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Clarissa Gines, *Tacoma Creates Coordinator*
Lisa Jaret, *Tacoma Creates Program Manager*
Rebecca Solverson, *Public Art Specialist*
Naomi Strom-Avila, *Funding & Cultural Programs Manager*

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: September 14, 2020

Location: Virtually via Zoom

Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Heather Conklin, Chair
Rosie Ayala, Vice Chair
Heide Fernandez-Llamazares
Anna Holcomb
Michael Kula
Benjamin Maestas III
MaryMikel Stump
Wanda Thompson
Sarah Woodson

Commission Members Excused Absence:

James Stowe
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

Commission Members Unexcused Absence:

Olivia Allison
Michelle Douglas
Paula Jacobson
Elizabeth Pew

Staff Present:

Amy McBride
Chevi Chung
Naomi Strom-Avila
Rebecca Solverson
Clarissa Gines
Lisa Jaret
Adam Cook
Tammi Bryant

Guests Present:

Gabriel Brown
Dan Creamer
Nicole Hume
Don Lacky
Scott Nelson

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1. Call to Order

5:08 pm (00:00)

Chair Conklin called the meeting to order. Chair Conklin 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

5:08 (00:25)

Commissioners Woodson, Wilmot-Stenehjem, and Stowe had an excused absence.

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

Motion: Rosie Ayala

Seconded: Commissioner Thompson

Motion: Carried

3. Chair’s Report/Housekeeping

5:09 pm (01:02)

Chair Conklin and Commissioners provided a check in on how they are each doing.

4. Action Items

a. Totem Pole Deaccession Subcommittee

5:22 pm (14:20)

There was a motion: “I move to assemble a deaccession subcommittee to look into the deaccession of the Fireman’s Park totem pole per our conversation last month.”

Motion: Chair Conklin

Seconded: Commissioner Stump

Motion: Carried

Staff will help organize and support the subcommittee and will coordinate with the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

b. 2021 Arts Projects Funding Guidelines

5:23 pm (15:55)

Naomi Strom-Avila shared the 2021 Community Arts Projects Funding Guidelines draft and discussed the main items and pieces in the guidelines for discussion. Commissioners discussed, asked questions, and shared comments on the funding guidelines.



There was a motion: "I make a motion to accept the changes to the Arts Projects funding guidelines for 2021 to include the word 'Community' so it would be the '2021 Community Arts Projects funding guidelines'."

Motion: Chair Conklin

Seconded: Commissioner Woodson

Motion: Carried

There was a motion: "I motion that we accept the funding priorities to include the Mayor's more Compassionate Tacoma language and our focus on prioritizing for our BIPOC and ALAANA communities and those organizations that help serve them."

Motion: Chair Conklin

Seconded: Commissioner Kula

Motion: Carried

There was a motion: "I make a motion to accept the 2021 Community Arts Projects funding guidelines, taking into account our discussions and the small changes that will be made soon."

Motion: Chair Conklin

Seconded: Commissioner Woodson

Motion: Carried

5. Discussion/Updates

a. Tacoma Arts Month Updates

6:20 pm (01:12:35)

Chevi Chung gave an update about Tacoma Arts Month and the art supply kits that will be distributed in collaboration with Tacoma Public Schools. Chair Conklin shared about the art kits and access to art supplies for 2, 500 students in middle and high schools. Chevi gave an update on all ten Community Engagement Projects. Commissioners volunteered to participate in the Tacoma Arts Month Instagram Takeover.

b. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Subcommittee

6:32 pm (01:24:15)

Naomi Strom-Avila gave an update about the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion subcommittee, which met on September 11. The subcommittee discussed possible areas of focus, greater representation of public art created by Black artists, funding prioritization, and defining roles of the subcommittee. The subcommittee will be meeting monthly. Commissioners Thompson and Maestas, and Vice Chair Ayala shared their thoughts.

6. Staff Check-In

a. Tacoma Creates

6:37 pm (01:29:45)



Lisa Jaret gave an update about the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board and their appointments at the September 15 City Council meeting. The first meeting of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board is October 5 in Zoom. Lisa gave an update about the Tacoma Creates website and National Arts Education Week.

b. Staff Projects Overview and Updates **6:40 pm (01:32:35)**

Staff gave an overview about updates being made to current Arts Projects and Tacoma Artists Initiative Program (TAIP) funding contracts, and how the artists are adapting their projects to current times.

c. Public Art Updates **6:44 pm (01:36:35)**

Rebecca Solverson gave an update on the Write253 installation on the Eastside and Dionne Bonner's Youth Memorial at the Eastside Community Center. Rebecca gave an update on two Public Art Reaching Community (PARC) training cohort temporary projects created by Gerardo Pena and Jessica Spring.

7. Report Back

a. Advocacy Reports **6:54 pm (01:46:20)**

No advocacy reports.

b. Funded Project Updates/Arts Events Attended **6:54 pm (01:46:35)**

Commissioners shared arts events and venues that they attended, upcoming events, or events they have been involved with including: Mauricio Robalino's mosaic at Pho King and Tacoma Ocean Fest.

c. Future Agenda Items for Consideration **6:56 pm (01:48:23)**

No items for consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm

