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**Staff**  
Amy McBride, *Tacoma Arts Administrator*  
Naomi Strom-Avila, *Cultural Arts Specialist*  
Rebecca Solverson, *Public Art Specialist*  
Asia Tail, *Arts Program Coordinator*

# Summary Minutes

## Tacoma Arts Commission

### Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality

These minutes accompany the recorded meeting of the Tacoma Arts Commission, which is available at [www.cityoftacoma.org/tacagendaminutes](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/tacagendaminutes).

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Date: January 8, 2018  
Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16  
Time: 5:00 pm

*Commission Members in Attendance:*

Mike Sweney, *Chair*  
Heather Conklin, *Vice Chair*  
Rosie Ayala  
Scott Campbell  
Michelle Douglas  
Paula Jacobson  
Halley Knigge  
Liesl Santkuyl  
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

*Staff Present:*

Amy McBride, Arts Administrator  
Naomi Strom-Avila, Cultural Arts Specialist  
Rebecca Solverson, Public Art Specialist  
Asia Tail, Arts Program Coordinator

*Guests Present:*

Melanie Rayles  
Heather Asbell

*Commission Members Excused Absence:*

Traci Kelly  
Johnaye Kendrick  
Michael Kula  
Wanda Thompson  
Paul Throne

*Commission Members Unexcused Absence:*

Quincy Henry

#### **1. Call to Order**

**5:06 pm (00:18)**

**Chair Sweney**

Chair Sweney called the meeting to order, recognizing that the meeting was held on Indigenous land: the traditional homelands of the Puyallup people.

#### **2. Consent Agenda**

**5:06 pm (00:39)**

**Vice Chair Conklin**

Commissioners Kendrick, Throne, Kelly, Kula, and Thompson had excused absences.

Vice Chair Conklin asked if there was a motion to approve the consent agenda as well as minutes from the December meeting.

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There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Liesl Santkuyl

Second: Scott Campbell

Motion: Carried

### **3. Chair’s Report**

**5:07 pm (01:36)**

**Chair Sweney**

Chair Sweney acknowledged new Commissioners Jacobson, Ayala, and Douglas. Staff and commissioners introduced themselves.

### **4. Discussion/Updates**

#### **A. Arts Commission Annual Retreat**

**5:13 pm (07:24)**

Staff explained the purpose of the annual Arts Commission Retreat and shared some dates for consideration. A scheduling poll will be sent following the meeting and the final date selection will be shared soon. Commissioners are welcome to suggest topics for the retreat.

#### **B. Cultural Access and Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality Strategies**

**5:19 pm (13:48)**

Staff gave an overview of the Cultural Access Washington initiative. The Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality is hosting a Creative Community Conversations event on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to gather feedback from the arts community in Tacoma. Commissioners are encouraged to volunteer to help lead break-out conversations and activities at the event, and to help spread the word.

Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

Chair Sweney and Commissioners Campbell, Douglas, Knigge, Wilmot-Stenehjem, Jacobson, Ayala, Santkuyl volunteered to help with the event.

### **5. Staff Check-In**

#### **A. Overview and Updates**

**5:48 pm (42:20)**

Staff shared updates on the following: the successful ordinance change of the Cross District Association position on the Arts Commission to an At Large position, McKinley Artist Lofts are accepting applications, Public Art Public Action training program planning with Ryan Feddersen, and Arts Projects contracts.

Kim Bedier is the new Interim Director of the Community and Economic Development Department, which oversees the Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality.

#### **B. Public Art Updates**

**6:52 pm (46:10)**

Staff shared updates on the following public art projects: traffic box wraps, public art training program for the Eastside, the Eastside Community Center’s recently selected portable works and calls for an outdoor sculpture and memorial projects, several public art projects will be installed this spring and summer, ongoing Artist in Residence progress.

Staff also shared information about other City programs including the MLK Day Be the Change event on January 15<sup>th</sup>, and the City of Destiny Awards which is now accepting nominations.



**6. Report Back**

**A. Advocacy Reports**

**6:04 pm (58:34)**

Commissioner Santkuyl shared that she has an upcoming meeting with Councilmember Ushka.

**B. Arts Events Attended**

**6:05 pm (59:45)**

Commissioners shared arts events and venues that they attended, upcoming events, or events they have been involved with including: Symphony Tacoma, Stadium High School concert, the Castle Wind Ensemble and Jazz performances, First Night, Tacoma Art Museum's still life exhibitions, YMCA and Tacoma Art Museum's planned partnership with teen programs.

**C. Future Agenda Items for Consideration**

**6:09 pm (01:03:15)**

There were no items for considerations.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm**

