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# Summary Minutes

## Tacoma Arts Commission

### Community & Economic Development

These minutes accompany the recorded minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission meeting which are available at [www.tacomaculture.org/arts/tac.asp](http://www.tacomaculture.org/arts/tac.asp).

**Staff**

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

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Date: January 11, 2010  
Location: City of Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 16  
Time: 5:00 pm

*Commission Members in Attendance:*

Robin Echtle, Chair  
Sarah Idstrom, Vice-Chair  
Jan Brazzell  
Rachel Cardwell  
Antonio Edwards, Jr.  
Janice Karroll  
Traci Kelly  
Don Lacky  
Dane Meyer  
Jacqueline Peterson  
Jana Wennstrom

*Staff Present*

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

*Guests Present:*

Mary Langholz  
Connie Walle

*City Council Members Present:*

Lauren Walker  
Marty Campbell

*Commission Members Excused Absence:*

Bill La Vergne  
Mike Sweney

*Commission Member Unexcused Absence:*

Janet Matzke

<b>1. Call to Order</b>	<b>5:04 pm (00:24)</b>	<b>Chair Echtle</b>
<b>2. Excusal of Absences</b>	<b>5:05 pm (01:24)</b>	<b>Vice Chair Idstrom</b>
Commissioners Sweney and La Vergne had an excused absence. Commissioner Matzke had an unexcused absence.		
<b>3. Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>5:05 pm (01:38)</b>	<b>Vice Chair Idstrom</b>

Motion: Janice Karroll  
Second: Jackie Peterson

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Motion: Carried

**4. Approval of Agenda** **5:05 pm (01:58)** **Vice Chair Idstrom**

Motion: Jackie Peterson

Second: Don Lacky

Motion: Carried

**5. Chair’s Report:** **5:06 pm (02:22)** **Chair Echtle**

Connie Walle thanked the Arts Commission for funding Puget Sound Poetry Connection through the 2010 Arts Projects program.

**6. Staff Check-In** **5:12 pm (8:18)**

Northwest Travel magazine featured the Bridge of Glass in their January/February 2010 issue.

Commissioner Edwards presented to the Commission about his ideas for a city-wide poetry event in April.

Chair Echtle asked, “All in favor of supporting this collaborative effort for April National Poetry Month, does somebody want to move?”

There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Rachel Cardwell

Second: Jackie Peterson

There was discussion about the Arts Commissions’ specific involvement in the project. Involvement will mainly be the coordination of resources by staff members.

Motion: Passed

**7. Presentations**

**A. Advocacy and Arts Day** **5:24 pm (20:56)**

Mary Langholz, Executive Director of Washington State Arts Alliance, presented to the Commission regarding arts advocacy. She presented tips for effective advocacy, about the purpose of Arts Day, and how to present to legislators.

**B. Coffees with Council** **5:55 pm (51:10)**

Commissioners gave feedback regarding past meetings they have had with Council Members.

Commissioners volunteered to meet with Council Members as follows:

<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Commission Volunteer 1</b>	<b>Commission Volunteer 2</b>
Jake Fey	Jan Brazzell	Dane Meyer
Spiro Manthou	Jackie Peterson	Janice Karroll
Joe Lonergan	Dane Meyer	
Marty Campbell	Don Lacky	Rachel Cardwell
Lauren Walker	Traci Kelly	Dane Meyer

Victoria Woodards	Traci Kelly	Antonio Edwards
Vacant Position #1	Rachel Cardwell	
Mayor Marilyn Strickland	Robin Echte	Sarah Idstrom

Council Members Campbell and Walker noted that the coffee meetings with Council are crucial and made several suggestions including that Commissioners provide a succinct sheet of information with 3 – 5 bulleted points.

## **8. Action Items**

### **A. Retreat**

**6:15 pm (1:11:07)**

Commissioners discussed possible days, times and formats for the 2010 Arts Commission retreat. A finalized date, time and location will be determined later.

Suggested topics included: building upon 2009 retreat topics, Anchor Fund guidelines review, education about public art, constituent review, media toolkit, team building, and advocacy.

### **B. Public Art Sub-Committee**

**6:22 pm (1:18:34)**

Commissioners discussed the idea of forming a public art sub-committee to look at gift proposals, artwork on public right-of-way, and variance review. The sub-committee would be comprised of Arts Commissioners, arts professionals and members of the community.

Commissioners Karroll, Sweney and Edwards have volunteered to sit on the subcommittee.

### **C. Municipal Art Plan Draft**

**6:37 pm (1:33:50)**

Amy McBride discussed upcoming eligible percent for art projects that could have public art associated with them.

She presented a draft of a possible public art training program that would culminate in a public art project. The training program could be instituted using funds from select eligible percent for art projects.

## **9. Reports**

### **A. Annual Report Development**

**6:51 pm (1:47:11)**

Naomi Strom-Avila presented a draft of the 2009 Year in Review for the Commission. Commissioners were asked to review the draft and submit any additions or corrections.

## **10. Good of the Order**

**6:53 pm (1:49:40)**

Commissioners and Council Members discussed events they have attended, art in the news and concerns they have about the Waterforest.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm