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Amy McBride, *Tacoma Arts Administrator*  
Chevi Chung, *Community Programs Specialist*  
Lisa Jaret, *Tacoma Creates Program Manager*  
Rebecca Solverson, *Public Art Specialist*  
Naomi Strom-Avila, *Funding & Cultural Programs Manager*  
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](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/tacagendaminutes).

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Date: August 12, 2019

Location: 747 Market Street, Room 248

Time: 5:00 pm

**Commission Members in Attendance:**

Heather Conklin, *Chair*  
Rosie Ayala, *Vice Chair*  
Michelle Douglas  
Heide Fernandez-Llamazares  
Davis Freeman  
Anna Holcomb  
Johnaye Kendrick  
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James Stowe  
Paul Throne  
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem  
Sarah Woodson

**Staff Present:**

Amy McBride, Tacoma Arts Administrator  
Naomi Strom-Avila, Funding & Cultural Programs Manager  
Rebecca Solverson, Public Art Specialist  
Asia Tail, Arts Program Coordinator  
Lisa Jaret, Tacoma Creates Program Manager  
Chevi Chung, Community Programs Specialist

**Guests Present:**

Don Lacky  
Chris Serface

**Commission Members Excused Absence:**

Michael Kula  
Wanda Thompson  
Paula Jacobson

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**1. Call to Order** **5:04 pm (00:06) Chair Conklin**

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

**2. Consent Agenda** **5:04 pm (00:35) Vice Chair Ayala**

Commissioners Kula, Thompson, and Jacobson had excused absences.

Vice Chair Ayala asked for a motion to approve the agenda, as well as minutes from the June meeting.

There was a motion: "I make a motion."

Motion: Michelle Douglas

Second: Davis Freeman

Motion: Carried

**3. Chair's Report** **5:05 pm (01:00) Chair Conklin**

Chair Conklin welcomed new staff members Lisa Jaret and Chevi Chung. Commissioners and staff introduced themselves. Staff announced that Clarissa Gines was selected as the Tacoma Creates Coordinator and will start on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

**4. Action Items****a. AMOCAT Arts Awards Nomination Review & Voting** **5:13 pm (09:30)**

Commissioners reviewed and discussed the nominees for the 2019 AMOCAT Arts Awards. Commissioners voted as follows.

<b>Community Outreach by an Individual</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Adika Bell	1
Aya Hashaguchi Clark and Randy Clark	10
Dr. Grace Livingston, PhD	0
Klair Etheridge	2

<b>Community Outreach by an Organization</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Friends of Tacoma's Cushman substation	0
Studio Revolt	2
Tacoma Arts Live	1
Tacoma City Ballet	0
Tacoma Refugee Choir	2
Tacoma Urban Performing Arts Center (T.U.P.A.C.)	8

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<b>Arts Patron</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Benaroya Family	3
McMenamins Elks Lodge	1
Tacoma Creates Campaign	9

The 2019 AMOCAT Arts Award winners are:

<b>Community Outreach by an Individual</b>
Aya Hashaguchi Clark and Randy Clark
<b>Community Outreach by an Organization</b>
Tacoma Urban Performing Arts Center (T.U.P.A.C.)
<b>Arts Patron</b>
Tacoma Creates Campaign

Chair Conklin called for a motion to accept the award winners.

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Paul Throne

Second: Anna Holcomb

Motion: Carried

**b. TAC Funding Subcommittee Recommendations**

**5:49 pm (45:35)**

Staff shared a summary of the funding subcommittee recommendations. There is \$105,000 allocated for redistribution in 2020. The subcommittee proposed using \$9,000 for Professional Development Training workshops led by the Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality, and \$96,000 for Arts Projects funding.

The subcommittee recommended updating the Arts Projects application to have two funding tiers: \$3,000 and \$6,000. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

Chair Conklin called for a motion to accept the subcommittee recommendations.

There was a motion: "I make that motion."

Motion: Liesl Santkuyl

Second: Michelle Douglas

Motion: Carried



## 5. Discussion/Updates

### a. TAC Seat Recommendation Subcommittee Update 6:06 pm (01:02:30)

The TAC Seat subcommittee created a draft document to share with the Economic Development Committee that gives a values statement from the Commission, summarizes current demographics of the Commission, lists targeted Commission needs, lists interview questions, and gives an overview statement about service commitments and ethics.

The subcommittee will present finalized document to the Commission for review and approval and will present to the Economic Development Committee. Subcommittee recommends the formation of a permanent Equity & Inclusion subcommittee to meet quarterly starting in 2020. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

### b. Tacoma Creates 6:23 pm (01:19:10)

Staff shared updates on Tacoma Creates: Whole Access Pass goal, unifying Metro Parks and Tacoma Public Schools scheduling systems, Expanded Learning Opportunity pilot projects selected and launching in September, developing success criteria along with key goals via data collected through UW Tacoma, participatory budgeting process initiated via the Pierce County Health Department in Eastside and South Tacoma, the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation's Wallace Foundation funding, and pilot project planning grants launching soon. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

## 6. Staff Check In

### a. Tacoma Arts Month – Updates and Sign-Ups 6:47 pm (01:43:45)

The opening party will take place October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 – 9 pm at Eastside Community Center. Volunteers for the event and Arts Month marketing distribution were requested and sign-up sheets were passed around.

### b. Staff Projects Overview and Updates 6:49 pm (01:45:58)

Staff shared updates on the following projects: TAIP-funded artist Chad Hagedorn provided music CDs and swag from his recently funded project.

### c. Public Art Updates 6:50 pm (01:46:50)

Staff shared updates on the following projects: lanterns and gate installed in the Lincoln District, Gerardo Peña final Lincoln traffic box wrap designs, Prairie Line Trail public artworks complete and signage installed – walk planned for October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mauricio Robalino's artwork Phoenix installed at the Eastside Community Center, call to artists open for youth mural teaching artist, Creative Communications Roster deadline extended to August 12, Nicole Rathburn artwork being installed in Dune Peninsula Park, new project with Tacoma Housing Authority - call to artists will be released next month.



**7. Report Back**

**a. Advocacy Reports—Council Coffee Feedback** **7:00 pm (01:56:05)**

Commissioners shared about their Council Coffee experience with Councilmember Beale.

**b. Funded Project Updates/Arts Events Attended** **7:01 pm (01:57:55)**

Commissioners and staff shared arts events that they attended, upcoming events, or funded project updates they have been involved with including: Heide Fernandez-Llamazares met with RYAN! Feddersen about her MOG Hot Shop TAIP project. Spacework's NEON is August 17<sup>th</sup>.

**c. Future Agenda Items for Consideration** **7:03 pm (01:59:54)**

There were no future agenda items for consideration.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm**

