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Summary Minutes

Tacoma Arts Commission

Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality
Community & Economic Development Dept.



Special Meeting

Date: March 25, 2023

Time: 12:00 pm

Location: Virtual and UW Tacoma, Cherry Parkes, Room 325

Commission Members in Attendance:

Michael Kula, *Chair*
Jeanette Sanchez, *Vice Chair*
Heide Fernandez-Llamazares
Sarah Jane Hoppe
Wade Neal
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City Staff Present:

Amy McBride
Chevi Chung
Naomi Strom-Avila
Rebecca Solverson

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Joe Williams
Jasmine Brown

Commission Members Unexcused Absence:

Marissa Kall
Ton Williams

1. Call to Order

12:16 pm

Chair Kula called the meeting to order. Chair Kula recognized that the meeting was held on Indigenous land: the traditional homelands of the Puyallup people.

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"We gratefully acknowledge that we rest on the traditional lands of the Puyallup People where they make their home and speak the Lushootseed language."

- 2. Consent Agenda** **12:16 pm**
- Commissioners Williams and Brown had an excused absence.
- Vice Chair Sanchez asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda.
- Motion: Commissioner Wygle
Second: Commissioner Villeda
Motion: Carried
- 3. Public Comment on Agenda Items** **12:17 pm**
- There were no public comments on agenda items.
- 4. Introduction** **12:18 pm**
- Chair Kula and Vice Chair Sanchez welcomed everyone and shared that the purpose of the retreat was to team build. They also shared the Commission’s values-based behaviors for how to interact with each other.
- 5. Icebreaker Discussion** **12:20 pm**
- Each Commissioner and staff took turns playing a game where they guessed famous Tacoma locations based on verbal clues.
- 6. Small Group Teambuilding Discussions** **12:39 pm**
- Commissioners and staff broke into two rounds of small groups to learn more about each other using Tacoma and arts-themed prompts, and by creating a short story that helped vision what our community could look like.
- 7. Discussion Share Out and Closing** **01:52 pm**
- Commissioners shared out some of their arts visions and aspirations for Tacoma.
- 8. Adjourn** **02:04 pm**
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