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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*
Rebecca Solverson, *Public Art Assistant*

Date: November 8, 2010
Location: City of Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 16
Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Robin Echte, Chair
Sarah Idstrom, Vice-Chair
Rachel Cardwell
Antonio Edwards, Jr.
Janice Karroll
Traci Kelly
Don Lacky
Bill La Vergne
Aimee Mell
Dane Meyer
Jacqueline Peterson
Mike Sweney
Jana Wennstrom

City Council Members Absent:

Marty Campbell
Lauren Walker

Staff Present:

Amy McBride, Tacoma Arts Administrator
Naomi Strom-Avila, Cultural Arts Specialist
Rebecca Solverson, Public Art Assistant

Guests:

Tad Monroe
Andy Fife

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Jan Brazzell
Janet Matzke

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| 1. Call to Order | 5:02 pm (00:08) | Chair Echte |
| 2. Excusal of Absences | 5:02 pm (00:19) | Vice Chair Idstrom |
| Commissioners Brazzell and Matzke had an excused absence. | | |
| 3. Approval of Agenda | 5:02 pm (00:30) | Vice Chair Idstrom |
| Motion: Dane Meyer | | |
| Second: Rachel Cardwell | | |
| Motion: Carried | | |



4. Approval of Minutes**5:02 pm (00:42)****Vice Chair Idstrom**

Motion: Jan Karroll

Second: Janna Wennstrom

Motion: Carried

5. Chair's Report**5:03 pm (01:03)****Chair Echtle****6. Staff Check-In****5:07 pm (05:54)**

The National Endowment for the Arts has tentatively funded the Tacoma Arts Commission \$10,000 for the 2011 Arts Symposium.

Jill Anholt's public art piece, Projecting Drop, at Pacific Plaza is almost complete. A dedication will be held on December 16th.

Arts Projects funding applications are available and due November 29, 2010.

7. Presentation**A. Tacoma Poet Laureate Program****5:10 pm (08:08)**

Tad Monroe, Pastor of Urban Grace Church, presented about the Tacoma Poet Laureate program. Due to capacity issues, Urban Grace is asking the Commission to take over the program. The move could help expand the exposure of the program, bring in more applications, and allow for more connections between the Poet Laureate and Commission programming. Urban Grace would like to stay involved as a community partner, providing space, assisting in marketing and poet support, and assisting with the selection process as requested.

The Commission asked questions and discussed the program with Tad.

B. Shunpike: Tacoma Report**5:32 pm (30:41)**

Andy Fife, Executive Director of Shunpike, presented about Shunpike's work in Tacoma in the past 1 ½ years.

The Commission asked questions about Shunpike and its future in Tacoma.

8. Action Items**A. TAIP Guidelines****5:57 pm (55:11)**

Commissioners reviewed the proposed Tacoma Artists Initiative Program guidelines for the 2011-12 funding year. Changes include weighing of evaluation criteria, in alignment with the Arts Projects funding program.

Chair Echtle asked "Do I have a motion to approve the new TAIP guidelines and application form as presented here?"

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Bill La Vergne

Second: Mike Sweney

Motion: Carried



B. Public Art Subcommittee

6:05 pm (1:03:21)

Commissioners and staff discussed the concept of developing a sub-committee of the Commission to provide qualified content expertise and expert opinion when making recommendations to the full Commission regarding gift proposals, requests to place work in the public right of way, and requests to place public art in private development as a bonus option.

There was a motion: “Let’s make a motion to move forward with this.”

Motion: Dane Meyer

Second: Aimee Mell

Motion: Carried

C. Executive Committee Elections

6:19 pm (1:17:54)

Commissioners voted for the 2011 Executive Committee, whose terms will begin January 2011.

The votes for Chair were tallied as follows: Sarah Idstrom – 13 votes

The votes for Vice Chair were tallied as follows: Traci Kelly – 12 votes

9. Reports/Updates

A. Art at Work: Tacoma Arts Month

6:23 pm (1:21:55)

Staff gave an overview of the upcoming Arts Symposium and Art Slam events.

Commissioners gave feedback about the Art at Work Opening Party and Studio Tours.

B. Funding Program Panelist Recruitment

6:46 pm (1:44:38)

Commissioners volunteered as follows to sit on selection panels for the Commission’s funding programs:

2011 Arts Projects Panel Members (one all-day meeting week of December 6)
Robin Echtele
Jan Karroll
Mike Sweney
Don Lacky
2011-12 TAIP Panel Members (one all-day meeting week of February 7)
Robin Echtele
Traci Kelly
Antonio Edwards, Jr.
Rachel Cardwell



2011-12 Anchor Fund Panel Members (one all-day meeting week of March 7.)
Robin Echte
Sarah Idstrom
Traci Kelly
Don Lacky
Jan Karroll

10. Report Back

6:52 pm (1:50:18)

Commissioners reported back about arts events they had attended.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm

