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Sarah Woodson

**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

### Tacoma Venues & Events

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 14, 2019

Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

**Commission Members in Attendance:**

Heather Conklin, *Chair*  
Rosie Ayala, *Vice Chair*  
Heide Fernandez-Llamazares  
Anna Holcomb  
Paula Jacobson  
Michael Kula  
James Stowe  
Paul Throne  
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem  
Sarah Woodson

**Staff Present:**

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

**Guests Present:**

Kim Bedier  
Wes Wenhardt

**Commission Members Excused Absence:**

Michelle Douglas  
Wanda Thompson  
Johnaye Kendrick

**Commission Members Unexcused Absence:**

Quincy Henry  
Liesl Santkuyl

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- 1. Call to Order** **5:05 pm (00:08) Chair Conklin**  
Chair Conklin called the meeting to order, and recognized that the meeting was held on Indigenous land: the traditional homelands of the Puyallup people.

- 2. Consent Agenda** **5:05 pm (00:48) Vice Chair Ayala**  
Commissioners Douglas, Kendrick, and Thompson had excused absences.

Vice Chair Ayala asked for a motion to approve the agenda as well as minutes from the December meeting.

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Michael Kula

Second: Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

Motion: Carried

- 3. Chair's Report** **5:06 pm (01:29) Chair Conklin**  
Chair Conklin welcomed new commissioners and invited everyone to introduce themselves.

**4. Agenda Items**

- a. Tacoma Creates Community Conversations** **5:09 pm (04:25)**  
Staff requested volunteers for the January 23 Tacoma Creates Community Conversation event. Amy McBride gave an overview of the plan for the event, including discussing what Tacoma Creates is and how it will roll out, collecting attendee input, and facilitating visioning exercises to record community goals and desired impacts from the new legislation. She also shared related staffing updates and next steps.
- b. Arts Commission Annual Retreat** **5:19 pm (14:06)**  
Staff and commissioners discussed possible dates for the annual retreat, and selected March 30th.
- c. 2018 Year in Review** **5:26 pm (21:47)**  
Staff shared the drafted content and data for the 2018 report. Commissioners discussed, asked questions, and gave suggestions.
- d. Council Coffee Sign-Ups** **5:34 pm (29:27)**  
Staff described the council coffee process and passed around a sign-up sheet. Commissioners discussed and recommended having mini-planning sessions between commissioner teams to prepare before the actual meetings with council members.



**5. Staff Check In**

**a. Staff Projects Overview and Updates**

**5:41 pm (36:30)**

Kim Bedier, Director of Tacoma Venues and Events introduced herself. Staff shared updates on the following projects: Tacoma Creates, Gertie's Ghost, Sound Transit LINK light rail, Northwest College of Art and Design volunteer request, Arts Projects contracting.

**b. Public Art Updates**

**5:51 pm (46:30)**

Staff shared updates on the following projects: portable works purchases, Mauricio Robalino's sculpture for Tacoma Housing Authority, East 64th Street February 8 community engagement event, Artists in Residence reporting, partner projects with Metro Parks, portable works collection reframing, Port Centennial artwork.

**6. Report Back**

**a. Advocacy Reports**

**5:59 pm (54:52)**

There were no advocacy reports.

**b. Arts Events Attended**

**6:00 pm (55:01)**

Commissioners shared arts events and venues that they attended, upcoming events, or events they have been involved with including: Mary Coss's show at 950 Gallery, opening of the Benaroya Wing at Tacoma Art Museum, William Morris lecture at Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma Arts Live theater cohort, MLK day celebration on January 21.

**c. Future Agenda Items for Consideration**

**6:04 pm (59:04)**

There were no items.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm**

