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Staff

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

Date: December 10, 2018
Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16
Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Mike Sweney, *Chair*
Heather Conklin, *Vice Chair*
Rosie Ayala
Scott Campbell
Paula Jacobson
Halley Knigge
Michael Kula
Wanda Thompson
Paul Throne
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

Staff Present:

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

Guests Present:

Don Lacky

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Michelle Douglas
Liesl Santkuyl

Commission Members Unexcused Absence:

Quincy Henry
Johnaye Kendrick

1. Call to Order

5:06 pm (00:08)

Chair Sweney

Chair Sweney called the meeting to order, announced new commissioners who will start service at the next meeting, and recognized that the meeting was held on Indigenous land: the traditional homelands of the Puyallup people.

2. Consent Agenda

5:06 pm (00:40)

Vice Chair Conklin

Commissioners Douglas and Santkuyl had excused absences.

Chair Sweney requested an agenda amendment.

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Vice Chair Conklin asked for a motion to approve the agenda, with the additional Portable Works Acquisition action item added, as well as minutes from the November meeting.

There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Paul Throne

Second: Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

Motion: Carried

3. Chair’s Report

5:07 pm (01:40)

Chair Sweney

Chair Sweney discussed incoming commission members, and commissioners completing their tenure after the December meeting, including himself, Halley Knigge, and Scott Campbell. Staff and commissioners thanked all for their service.

4. Action Items

A. 2019 Arts Projects Funding Recommendations

5:16 pm (10:50)

Staff presented the 2019 Arts Projects funding recommendations. 32 of the 36 applications received were recommended for funding. Commissioners who served on the panel discussed their experience and how the \$100,000 was distributed. Commissioners shared their experiences on the panel, discussed, and asked questions. The following funding recommendations were proposed:

Organization	Project Title	Recommended
Asia Pacific Cultural Center	21st Annual Asia Pacific New Year Celebration featuring Hawaii	\$5,000.00
Barefoot Collective	Celebrating Ten Years of Community Dance	\$2,450.00
Centro Latino	Latin Arts Show and Youth Expressions program	\$3,000.00
Channel 253 LLC	We Art Tacoma	\$2,600.00
Children's Museum of Tacoma	Art Sparks	\$2,000.00
Chinese Reconciliation Project Foundation	Tacoma Moon Festival	\$3,500.00
Classical Tuesdays in Old Town/OTBPA	Classical Tuesdays in Old Town 2019	\$2,500.00
Destiny City Film Festival	Screenwriting Workshop and Panel Discussion	\$3,000.00
Dru Films	Buffalo Soldiers of the Pacific Northwest	\$2,500.00
Fort Nisqually Foundation	Crafts of the Past	\$1,600.00
happy fox studio jewelry	Modern Womxn - An Exploration	\$3,250.00
Hilltop Business Association	6th Annual Hilltop Street Fair	\$2,450.00
Kareem Kandi World Orchestra	Jazz Concert Series	\$1,200.00

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King's Books	Tacoma Wayzgoose: Letterpress and Book Arts Festival	\$2,000.00
Latinx Unidos of the South Sound	Festival Latinx 2019	\$2,700.00
McKinley Hill Street Fair	McKinley Hill Street Fair	\$5,000.00
Metropolitan Glass, Inc.	Monkeyshines Project	\$5,000.00
Orchestral Recital Series of Tacoma	Orchestral Recital Series of Tacoma	\$1,200.00
Peace Works United/253 Peace Queen Talks	253 Peace Queen Talks Documentary	\$5,000.00
Sister Cities Council Of Tacoma	Tacoma Sister Cities International Film Festival	\$2,500.00
Sixth Avenue Business District	Art on the Ave 2019	\$2,450.00
Tacoma Arts Live	Advancing Culture-Bearing Teaching Artists and Programs	\$5,000.00
Tacoma City Ballet	Tacoma City Ballet (TCB) Free Immersion Week	\$1,200.00
Tacoma Concert Band	Tacoma Concert Band Winter/Spring Concerts	\$2,200.00
Tacoma Girls Rock	Tacoma Girls Rock Camp	\$5,000.00
Tacoma Ocean Fest	Tacoma Ocean Fest 2019	\$5,000.00
Tacoma Refugee Choir	Tacoma Refugee Choir Concert	\$5,000.00
Tacoma Urban Performing Arts Center, T.U.P.A.C.	Harriet Tubman - The Black Swan	\$5,000.00
Ted Brown Music Outreach	Live It Out Loud	\$2,500.00
Vietnamese American Community Association	Vietnamese Lunar New Year Celebration 2019 (Tết Nguyên Đán)	\$2,000.00
Washington State Historical Society	In the Spirit 2019	\$1,200.00
Write253	Louder Than a Bomb-Tacoma Teen Poetry Festival	\$5,000.00

There was a motion: "I'd like to make a motion that we approve Arts Projects funding."

Motion: Wanda Thompson

Second: Halley Knigge

Motion: Carried

B. 2019-21 Tacoma Poet Laureate Application

5:28 pm (22:02)

Staff gave an overview of the current poet laureate application process and duties. The call was presented with a few recommended updates. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.



There was a motion: “I will move to accept these guidelines.”

Motion: Scott Campbell

Second: Lynn Wilmott-Stenehjem

Motion: Carried

C. 2018 Portable Works Recommendations

5:38 pm (32:20)

Staff shared images of the portable artworks selected by the panel for purchase and inclusion in the Municipal Art Collection. Staff noted that the group of Tacoma artists is very diverse and most were not represented in the collection previously. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

The following pieces were recommended for purchase:

Full Name	Title
Anida Yoeu Ali	Camp Circa 1979
Adika Bell	Enlightenment
Jasmine Brown	Black Teen Wearing Hoodie: Reading Pedagogy
Heather Cornelius	Tribute to Cindy Sherman and Prince
Becky Frehse	String Etude No. 1
Tiffany Hammonds	Bridge of Naps
Lucia Harrison	Nisqually Delta: Before and After the Restoration (Diptych)
Lourdes Jackson	Enlightenment
Lisa Kinoshita	George Orwell: 2018
Morrae Martin	Lucille
Nicholas Nyland	Troyes
Chandler O'Leary	Flying Boots Diptych
Gerardo Peña	Americans at Work
Liz Pulos	Reflection
Christie Rooks	Karpeles Tacoma
Roberto Sanchez	Rise - Subir
Masahiro Sugano	White Mother #5
Dion Thomas	All Eyes On me
William Turner	The Visitor
Angela Wales	Whatever Tomorrow Brings
Grace A. Washington	America 233 Years

There was a motion: “I will move to approve these purchases.”

Motion: Halley Knigge

Second: Wanda Thompson

Motion: Carried



5. Staff Check-In

A. Staff Projects Overview and Updates

5:45 pm (39:56)

Staff shared updates on the following projects: Tacoma Creates planning.

Commissioners Thompson, Throne, and Kula volunteered to sit on the Poet Laureate selection panel.

B. Public Art Updates

5:48 pm (42:33)

Staff shared updates on the following projects: Lincoln ribbon cutting celebration, Susan Zocalo project, Matthew Dockrey's artwork, Prairie Line Trail signage, Sound Transit D to M Street octopus.

6. Report Back

A. Advocacy Reports

5:55 pm (49:30)

Commissioner Knigge met with TAIP recipient Ben Wildenhaus.

B. Arts Events Attended

5:59 pm (53:20)

Commissioners shared arts events and venues that they attended, upcoming events, or events they have been involved with including: Public Art: Public Action presentations.

C. Future Agenda Items for Consideration

6:01 pm (55:21)

Commissioners requested a case study of the Lincoln District Revitalization and noted concern that First Night was canceled this year.

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm

