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.

Date: January 9, 2012
Location: City of Tacoma Municipal Building North, Room 16
Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:
Robin Echtle, Chair
Traci Kelly, Vice Chair
Rachel Cardwell
Don Lacky
Dane Meyer
Zach Powers
Dawn Quinn
Scott Ramsey
Catherine Stegeman
Mike Sweney

Commission Members Excused Absence:
Jan Brazzell
Sarah Idstrom
Bill La Vergne
Jana Wennstrom

Commission Members Unexcused Absence:
Antonio Edwards, Jr.

City Council Member Present:
Lauren Walker

City Council Member Absent:
Marty Campbell

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

1. Call to Order 5:12 pm (00:01) Chair Echtle

2. Excusal of Absences 5:12 pm (00:13) Vice Chair Kelly
Commissioners Powers, Brazzell, Idstrom, La Vergne, Sweney, and Wennstrom had an excused absence.

3. Approval of Minutes and Agenda 5:12 pm (00:27) Vice Chair Kelly
Motion: Rachel Cardwell
Second: Dane Meyer
There was a recommendation to change the discussion of the Prairie Line Trail Plan to an Update on the Pacific Avenue Streetscape.
The question was called: “Can we motion to accept the revised agenda?”
There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Catherine Stegeman  
Second: Dane Meyer  
Motion: Carried

4. Chair’s Report  
5:13 pm (01:20)  
Chair Echtle

New Arts Commission member Dawn Quinn was introduced.

The Children’s Museum of Tacoma will celebrate the Grand Opening of their new space on January 14. A thank you letter for Arts Projects funding from the Washington State Historical Society was shared with the Commission.

Commissioners volunteered to meet with City Council Members as follows:

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5. Staff Check-In  
5:18 pm (06:00)

$40,000 in Arts Projects funding will be distributed for community-based programming in 2012. Based on the possible levels of funding recommended at the December 10, 2011 Arts Commission meeting, the funding will be distributed as follows:

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<td>Summer 2012 L.I.F.E. Program and final showcase</td>
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Amy McBride gave an update on the Shunpike Cohort, which includes seven Tacoma arts groups. The program is underway and has had one meeting thus far. Amy also gave an update on the active use spaces as part of Spaceworks Tacoma.

6. Discussion Items

A. 2011 Year In Review  
5:26 pm (14:43)
Commissioners looked over a draft of the Commission’s 2011 Year in Review and suggested various edits. Final edit suggestions should be submitted to staff by January 30th.

B. Pacific Avenue Streetscape  
5:33 pm (21:05)
Amy McBride gave an overview of the initial “green flash” design concept created by design team artist Elizabeth Conner for the Pacific Avenue Streetscape. Commissioners discussed the proposal and asked questions.

Amy McBride gave an update on the Public Art: In Depth artist training program. Lisa Kinoshita was selected to create a public art piece for Metro Park’s STAR Center. Artist interviews for the Old Town Dock public art project are scheduled for January 12. Commissioners discussed the program and asked questions.
C. Budget Update 6:00 pm (48:37)
Amy McBride gave an update on the currently-known status of the City’s budget situation. Naomi Strom-Avila’s position has been restored to full time. Municipal Art Collection maintenance funds have been greatly reduced. Funds for Art at Work printing have been eliminated.

The Arts Program will be applying for outside funding to support programming and looking to build new partnerships. Commissioners discussed possible partnerships, marketing options, and ways to advocate for the arts.

D. TAC Retreat 6:26 pm (1:14:50)
The Arts Commission will have an annual retreat in late February or early March. A date will be determined based on the results of a scheduling poll.

E. 2012 Programming 6:29 pm (1:17:15)
Commissioners reviewed a list of possible Arts Program projects and programming for 2012. Commissioners discussed ways to effectively inform the public, reach a larger audience, and promote the work of the Commission.

7. Report Back
A. Arts Events Attended 7:04 (1:52:06)
Arts & Heritage Day in Olympia is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm