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Traci Kelly, *Chair*  
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 Ronald Lagman  
 Dane Meyer  
 Catherine Stegeman  
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 Wanda Thompson  
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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](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/tacagendaminutes).

**Staff**

Amy McBride, *Tacoma Arts Administrator*  
 Naomi Strom-Avila, *Cultural Arts Specialist*  
 Vyra Saran, *Arts Intern*

Date: September 8, 2014

Location: City of Tacoma Municipal Building North, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

*Commission Members in Attendance:*

Traci Kelly, Chair  
 J.D. Elquist, Vice Chair  
 Jan Brazzell  
 Scott Campbell  
 Rachel Cardwell  
 Matt Hudgins  
 Sarah Idstrom  
 Don Lacky  
 Ronald Lagman  
 Dane Meyer  
 Mike Sweney  
 Wanda Thompson  
 Katrina Toft

*City Council Liaison in Attendance:*

David Boe

*Staff Present:*

Amy McBride, Tacoma Arts Administrator  
 Naomi Strom-Avila, Cultural Arts Specialist

*Guests:*

No Guests

*Commission Members Excused Absence:*

Joel Chang

*Commission Members Unexcused Absence:*

Catherine Stegeman

**1. Call to Order**

**5:10 pm (00:01)**

**Chair Kelly**

**2. Consent Agenda**

**5:10 pm (00:12)**

**Vice Chair Elquist**

Commissioner Chang had an excused absence.

Vice Chair Elquist asked if Commissioners had a chance to review the minutes from the last meeting and the agenda for this meeting. There were no objections.



**3. Chair's Report****5:10 pm (00:26)****Chair Kelly**

The Pave (Children's) Bell public art sculpture was rededicated.

The New Tacoma Neighborhood Counsel hosted a graffiti forum on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

**4. Action Items****A. Cancellation of October Meeting****5:11 pm (01:54)**

Commissioners discussed canceling the October Commission meeting.

There was a motion: "I so move that we cancel the October meeting in lieu of Tacoma Arts Month."

Motion: Wanda Thompson

Second: Ronald Lagman

Motion: Carried

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be held on November 10, 2014.

**B. 2015 Arts Projects Guidelines****5:14 pm (04:40)**

Commissioners reviewed the proposed edits to the 2015 Arts Projects funding guidelines including updates to dates and the list of Commission members.

Commissioners discussed the possibility of clarifying language related to ineligibility of fundraising events. After discussion, Commissioners elected to keep the same language used in 2014 regarding fundraising ineligibility.

Commissioners discussed making edits to the Artistic Work Sample guidelines for Digital Images and Performance or New Media to allow for the submission of online electronic work samples.

Commissioners also discussed edits to the Artistic Work Sample guidelines for Performance or New Media to allow for the submission of alternative work samples when it is not legally feasible for an organization to submit a DVD work sample. Suggested alternative work samples include digital photos, critical reviews, and audience surveys.

Chair Kelly stated "So, Jan, your motion was to amend the requirements for Artistic Work Samples for Performance or New Media to be broader in the instance of legal ramifications of DVD or video performance."

Commission Brazzell stated, "Yes, to make an exception under circumstances in which your contract provisions prohibit you from videotaping the performance."

Motion: Jan Brazzell

Motion: Withdrawn

There was a motion, "I made a motion to give applicants, under the category of Performance or New Media, the option to submit in a format other than DVD and authorize staff to set limits and categories of alternate application formats."



Motion: Mike Sweney

Second: Sarah Idstrom

Motion: Carried

Commissioners discussed whether there is a need to allow for alternative work sample submission formats for Music/Sound Art. Commissioners agreed to keep the works sample guidelines for Music/Sound Art as is, with the addition of allowing audio samples to be submitted via URL or CD.

Commissioner Brazzell asked, "Do you need a motion to accept the guidelines as they are?"

Chair Kelly stated, "Motion to accept guidelines as amended? Yes, please."

There was a motion: "I so move."

Motion: Jan Brazzell

Second: Wanda Thompson

Motion: Carried

At the current time, the City Manager is proposing to make no cuts to the part of the Arts Program budget that is allocated for re-distribution through arts funding contracts. The Commission is moving forward with the assumption that there will be \$50,000 in Arts Projects funding to distribute in 2015. Commissioners will have an opportunity to review overall funding allocations between the Commission's three funding programs at their November meeting.

Arts Anchor Fund organizations have asked staff if there is a way to have more consistency in levels of funding from one biennium to the next. Commissioners discussed this option and noted that there is already consistency in the Arts Anchor Fund in that, historically, these organizations continually receive funding in each biennium baring eligibility issues. Commissioners further discussed funding issues.

## **5. Staff Check-In**

**6:06 pm (56:36)**

Grants and final reports are being written to the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Pave (Children's) Bell on Ruston Way was rededicated.

Yuki Nakamura's public art piece will be installed soon at Bay Terrace.

Artwork (Green Flash) on Pacific Avenue has been cleaned and sealed.

Plans for public art for the Water Ditch Trail are in the works.

Nick Goettling is almost completed with his mural for the Murray Morgan Bridge. The mural will be dedication during Maritime Fest on September 20, 3-3:30 pm.

The Metal-Urge exhibition at the Washington State History Museum is installed and will be up from September 10 - October 31. Metal-Urge brochures are due from the printer shortly and will be ready for distribution.



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

Robert Thoms – Traci Kelly, Wanda Thompson  
 Anders Ibsen – Sarah Idstrom  
 Joe Lonergan – J.D. Elquist, Scott Campbell  
 Marty Campbell – Joel Chang, Traci Kelly  
 Lauren Walker - Mike Sweney, Don Lacky  
 Victoria Woodards – Matt Hudgins, Jan Brazzell  
 Ryan Mello – Traci Kelly, Rachel Cardwell  
 Mayor Marilyn Strickland – Mike Sweney, Ron Lagman

## **6. Discussion/Updates**

### **A. Tacoma Arts Month**

**6:12 pm (01:02:08)**

Commissioners reviewed two print pieces for Tacoma Arts Month and the updated Tacoma Arts Month website (TacomaArtsMonth.com).

Commissioners Lacky, Idstrom, Meyer, Toft, Thompson, Brazzell, Sweney, and Lagman volunteered to help distribute Tacoma Arts Month marketing materials.

The Tacoma Arts Month proclamation by City Council will happen on September 30.

The Tacoma Arts Month Opening Party & AMOCAT Arts Awards will be held on October 2, 6 – 9 pm at the Tacoma Post Office Building on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floors. The event is being presented in collaboration with Spaceworks Tacoma. Entertainment includes live music, 9 art exhibits, 3 art studios, theatre, fashion show, film, poetry, and a tintype photo booth. Commissioners Idstrom, Meyer, Hudgins, Lagman, Stegeman, Cardwell, Elquist, Toft, Thompson, Brazzell, Lacky, Sweney, and Campbell volunteered to assist with the event.

The Tacoma Studio Tour will take place October 11 & 12.

The Metal-Urge Free Community Festival will be held on October 19, 12 – 3 pm on Tollefson Plaza. Chair Kelly and Commissioners Lagman, Campbell, Toft, Thompson, Meyer, and Brazzell volunteered to assist with the event. Commissioners reviewed the Metal-Urge website (TacomaMetalUrge.com).

### **B. Tacoma Murals Project**

**6:33 pm (01:23:34)**

Janice Lee Warren completed her mural on Stadium Way. Mindy Barker completed her mural for Tahoma Associates.

Chelsea O’Sullivan’s mural at S. 11<sup>th</sup> and Sheridan and Bob Henry, Anthony Duenas, and Daniel Duenas’ mural on the Viet My Gift Shop in the Lincoln District is underway.

Design work is underway for Chris Sharp’s mural for Earthwise Architectural Salvage and Jeremy Gregory’s mural for 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Speed Wash.

## **7. Report Back**

### **A. Landmarks Preservation Commission**

**6:40 pm (01:30:50)**

There was no report.



**B. Advocacy Reports**

**6:40 pm (01:30:58)**

There was no report.

**C. Arts Events Attended**

**6:41 pm (01:31:06)**

Commissioners shared art events they had attended or have been involved with including Third Thursday at the Tacoma Post Office Building, Tacoma Community College's new nursing building with a sculpture by Beliz Brothers, Ethnobotany show at the Conservatory, Puyallup Tribe powwow, Tacoma Concert Band outdoor concert, Franke Tobey Jones concert series, Crafts of the Past at Fort Nisqually, Downtown Block Party, and 25 New Faces of Film.

**D. Future Agenda Items for Consideration**

There were no items noted.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm**

