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Summary Minutes

Tacoma Arts Commission

Community & Economic Development

These minutes accompany the recorded meeting of the Tacoma Arts Commission, which is available at www.tacomaculture.org/arts/tac.asp.

Staff

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

Date: January 14, 2013

Location: City of Tacoma Municipal Building North, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Robin Echte, Chair
 Jan Brazzell
 J.D. Elquist
 Chad Hall
 Matt Hudgins
 Don Lacky
 Dane Meyer
 Zach Powers
 Scott Ramsey
 Jana Wennstrom

Commission Members Unexcused Absence:

Mike Sweney

Staff Present:

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

Public in Attendance:

Ed Kroupa
 Josie Emmons Turner

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Traci Kelly, Vice Chair
 Rachel Cardwell
 Catherine Stegeman
 Wanda Thompson

1. Call to Order

5:02 pm (00:01)

Chair Echte

2. Excusal of Absences

5:02 pm (00:13)

Chair Echte

Vice Chair Kelly and Commissioners Cardwell, Powers, Stegeman, and Thompson had an excused absence.

Update: Commissioner Powers attended the meeting

3. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

5:02 pm (00:23)

Chair Echte

Staff recommended moving the presentations and action items up on the agenda.

Chair Echte said, "I'll entertain a motion to approve the minutes and agenda as amended."

There was a motion: "So moved."



Motion: Jan Brazzell

Second: Dane Meyer

Motion: Carried

4. Chair's Report

5:03 pm (01:50)

Chair Echtle

Chair Echtle welcomed incoming Commissioners Elquist and Hudgins. Commissioners introduced themselves.

5. Presentations

A. Esplanade Public Art Project

5:06 pm (04:37)

Ed Kroupa presented his public art proposal for the Esplanade. Mr. Kroupa was selected for the project through a competitive process as part of the Public Art: In Depth training program.

Mr. Kroupa talked about his inspiration and presented images of the proposed sculptural pieces, which will be cast in aluminum.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions. Installation of the artwork is planned for fall 2013.

B. Tacoma Poet Laureate Program

5:17 pm (15:23)

Josie Emmons Turner talked about the activities she has led and been involved in during her tenure as 2011-13 Tacoma Poet Laureate.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions.

6. Action Items

A. 2013-15 Tacoma Poet Laureate Application

5:27 pm (25:56)

Commissioners discussed suggested changes to the 2013-15 Tacoma Poet Laureate call to artists including clarifications of duties, types of acceptable projects, and residency requirements.

Commissioner Brazzell suggested terming residency requirements as "Applicant must live or work within the city of Tacoma and be an active participant in Tacoma's poetry community."

Chair Echtle asked, "Do I have a motion to accept the revisions to the call eligibility as indicated?"

There was a motion: "I so move."

Motion: Jana Wennstrom

Second: Dane Meyer

Motion: Carried

Commissioners suggested clarifications to and intent with the work sample requirements listed in the application.

Chair Echtle asked for a motion to approve the call.

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Jan Brazzell

Second: Jana Wennstrom

Motion: Carried



B. 2013 Arts Projects Funding Recommendations 5:54 pm (52:37)

The 2013 Arts Projects review panel's funding recommendations were presented to the Commission. The panel recommended funding 20 applicants for a total of \$50,000 as follows:

ORGANIZATION	Recommended Funding
9th and 10th Horse Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers Museum (fiscal sponsor Shunpike)	\$ 1,000.00
Asia Pacific Cultural Center	\$ 5,000.00
Black Student Union @ UW Tacoma (fiscal sponsor: University of Washington Foundation)	\$ 1,000.00
Children's Museum of Tacoma	\$ 3,250.00
DASH Center for the Arts	\$ 2,500.00
Elements of Education	\$ 1,500.00
Fab-5 (fiscal sponsor Shunpike)	\$ 5,000.00
Fort Nisqually Foundation	\$ 3,250.00
King's Bookstore	\$ 3,500.00
Local Life	\$ 3,500.00
Metropolitan Glass	\$ 2,000.00
Old Town Business and Professional Assoc.	\$ 2,000.00
Puget Sound Poetry Connection	\$ 1,000.00
Ruston - Pt. Defiance Business District	\$ 1,000.00
Second City Chamber Series	\$ 2,500.00
Tacoma City Ballet	\$ 1,000.00
Tacoma Concert Band	\$ 3,000.00
Tacoma Little Theatre	\$ 2,000.00
the BareFoot Collective (fiscal sponsor Shunpike)	\$ 1,000.00
Washington State Historical Society	\$ 5,000.00

A total of 28 applications were received, requesting a total of \$115,568.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions. Panel members gave an overview of particular applications in question.

There was a motion: "I would like to make a motion that we accept the recommendations as they are."

Motion: Dane Meyer

Second: Jan Brazzell

Motion: Carried



7. Housekeeping**6:07 pm (01:05:38) Chair Echte**

Chair Echte asked Commissioners to consider whether or not to have a retreat in 2013 and what should be on the agenda if they do.

8. Staff Check-In**6:09 pm (01:07:52)**

A grant to fund an Artspace feasibility study on live/work space in Tacoma was approved by J.P. Morgan Chase.

Film Forward, a program of Sundance, will be bringing an indie film program to Tacoma in September.

Rebecca Solverson has accepted a position with the Washington State Arts Commission. The Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce has released a job description for a Spaceworks Coordinator to fill her position.

The Human Rights Legacy public art project will be installed on Wednesday, January 16.

Chair Echte and commissioners Elquist and Ramsey volunteered to jury the National Arts Program employee art exhibit on May 28.

The Sun King public art sculpture is repaired is waiting on structural engineering before it can be installed.

9. Report Back**6:18 pm (01:16:20)**

Commissioners shared arts related news including the Blue Mouse reaching its Kickstarter goal to fund its conversion to digital. The Grand Cinema will be fundraising throughout 2013 to fund their conversion to digital. Feather & Oar is moving from its Spacework site at 311 S. 7th Street to 759 Market Street.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm

