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Summary Minutes

Tacoma Arts Commission

Community & Economic Development

These minutes accompany the recorded meeting of the Tacoma Arts Commission, which are available at www.tacomaculture.org/arts/tac.asp.

Staff

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

Date: February 8, 2010

Location: City of Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Sarah Idstrom, Vice-Chair
Rachel Cardwell
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Janice Karroll
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Staff Present

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

Guests Present:

Lisa Jaret, Washington State Arts Commission

City Council Members Present:

Lauren Walker
Marty Campbell

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Jan Brazzell

Commission Member Unexcused Absence:

Robin Echtle, Chair
Bill La Vergne

1. Call to Order

5:08 pm (00:20)

Vice Chair Idstrom

2. Excusal of Absences

5:08 pm (00:30)

Vice Chair Idstrom

Commissioner Brazzell had an excused absence. Chair Echtle and Commissioner La Vergne had an unexcused absence.

3. Approval of Minutes

5:08 pm (00:39)

Vice Chair Idstrom

Motion: Jan Karroll

Second: Jackie Peterson

Motion: Carried

4. Approval of Agenda

5:09 pm (01:00)

Vice Chair Idstrom

Motion: Traci Kelly

Second: Don Lacky

Motion: Carried

5. Chair's Report:

5:09 pm (01:28)

Vice Chair Idstrom

Vice Chair Idstrom and Commissioners Meyer and Sweney gave an overview of Arts Day on February 2.

6. Staff Check-In

5:13 pm (5:25)

Commissioner Sweney volunteered to meet with TAIP funded artist Matthew Johnson for his mid-project review.

Commissioners volunteered to meet with Council Members as follows:

| Council Member | Commission Volunteer 1 | Commission Volunteer 2 | Commission Volunteer 3 |
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| 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 | |
| David Boe | Rachel Cardwell | Mike Sweney | |
| Ryan Mello | Sarah Idstrom | | |
| Mayor Marilyn Strickland | Robin Echtle | Sarah Idstrom | Mike Sweney |

Commissioners volunteered to attend and evaluate Arts Projects and Anchor Fund events as follows:

| date | organization | event | volunteer |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| thru June 27, 2010 | Tacoma Art Museum | The Secret Language of Animals | Mike Sweney |
| thru October 10, 2010 | Tacoma Art Museum | The Movement of Impressionism: Europe, America and the Northwest | Sarah Idstrom |
| thru September 19, 2010 | Museum of Glass | Preston Singletary: Echoes, Fire and Shadows | Sarah Idstrom |
| February 11, 2010 | Tacoma Pierce County Sister Cities | International Film Fest - South Africa | Dane Meyer, Jana Wennstrom |
| February 13, 2010 | Asia Pacific Cultural Center | New Year Celebration | Don Lacky, Janet Matzke |
| February 13, 2010 | Museum of Glass | Family Day | Mike Sweney |
| February 14, 2010 | Tacoma Philharmonic | Fisk Jubilee Singers | Jan Karroll, Jana Wennstrom |
| February 20, 2010 | Tacoma Concert Band | A Bite of the Big Apple | Don Lacky |
| February 25, 2010 | Tacoma Pierce County Sister Cities | International Film Fest - Taiwan | Jana Wennstrom |
| February 28, 2010 | Tacoma Symphony | Romantic Violin | Don Lacky, Traci Kelly |
| March 4, 2010 | Tacoma Pierce County Sister Cities | International Film Fest - Russia | Jana Wennstrom |
| March 5 & 7, 2010 | Tacoma Opera | The Marriage of Figaro | Sarah Idstrom |
| March 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 | Tacoma Musical Playhouse | The Wedding Singer | Jackie Peterson, Jana Wennstrom |
| March 6, 2010 | Northwest Sinfonietta | Music off the Walls - Impressions Heard III "The Silver Flute" | Jana Wennstrom |
| March 6, 2010 | Tacoma Youth Symphony Assoc. | Tacoma Young Artists Orchestra | Janet Matzke |
| March 7, 2010 | Grand Cinema | 2010 Academy Awards Party | Sarah Idstrom, Don Lacky |
| March 11, 2010 | Tacoma Pierce County Sister Cities | International Film Fest - Cuba | Antonio Edwards, Jackie Peterson |
| March 13, 2010 | Tacoma Philharmonic | The 5 Browns | Don Lacky |
| March 18, 2010 | Tacoma Pierce County Sister Cities | International Film Fest - Morocco | Jana Wennstrom |

7. Presentations

A. Arts Education Research Initiative

5:18 pm (10:41)

Lisa Jaret, Arts Education Program Manager for the Washington State Arts Commission (WSAC), gave an overview of the arts education programs run by WSAC and presented the findings of the Arts Education Research Initiative (AERI) study. Lisa noted that there is a gap between the current education policy and actual practice in the classroom. The AERI study suggests the need for more arts instruction, improved access to approved curricula, accurate assessment of student learning in the arts, support of the arts teaching workforce, creation of a sustainable funding stream, collaboration with community arts partners, and sharing the benefits of arts education.

It was suggested that the Commission could help spread the findings of the study by presenting the AERI brochure to the Tacoma school board. Another idea is to initiate coffee meetings with members of the school board or with Tacoma 360.

8. Action Items

A. Retreat

6:02 pm (54:30)

The 2010 Commission retreat is set for March 20, 10 am – 3 pm at Franke Tobey Jones in the Wellness Center.

Commissioners and staff suggested the following topics for the retreat:

- Look at the notes from the 2009 retreat and to then define goals for 2010
- Develop a Municipal Art Plan to recommend to City Council
- Discuss the funding program guidelines for Anchor Fund and Arts Projects

B. Arts Projects Policy

6:10 pm (1:02:54)

Commissioners discussed concerns about two specific guidelines in the 2009 Arts Projects application. The guidelines of concern state that Arts Projects funding does not support “Organizations whose governance are themselves taxing authorities or organizations whose primary purpose is fundraising for such taxing authorities” and “Projects, programs or special events sponsored by schools or school-based auxiliary organizations (e.g., PTSAs)”.

The concern is that these guidelines exclude any schools from applying for funding. Commissioners considered whether these restrictions are still relevant to the needs of our community and the funding program today.

It was suggested that the guidelines require matching funding for schools and to clarify matching fund requirements (i.e.: cash or in kind services) for certain organizations. It was also suggested to pass the guidelines through the legal department to make sure that updating the current guidelines to allow funding for arts projects produced by taxing authorities or schools would not be illegal.

C. Public Art Training and Planning

6:28 pm (1:20:34)

Amy McBride presented a draft of a public art plan outlining public art projects and programs. Current projects include: Welcome Figure, Projecting Drop (for Pacific Plaza), Resonance Chamber (for Center for Urban Waters), installation of portable works collection at TPU, and ongoing maintenance and conservation. Upcoming projects include: Temporary Contemporary Tacoma (downtown temporary art installations), Aerial Gallery (downtown banners), Public Art Training Program, Mural Art Training Program, Stewart Heights Substation, Civil Right Legacy (for People's Pool), Cheney Stadium, Elks on Broadway and adjacent mixed use development, and a portable works purchase.

Commissioners Kelly and Sweney volunteered to sit on the review panel for Temporary Contemporary Tacoma.

9. Reports

A. Update: "Projecting Drop" by Jill Anholt

6:52 pm (1:46:32)

Amy presented updated designs for the "Projecting Drop" sculptural installation being created by Jill Anholt for Pacific Plaza.

10. Good of the Order

6:58 pm (1:50:35)

Commissioner Matzke announced that Windermere will be doing a fundraiser for D.A.S.H. Center for the Arts.

Commissioner Kelly noted that City Council will be having a retreat on March 3. Council is currently taking suggestions from the public about topics they should discuss.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm