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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.

Date: January 9, 2017

Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Mike Sweney, Chair
Rachel Cardwell, Vice Chair
Marty Campbell, City Council Liaison
Scott Campbell
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Staff Present:

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

Guest:

Jeremy Mangan
Barb Luecke
Janice McNeil
Kat Ogden
Robin Hobb

1. Call to Order

5:07 pm (00:05)

Chair Sweney

2. Consent Agenda

5:07 pm (00:38)

Vice Chair Cardwell

No commissioners were absent.

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

There was a motion: "I so move."

Motion: Wanda Thompson

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Second: Traci Kelly

Motion: Carried

3. Chair's Report

5:08 pm (01:02) Chair Sweney

Chair Sweney welcomed new Commissioners Henry, Kula, and Santkuyl, and Commissioners introduced themselves.

4. Presentations

A. Public Art Proposal for Sound Transit's Tacoma Trestle **5:15 pm (08:00)**

Artist Jeremy Mangan presented his mural design proposal for Sound Transit's Tacoma Trestle project. He explained that the beach and driftwood imagery in his proposal would be transferred to porcelain enamel on steel and installed in panels by 2018. Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

5. Action

A. South Tacoma Public Art Proposal Review **5:39 pm (32:25)**

Rebecca Solverson reported on artist Sheila Klein's proposal for the South Tacoma Business District, which should be installed in August. Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

Chair Sweney asked that a motion be made "to accept the proposal and if there are any substantial changes that they be brought back before the Commission."

There was a motion: "I so move."

Motion: Halley Knigge

Second: Rachel Cardwell

Motion: Carried

6. Discussion/Updates

A. Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee Report **5:58 pm (51:45)**

Chair Sweney reviewed the progress made by the Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee at their first meeting. Chair Sweney also plans on beginning Tacoma Arts Commission meetings in the future with an acknowledgement that the meeting is held on Indigenous land. Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

B. Arts Commission Annual Retreat **6:08 pm (01:01:30)**

Commissioners and staff discussed potential retreat topics including: tracking and measuring ArtFull Tacoma progress, equity training, exploring evaluation measures, discussing the upcoming changes in City leadership, identifying community outreach strategies, practicing advocacy conversations, reviewing Cultural Access WA, and finding potential interns and internship projects.

The meeting will likely be held on Saturday, March 18th from 10 am – 3 pm.



7. Staff Check-In

A. Staff Projects Overview and Updates

6:23 pm (01:16:45)

The Arts Program is now officially re-named the Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality, and the creation of a permanent full time position for the Public Art Specialist is underway. The Arts and Economic Prosperity survey process is over, and the data will be compiled and reported back officially in July. Funding contracts are in the works for Arts Projects recipients, and calls are now open for Arts Anchor Fund, TAIP, and soon for Tacoma Poet Laureate. Progress on the Kroger mural and the People's Community Center mural was also shared. More traffic box wraps will be created and installed this year in lieu of the Mural Program.

Staff asked for volunteers for the upcoming National Arts Program panel in April, and Commissioners Throne, Conklin, Lacky, and Thompson signed up.

B. Public Art Updates

6:39 pm (01:32:00)

Four artists have been selected for the Prairie Line Trail Public Art & Interpretation project: Jessilyn Brinkerhoff and Esteban Camacho Steffensen, Matthew Dockrey, Ryan Feddersen, and ROTATOR (Lance Kagey, Scott Varga, and Mark Alvis). Haiying Wu's *Shipment to China* will also be installed on the trail. Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

8. Report Back

A. Advocacy Reports

6:53 pm (01:46:40)

Commissioner Campbell relayed a desire for tromp l'oeil murals in Tacoma that he saw on Facebook.

B. Arts Events Attended

6:55 pm (01:49:00)

Commissioners shared arts events that they attended or have been involved with including: Northwest Repertory Singers Christmas concert and the Tacoma City Ballet's Nutcracker performance.

C. Future Agenda Items for Consideration

6:57 pm (01:50:00)

Commissioner Campbell proposed a discussion of Pokémon Go's impact on public art.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm

