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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.

Date: April 13, 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
Joel Chang
Heather Conklin
Matt Hudgins
Sarah Idstrom
Kareem Kandi
Don Lacky
Mike Sweney
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

Guests:

Kim Bedier

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Rachel Cardwell
Wanda Thompson
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

1. Call to Order

5:05 pm (00:00)

Chair Kelly

2. Consent Agenda

5:05 pm (00:10)

Vice Chair Meyer

Commissioners Cardwell, Wilmot-Stenehjem, and Thompson had an excused absence.

Vice Chair Meyer stated, "If everyone has read the agenda, hopefully, and minutes and if we could have someone motion to accept them."

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Mike Sweney
Second: Heather Conklin
Motion: Carried

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3. Chair's Report**5:05 pm (00:50)****Chair Kelly**

Chair Kelly, Vice Chair Meyer, and Amy McBride met with T.C. Broadnax, Mark Lauzier, and Nadia Chandler Hardy to discuss the Commission's role in the Tacoma 2025 plan.

4. Presentations**A. Warhol for the Tacoma Dome****5:08 pm (03:15)**

Kim Bedier, Director of Public Assembly Facilities, presented on the Warhol for the Tacoma Dome.

Commissioners viewed samples of the Dome's current surface material and the 3-M sticker product that is being tested on the roof. City Council has given approval to proceed with the project. The next step will be to bring in a professional to assess the fundraising potential, identify funding sources and assemble a capital campaign committee. Licensing rights need to be worked out with the Warhol Foundation. A public relations component needs to be worked into the fundraising plan.

Commissioners discussed and asked clarifying questions.

5. Action Items**A. 2015-17 Tacoma Poet Laureate Recommendation****5:28 pm (23:27)**

The Tacoma Poet Laureate selection panel reviewed 6 qualified applicants and recommended Cathy Nguyen as the 2015-2017 Tacoma Poet Laureate and Kellie Richardson as the alternate.

Commissioners viewed video samples of Cathy and Kellie's work. Vice Chair Meyer, Commissioners Thompson and Hudgins, Lucas Smiraldo, Nicci Montgomery, and William Kupinse sat on the review panel.

There was a motion: "I would like to nominate Cathy Nguyen to be the Poet Laureate and Kellie Richardson to be the alternate."

Motion: Don Lacky
Second: Mike Sweney
Motion: Carried

B. Harold Balazs Sculpture Deaccession Consideration**5:48 pm (43:25)**

Commissioners reviewed the City's accession and deaccession policy.

The Commission considered the Harold Balazs concrete sculpture, currently sited in the courtyard of the Bicentennial Pavilion, for deaccession. The work was originally commissioned by the architect who commissioned the Bicentennial Pavilion. As such, the City owns the piece but it was never formally accessed into the Municipal Art Collection. The work is being considered for deaccession due to safety issues with the current state of the artwork, transfer of property ownership, and based on a recommendation for deaccession by art conservator Lynda Rockwood.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions.

There was a motion: "I would like to propose that we accept deaccession of this piece."

Motion: Dane Meyer
Second: Katrina Toft
Motion: Carried



C. Hai Ying Wu Sculpture Accession Consideration 5:55 pm (50:13)

Hai Ying Wu created a bronze sculpture, ‘Shipment to China’, as his thesis project from the University of Washington that addresses the history of Chinese laborers who worked on the railroad. Wu proposed to donate the sculpture to the Chinese Reconciliation project, which was a City project with the Chinese Reconciliation Foundation as a partner. As such, the City owns the sculpture but it was never assessed into the Municipal Art Collection. It was however reviewed by the Tacoma Arts Commission in 1996. At the time of donation, the Chinese Reconciliation Park had not been designed or developed.

Staff does not recommend formal accession of the sculpture into the Municipal Art Collection at this time until more information can be obtained but they do recommend taking the sculpture out of storage and loaning it to the Foss Waterway Seaport for a temporary exhibit.

Commissioners viewed photos of the original artwork, Wu’s thesis description, and a memo from the Chinese Reconciliation Foundation. Commissioners discussed and asked clarifying questions.

There was a motion: “I make a motion that we support the loan of this artwork to the Seaport Museum.”

Motion: Mike Sweney

Second: Don Lacky

Motion: Carried

6. Staff Check-In 6:01 pm (56:27)

Staff has been working to make sure the arts are well represented and integrated in the City’s update of the Comprehensive Plan.

One of the City Manager’s goals for 2015 is to evaluate the City’s current Arts Program and develop a 5-year action plan to enhance and expand existing programs and position art as an economic driver. He has allocated \$30,000 to hire a group to develop an action plan.

Commissioners volunteered to meet with TAIP funded artists as follows:

artist	volunteer
Jennifer Chushcoff	Traci Kelly
Kristin Giordano	Katrina Toft
Whitney Henry-Lester	Dane Meyer
Christopher Jordan	Mike Sweney
Jeremy Mangan	Mike Sweney
Chandler O’Leary	Heather Conklin
Isaac Olsen	Joel Chang
Holly Senn	Traci Kelly
Emilie Shimkus	Scott Campbell
Gregory Youtz	Kareem Kandi



Commissioners volunteered to attend/evaluate funded projects as follows:

date	organization	event	volunteer
05/02/15 - 05/03/15	Fort Nisqually Foundation	Crafts of the Past	Kareem Kandi
04/25/15 - 04/26/15	King's Bookstore	Tacoma Wayzgoose	Don Lacky
05/16/15	Tacoma City Ballet	Cinderella	Kareem Kandi, Traci Kelly
05/17/15	Tacoma City Ballet	Cinderella	Don Lacky
05/02/15	Tacoma Concert Band	Sousa!	Don Lacky
5/9/15	Tacoma Symphony	The Planets	Don Lacky
4/25/15	Tacoma Youth Symphony Assoc.	Tacoma String Symphony & Tacoma String Philharmonic	Kareem Kandi
5/9/15	Tacoma Youth Symphony Assoc.	Tacoma Young Artists Orchestra	Scott Campbell
5/15/15	The Grand Cinema	72-Hour Film Competition	Mike Sweney, Don Lacky
05/07/15	Toy Boat Theatre	"Anon(ymous)" - Preview performance	Scott Campbell

Commissioners received a copy of the 2014 Year in Review document.

On April 14, David Schroedel and Amy McBride will give a presentation on Spaceworks Tacoma to the Economic Development Committee.

The Economic Development Committee is recommending Halley Knigge for appointment to the Commission. The appointment will be made on April 14.

The Cultural Access Washington bill is currently in the House of Representatives. People can contact their legislators to speak on behalf of the bill.

7. Discussion/Updates

A. Arts Commission Annual Retreat 6:10 pm (1:05:53)

Commissioners reviewed the proposed agenda for the Commission retreat. Commissioners were asked to view Peter Kageyama's 'For the Love of Cities' TEDx talk before the retreat.

B. Council Coffee Sign-ups 6:20 pm (1:15:08)

Commissioners volunteered to attend coffee meetings with City Council members as follows:

Robert Thoms – Scott Campbell, Dane Meyer
Anders Ibsen – Sarah Idstrom
Joe Lonergan – Traci Kelly



Marty Campbell – Wanda Thompson, Mike Sweney
 Lauren Walker – Traci Kelly
 Victoria Woodards – Joel Chang
 Ryan Mello – Rachel Cardwell, Traci Kelly
 Mayor Marilyn Strickland – Mike Sweney, Don Lacky

C. Tacoma Arts Month

6:26 pm (1:21:00)

Commissioners volunteered for Tacoma Arts Month planning committees as follows:

AMOCAT Arts Awards & Opening Party Committee – Vice Chair Meyer, and
 Commissioners Thompson, Conklin, Lacky, Wilmot- Stenehjem

Tacoma Studio Tour Committee – Chair Kelly, Vice Chair Meyer, and Commissioners
 Hudgins, Sweney, and Toft

Marketing Committee – Commissioners Cardwell, Kandi, and Campbell

The Marketing Committee met on April 6 and discussed past marketing methods, participation goals, ways to help get the word out about Tacoma Arts Month this year, and possible partnerships.

The Tacoma Studio Tour will be October 17 & 18. The Tacoma Art Month Opening Party will be on October 1.

8. Report Back

A. Advocacy Reports

6:30 pm (01:25:48)

There were no reports.

B. Arts Events Attended

6:31 pm (01:26:02)

Commissioners shared art events they attended or have been involved with including Northwest Repertory Singers, Tacoma Musical Playhouse's productions of Evita and Pippi Longstocking, Tacoma Symphony Orchestra's Mini Maestros concert, Tacoma Opera's Romeo & Juliette, Museum of Glass, and Dukesbay Productions.

C. Future Agenda Items for Consideration

6:35 pm (01:30:24)

Commissioner Toft asked for an update on the graffiti garages. Chair Kelly suggested a meeting with Councilmember Lonergan, who is looking at the possibility of a designated graffiti area in his district.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm

