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Antonio Edwards, Jr.  
Janice Karroll  
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Donald Lacky  
Bill La Vergne  
Janet Matzke  
Aimee Mell  
Dane Meyer  
Jacqueline Peterson  
Mike Sweney  
Jana Wennstrom

# 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](http://www.tacomaculture.org/arts/tac.asp).

**Staff**

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

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Date: April 12, 2010  
Location: City of Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 16  
Time: 5:00 pm

*Commission Members in Attendance:*

Robin Echtle, Chair  
Antonio Edwards, Jr.  
Janice Karroll  
Traci Kelly  
Don Lacky  
Janet Matzke  
Aimee Mell  
Jacqueline Peterson  
Jana Wennstrom

*Staff Present*

Naomi Strom-Avila, Cultural Arts Specialist

*City Council Members Present:*

Lauren Walker

*City Council Members Absent:*

Marty Campbell

*Commission Members Excused Absence:*

Sarah Idstrom, Vice-Chair  
Jan Brazzell  
Dane Meyer  
Mike Sweney

*Commission Member Unexcused Absence:*

Rachel Cardwell  
Bill La Vergne

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| <b>1. Call to Order</b>       | <b>5:07 pm (00:11)</b> | <b>Chair Echtle</b> |
| <b>2. Excusal of Absences</b> | <b>5:07 pm (00:19)</b> | <b>Chair Echtle</b> |

Vice Chair Idstrom and Commissioners Brazzell, Meyer, and Sweney had an excused absence. Commissioners Cardwell and La Vergne had an unexcused absence.

**3. Approval of Agenda** **5:07 pm (00:50)** **Chair Echte**

The agenda was amended to move the Municipal Art Plan agenda item to the May agenda.

Motion: Traci Kelly

Second: Jan Karroll

Motion: Carried

**4. Approval of Minutes** **5:08 pm (01:24)** **Chair Echte**

Motion: Traci Kelly

Second: Janet Matzke

Motion: Carried

**5. Chair’s Report:** **5:08 pm (01:52)** **Chair Echte**

Chair Echte presented the Commission a certificate of appreciation from the Asia Pacific Cultural Center for funding the 12<sup>th</sup> annual New Year Celebration.

New Commissioner Aimee Mell introduced herself. The remaining Commissioners introduced themselves.

**6. Staff Check-In** **5:15 pm (8:32)**

Commissioners were informed about several calls that have been disseminated to the public:

1. Artscapes call for temporary art installations and performance art
2. Click! ON Demand call for arts and culture content

Commissioners volunteered to sit on selection panels as follows:

<b>Event</b>	<b>event date</b>	<b>Commission volunteers</b>
National Arts Program	June 1	Antonio Edwards Dane Meyer
Click! ON Demand art programming	Between May 24 - June 15	Aimee Mell Antonio Edwards Don Lacky
Community Based Mural Program	Between June 1 - June 9	Janet Matzke Antonio Edwards
Artscapes	Between May 17 - May 21	Mike Sweney Traci Kelly

Commissioner Wennstrom volunteered to meet with Amy Reeves for her Tacoma Artists Initiative Program mid-project meeting.

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

<b>date</b>	<b>organization</b>	<b>event</b>	<b>volunteer</b>
April 23, 2010	Shakespeare in the Parking Lot	Shakespeare-a-thon: Richard II	Robin Echte

April 23, 2010	Shakespeare in the Parking Lot	Shakespeare-a-thon: Henry IV	Janet Matzke
April 24, 2010	Tacoma Symphony	Fantastique Finale	Don Lacky
April 24, 2010	Proctor Farmers Market	Music at the Proctor Farmers Market	Jackie Peterson
April 25, 2010	King's Books	Wayzgoose Letterpress and Book Arts Festival	Dane Meyer
May 1, 2010	Tacoma Concert Band	A Russian-American Potpourri	Don Lacky
May 1, 2010	Proctor Farmers Market	Music at the Proctor Farmers Market	Antonio Edwards
May 7, 2010	Grand Cinema	72 Hour Film Festival	Robin Echtle, Don Lacky
May 8, 2010	Proctor Farmers Market	Music at the Proctor Farmers Market	Antonio Edwards
May 14, 2010	Second City Chamber Series	Masterpiece Series Concert	Aimee Mell
May 15, 2010	Proctor Farmers Market	Music at the Proctor Farmers Market	Antonio Edwards
May 22, 2010	Proctor Farmers Market	Music at the Proctor Farmers Market	Antonio Edwards
May 23, 2010	Tacoma Youth Symphony Assoc.	Tacoma Youth Symphony	Don Lacky

Commissioner Edwards informed the Commission about Poetry in the 253: Mouths & Mics.

## **7. Discussion Items**

### **A. Retreat Feedback**

**5:38 pm (31:42)**

Commissioners gave feedback about the annual Commission retreat. Commissioners voiced appreciation for the retreat location, the sense of camaraderie that was built, the overview of the Commission that the event provided, and having an abbreviated agenda.

### **B. Arts Commission Messages Exercise**

**5:41 pm (37:00)**

Commissioners participated in a messaging exercise to help build talking points about what the Commission does.

Commissioners paired off to develop examples of how the Commission fulfills the purpose and duties of the Commission as outlined in the City's ordinance. Examples were shared with the entire Commission.

## **8. Good of the Order**

**6:32 pm (1:25:56)**

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm