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# Minutes

## Special Meeting

### Tacoma Arts Commission

#### Community & Economic Development

Date: February 6, 2016

Location: University of Puget Sound, Collins Memorial Library, McCormick Room

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

*Commission Members in Attendance:*

Mike Sweney, Chair  
 Rachel Cardwell, Vice Chair  
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*Staff Present:*

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

*Guests:*

Deborah Munkberg  
 Marcia Wagoner  
 Jessie Hartmann

**1. Call to Order****10:10 am****Chair Sweney**

Chair Sweney called the meeting to order.

**2. Consent Agenda****10:10 am****Vice Chair Cardwell**

There were no excused absences.

Vice Chair Cardwell asked for a motion to accept the meeting agenda.

There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Traci Kelly

Second: Wanda Thompson

Motion: Carried

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**3. Introduction and “I Resolve...”****10:11 am****Chair Sweney**

Chair Sweney led Commissioners in an exercise in writing down three ways Commissioners resolve to support or be more involved in the arts in 2016. Each Commissioner shared one of their resolutions with the group.

**4. Tacoma Arts Commission Primer****10:28 am**

Amy McBride gave a PowerPoint presentation covering the basic duties, functions, and projects of the Commission including:

- funding programs – distribution of funds, sitting on panels, conducting evaluations/meetings
- public art
- Tacoma Murals Project
- Programs and initiatives – Tacoma Arts Month, Spaceworks Tacoma, creative space study, Arts EnviroChallenger
- Advocacy

Commissioners shared their thoughts and experiences as related to these functions.

**5. Warm-Up Exercise****11:02 am**

The planned warm-up exercise was canceled to make time for the remaining agenda items.

**6. 5-Year Art Plan****11:02 am**

Deborah Munkberg from 3 Square Blocks gave an overview of the 5-Year Art Plan draft including the introduction chapters. Commissioners discussed and gave feedback.

Under facilitation from 3 Square Blocks staff, Commissioners reviewed the draft plan’s strategies and actions. The current strategies are:

- Grow and sustain the creative economy
- Enhance awareness and involvement
- Promote equity and celebrate diversity and inclusiveness
- Create welcoming public places
- Strengthen Tacoma’s creative ecosystem
- Optimize performance and capacity of arts programming, services, and operations

Commissioners discussed and gave suggestions and feedback.

**7. Lunch****12:00 pm****8. 5-Year Art Plan, Continued****12:20 pm**

Under facilitation from 3 Square Blocks staff, Commissioners continued to review the draft plan’s strategies and actions. For each strategy reviewed, Commissioners assessed whether the strategy made sense, listed out potential benefits for the strategy, and listed out who the partners are or could be.



Commissioners shared their main ideas with the group, noted areas that needed further definition, and asked questions.

**9. “I Resolve...”, Part 2**

**2:55 pm**

Chair Sweney asked Commissioners to review the three resolutions they wrote down at the beginning of the day and make adjustments, if needed, in light of the 5-Year Art Plan discussion.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm**

