Campbell

Motion: Carried

C. Diversity Statement Sub-Committee**5:27 pm (24:41)**

Commissioners and staff discussed the possibility of creating a statement about inclusion and diversity, and potential outreach tools and measurement criteria. A sub-committee was established to discuss the issue further.

Chair Sweney and Commissioners Thompson, Wilmot-Stenehjem, and Throne volunteered to serve on the sub-committee.

There was a motion: “I make a motion that we form a sub-committee to look at diversity and inclusion and see where that takes us.”

Motion: Scott Campbell

Second: Heather Conklin

Motion: Carried

5. Staff Check-In**A. Staff Projects Overview and Updates****5:42 pm (39:30)**

Staff are finishing up projects, balancing budget, through the end of the year, and completing the Arts & Economic Impact survey process.

B. Public Art Updates**5:43 pm (40:20)**

There were no updates.

6. Report Back**A. Advocacy Reports****5:43 pm (40:40)**

There were no reports.



B. Arts Events Attended

5:43 pm (40:54)

Commissioners shared arts events that they attended or have been involved with including: CultureShock Collective's High Blood exhibition, an upcoming Native artist exhibit at the Spaceworks Gallery, Symphony Tacoma, Broadway Center's Seattle Men's Chorus performance.

C. Future Agenda Items for Consideration

5:47 pm (44:44)

There were no items noted.

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm

