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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](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/tacagendaminutes).

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Date: February 12, 2018  
Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16  
Time: 5:00 pm

*Commission Members in Attendance:*

Mike Sweney, *Chair*  
Heather Conklin, *Vice Chair*  
Lillian Hunter, *City Council Liaison*  
Rosie Ayala  
Paula Jacobson  
Traci Kelly  
Halley Knigge  
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Wanda Thompson  
Paul Throne  
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

*Staff Present:*

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

*Guests Present:*

Melanie Rayles  
Kristin Luippold  
Alison Beason  
Samantha Kaauamo

*Commission Members Excused Absence:*

Scott Campbell  
Michelle Douglas  
Johnaye Kendrick  
Michael Kula

*Commission Members Unexcused Absence:*

Quincy Henry

#### 1. Call to Order

5:05 pm (00:15)

Chair Sweney

Chair Sweney called the meeting to order, recognizing that the meeting was held on Indigenous land: the traditional homelands of the Puyallup people.

#### 2. Consent Agenda

5:05 pm (00:53)

Vice Chair Conklin

Commissioners Campbell, Kendrick, Douglas, and Kula had excused absences.

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Vice Chair Conklin asked if there was a motion to approve the consent agenda as well as minutes from the January meeting.

There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Liesl Santkuyl

Second: Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

Motion: Carried

### **3. Chair’s Report**

**5:06 pm (01:25)**

**Chair Sweney**

Chair Sweney welcomed new City Council liaison Lillian Hunter. Staff and commissioners introduced themselves.

### **4. Discussion/Updates**

#### **A. 2017 Year in Review**

**5:10 pm (05:18)**

Staff presented the data prepared for the Year in Review report. Commissioners asked questions and made suggestions. The report information will be sent to a graphic designer and the final version will be shared at the next commission meeting.

#### **B. Council Coffee Sign-Ups**

**5:20 pm (15:55)**

A sheet was passed around for commissioners to sign up for Council Coffee meetings. These meetings typically occur on Tuesdays during the day, and commissioners are encouraged to attend in pairs. Commissioners shared their past experiences and gave advice. Commissioners signed up for meeting slots as follows:

Paula Jacobson (Robert Thoms); Liesl Santkuyl (Anders Ibsen); Mike Sweney (Chris Beale); Traci Kelly and Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem (Lillian Hunter); Mike Sweney and Paul Throne (Keith Blocker); Mike Sweney and Liesl Santkuyl (Katherine Ushka); Halley Knigge and Liesl Santkuyl (Ryan Mello); Mike Sweney and Traci Kelly (Mayor Victoria Woodards)

#### **C. Arts Commission Annual Retreat**

**5:25 pm (20:50)**

Staff proposed the following items for the upcoming March retreat agenda:

- Determine shared talking points and priorities for Council advocacy
- Review the 5 year plan – ArtFull Tacoma – and assess progress
- Review the data collected at the Creative Community Conversations event
- Discuss Percent for Art updates

Commissioners also wanted to include a brief overview of the Arts Commission and its history, and made additional suggestions.

#### **D. Creative Community Conversations Follow-Up**

**5:37 pm (32:14)**

Commissioners and staff shared feedback they heard during the Creative Community Conversations event in January. Over 200 community members were in attendance. Common takeaways include:

- Attendees were glad to have their voices heard and had lots of ideas
- There was a general lack of awareness about the programs/resources that already exist, both in terms of what the Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality does and in Tacoma at large



- The event led to networking and new connections
- Many people did not know about Cultural Access Washington, or how it was connected to the event discussions

## **5. Staff Check-In**

### **A. Overview and Updates**

**5:47 pm (42:20)**

Staff shared updates on the following: Public Art / Public Action training planning with Ryan Feddersen, Cultural Access Washington, Sound Transit's LINK light rail station public art projects with Kenji Stoll, Port of Tacoma's centennial sculpture planning, Tacoma Town Center planning, Valhalla Hall artwork installations, mural roster updates, Spaceworks' TRANSFORM event on February 22, and the creation of media toolkits by PLU students.

### **B. Public Art Updates**

**6:04 pm (59:20)**

Staff shared updates on the following public art projects: Artist in Residence progress, Mauricio Robalino selected for the outdoor sculpture project at the Eastside Community Center, Metro Park's Dickman Mill project, Eastside training cohort planning progress, Pumphouse Mural project at the zoo, maintenance planning, and various upcoming public art installations this summer.

## **6. Report Back**

### **A. Advocacy Reports**

**6:15 pm (01:10:17)**

Commissioner Santkuyl met with TAIP recipient Daniel Garcia, and Chair Sweney met with TAIP recipient Mauricio Robalino.

### **B. Arts Events Attended**

**6:21 pm (01:16:10)**

Commissioners shared arts events and venues that they attended, upcoming events, or events they have been involved with including: several Lunar New Year celebrations, Monkeyshines, and Poetry Out Loud regional finals.

### **C. Future Agenda Items for Consideration**

**6:26 pm (01:21:37)**

There were no items for considerations.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm**

