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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

These minutes accompany the recorded meeting of the Tacoma Arts Commission, which is available at [www.cityoftacoma.org/tacagendaminutes](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/tacagendaminutes).

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Date: August 13, 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  
Michelle Douglas  
Quincy Henry  
Johnaye Kendrick  
Halley Knigge  
Michael Kula  
Wanda Thompson  
Paul Throne

*Staff Present:*

Amy McBride, Arts Administrator  
Naomi Strom-Avila, Cultural Arts Specialist  
Rachel Betron, Tacoma Arts Month Coordinator

*Guests Present:*

Kenji Stoll  
Kurt Kiefer  
Barb Luecke  
Don Lacky  
Mary Lynn  
Liz Satterthwaite  
Elaine Ohm

*Commission Members Excused Absence:*

Paula Jacobson  
Liesl Santkuyl  
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

#### **1. Call to Order**

**5:07 pm (00:00)**

**Chair Sweney**

Chair Sweney called the meeting to order, recognizing that the meeting was held on Indigenous land: the traditional homelands of the Puyallup people.

#### **2. Consent Agenda**

**5:07 pm (00:30)**

**Vice Chair Conklin**

Commissioners Wilmot-Stenehjem, Jacobson, and Santkuyl had excused absences.

Vice Chair Conklin asked for a motion to approve the amended consent agenda as well as minutes from the June meeting.

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There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Paul Throne

Second: Halley Knigge

Motion: Carried

### **3. Chair’s Report**

**5:07 pm (00:57)**

**Chair Sweney**

Chair Sweney shared that commissioner Kendrick has a new album out, and spoke to the abundance of summer arts programming around town.

### **4. Action Items**

#### **A. Sound Transit Link Light Rail Extension Public Art**

**5:09 pm (02:04)**

Barbara Luecke and Kurt Kiefer gave an overview of the Hilltop Tacoma Link Extension project and introduced artist Kenji Stoll. Kenji Stoll presented on his community engagement, research, and inspiration for the sculptural works he is proposing to create for each station shelter inspired by history from the area. The artworks, made of powder coated aluminum, will be installed in 2021.

Commissioners asked questions and made comments.

There was a motion: “I move that we support Kenji’s project.”

Motion: Scott Campbell

Second: Halley Knigge

Motion: Carried

#### **B. Prairie Line Trail Spur Mural**

**5:42 pm (35:50)**

Staff gave an overview of the project. Kenji Stoll presented the final design planned for the site created with partner artist Nofo Porter. The mural design is inspired by the cultural backgrounds and connections shared by the artist team, and features water motifs.

Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

There was a motion: “I make a motion to approve the design.”

Motion: Michelle Douglas

Second: Halley Knigge

Motion: Carried

#### **C. Funding Distribution for 2019-20**

**6:01 pm (54:00)**

Staff presented on the three current funding programs – Arts Projects, Tacoma Artists Initiative Program, and Anchor Fund - that distribute \$395,000 per biennium. Commissioners discussed current distributions and the need for increased funding in future.



There was a motion: “I move that we keep the funding allocation status quo as is for the 2018-2019 biennium.”

Motion: Halley Knigge  
 Second: Michelle Douglas  
 Motion: Carried

Michael Kula and Scott Campbell volunteered to be on the subcommittee to further review the application guidelines for all funding programs, and potential funding reallocation should Tacoma Creates pass.

There was a motion: “I move to establish a subcommittee to review current guidelines and strategize for Tacoma Creates funding.”

Motion: Halley Knigge  
 Second: Michelle Douglas  
 Motion: Carried

**D. AMOCAT Arts Awards Nomination Review & Voting**

**6:27 pm (01:20:41)**

Staff introduced new Tacoma Arts Month Coordinator Rachel Betron who presented on the AMOCAT Arts Awards nominations.

There was a motion: “There was a motion that a nomination congratulations letter be sent to nominees every year.”

Motion: Scott Campbell  
 Second: Halley Knigge  
 Motion: Carried

Commissioners reviewed and discussed the nominees for the 2018 AMOCAT Arts Awards. Commissioners voted as follows.

<b>Community Outreach by an Individual</b>	<b>Votes</b>
Abby Murray	0
Alease Frieson	1
Aya Hasaguchi Clark and Randy Clark	2
Jackie Fender	6
Jane Carlin	0
Jeff Ryan	0
Kat Welsh	0
Kelly Bosley	0
Monique Simkova	1
Patsy Surh O'Connell	0
Patti Ramos	0
Robert Musser	1



<b>Community Outreach by an Organization</b>	<b>Votes</b>
Creative Colloquy	1
Fablab Tacoma	3
FEAST Arts Center	1
North End Neighborhood Council	0
Studio Revolt	1
Tacoma Concert Band	0
Tacoma Little Theatre	4
The Doty Group, P.S.	1
<b>Arts Patron</b>	<b>Votes</b>
Benaroya Family	5
MultiCare Health System	6

The 2018 AMOCAT Arts Award winners are:

<b>Community Outreach by an Individual</b>
Jackie Fender
<b>Community Outreach by an Organization</b>
Tacoma Little Theatre
<b>Arts Patron</b>
MultiCare Health System

Commissioners continued the meeting as votes were tallied. Staff shared updates on the following projects while waiting for votes to be tallied: Artist in Residence events, Gordon Huether artwork installation at the aquarium.

There was a motion: “I move to support the selected winners.”

Motion: Paul Throne

Second: Halley Knigge

Motion: Carried

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

### **A. Staff Projects Overview and Updates**

**7:06 pm (1:59:30)**

Postponed till next meeting.

### **B. Public Art Updates**

**7:06 pm (1:59:30)**

Postponed till next meeting.



**C. Tacoma Arts Month – Updates and Sign-Ups**

**7:06 pm (1:59:46)**

The opening party will take place October 3<sup>rd</sup> 6pm-9pm at Normanna Hall on Hilltop. Volunteers for the event and Arts Month marketing distribution were requested and sign up sheets were passed around.

**6. Report Back**

**A. Advocacy Reports**

**7:10 pm (2:03:00)**

Postponed till next meeting.

**B. Arts Events Attended**

**7:10 pm (2:03:00)**

Postponed till next meeting.

**C. Future Agenda Items for Consideration**

**7:10 pm (2:03:00)**

Postponed till next meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm**

