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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.cityoftacoma.org/tacagendaminutes.

Staff

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

Date: March 10, 2014

Location: City of Tacoma Municipal Building North, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Traci Kelly, Chair
 J.D. Elquist, Vice Chair
 Jan Brazzell
 Don Lacky
 Dane Meyer
 Scott Ramsey
 Mike Sweney
 Wanda Thompson

City Council Liaisons in Attendance:

David Boe

Staff Present:

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

Guests:

Devitta Briscoe

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Rachel Cardwell
 Robin Echtele
 Matt Hudgins
 Catherine Stegeman
 Jana Wennstrom

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| 1. Call to Order | 5:07 pm (00:01) | Chair Kelly |
| 2. Excusal of Absences | 5:07 pm (00:10) | Vice Chair Elquist |

Commissioners Cardwell, Echtele, Hudgins, Stegeman, and Wennstrom had an excused absence.

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| 3. Approval of Agenda and Minutes | 5:07 pm (00:21) | Vice Chair Elquist |
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Vice Chair Elquist asked if commissioners had a chance to review the minutes from the last meeting and the agenda for this meeting. There was not a quorum to approve the agenda or minutes.



4. Chair's Report**5:07 pm (00:38)****Chair Kelly**

Chair Kelly and Vice Chair Elquist will give a presentation on the Arts Commission's work to the Economic Development Committee on March 25.

Zach Powers completed his term on the Commission and submitted a letter of resignation.

Tacoma Art Museum celebrated the Topping-Off of the new building addition.

Chair Kelly attended a reception for Project 562 at Tacoma Art Museum.

Chair Kelly discussed the Warhol for the Tacoma Dome with the New Tacoma Neighborhood Council and Dome Business District.

5. Staff Check-In**5:10 pm (03:09)**

A contractor will pour the base for the 'Sun King' around March 17 and install the piece around April 17. The rededication of the artwork may take place during the Summer Solstice in June.

Applications for the Murray Morgan Bridge Mural call to artists are due March 14.

The Tacoma Murals Project lead artist applications are due March 28 and community applications are due April 4.

Elizabeth Conner's large scale sculptures were installed along Pacific Avenue. The surface treatment will be fixed when the weather clears up.

Planning for Metal-Urge is underway and staff has initially met with members of the Seattle Metals Guild, Tacoma Metal Art Center, and Tacoma Art Museum. The event will run October 1 – November 30, 2014 with major activity happening on the weekend of October 18.

Vyra Saran is interning with the Arts Program and will be assisting with the National Arts Program employee art exhibit and Metal-Urge.

Plans are in the work for an approximately \$20,000 public art project in relation to the Water Ditch Trail. The project will be open to artists in the Public Art: In Depth program.

Commissioners volunteered to attend and evaluate the following funded projects:

| date | organization | event | volunteer |
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| 03/27/14 | Sister City Council of Tacoma | Sister City International Film Festival - Defining Love, A Failed Attempt, Morocco | Don Lacky |
| 03/29/14 | MLKBallet | CHAMBER | Dane Meyer |
| 04/04/14 | Second City Chamber Series | The Artistry of Women | Don Lacky |
| 4/13/14 | Tacoma Opera | Madame Butterfly | Don Lacky |



6. Presentation

A. Tacoma Gateway Public Art Project 5:16 pm (09:12)

Sean Orlando and David Schulman presented their conceptual ideas for *Gertie's Ghost*, a Sound Transit public art project for the intersection of Pacific Avenue & South Tacoma Way.

The artwork concept was inspired by Galloping Gertie, the mythical giant octopus that lives in the bridge ruins, and Tacoma's unique architectural elements including trestle bridges and arches.

The artwork is planned for the northwest corner of the intersection at Pacific Avenue & South Tacoma Way. Overall, the entire piece is planned to be 100' long by 60' wide. The piece will be comprised of eight arches, each 10' to 17' tall. The exact metal and other materials that will be used to construct the piece have not yet been finalized. The piece could potentially include color elements, LED lighting to accentuate the structure, and native grasses or other landscaping elements to ground the piece and create a visual deterrent from climbing. The piece is planned to be installed in spring 2015.

Commissioners gave feedback, voiced concerns, and asked clarifying questions.

7. Discussion/Updates

A. Signal Box Artwork at 6th & Sprague 6:06 pm (59:20)

Amy McBride gave an overview of an upcoming art project that will be coming to the Commission for review to be placed on Right of Way. The project involves the painting of a signal box at the intersection of 6th & Sprague. The design will be selected from a competition of artwork created by students at Jason Lee Middle School. The community will present to the Commission when they have more details worked out.

B. Arts Commission Annual Retreat 6:08 pm (1:01:19)

Commissioners reviewed and discusses the draft agenda for the March 15 Commission retreat. Commissioners asked clarifying questions.

C. Council Coffee Sign-ups 6:20 pm (1:13:18)

Commissioners volunteered to attend coffee meetings with City Council members as follows:

Robert Thoms – J.D. Elquist
 Joe Lonergan – Traci Kelly, Dane Meyer
 Marty Campbell -
 Lauren Walker - Mike Sweney
 Victoria Woodards - Wanda Thompson
 Ryan Mello – Scott Ramsey, Jan Brazzell
 Mayor Marilyn Strickland – J.D. Elquist, Mike Sweney



D. Marketing Committee**6:22 pm (1:15:26)**

The Marketing Committee met on February 20 and discussed past marketing tactics and routes to approach for this year including a print piece and electronic media to pre-hype the event. The committee is looking into developing a series of blog posts focused on some of the Tacoma Studio Tour artists.

The Tacoma Arts Month designer is working on developing a new logo for the event. Northwest Public Radio will be a media sponsor for Tacoma Arts Month this year.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions and gave suggestions including creating video blog posts and providing arts event information to council members that they can promote during council meetings.

8. Report Back**A. Landmarks Preservation Commission****6:29 pm (01:22:39)**

The Preservation Month reception and awards will be held May 8, 6 – 8 pm at B Sharp Coffee House.

B. Advocacy Reports**6:31 pm (01:24:00)**

Chair Kelly encouraged commissioners to talk to their own contacts about the Warhol for the Tacoma Dome and encourage those people to speak out for the potential project. Commissioners asked clarifying questions.

C. Arts Events Attended**6:37 pm (01:30:30)**

Commissioners shared arts events they had attended or have been involved with including Tacoma Historical Society's opening at 919 Pacific Avenue on March 27, 5 – 7 pm; Museum of Glass' slider event on March 29, 7 – 9 pm; the Wayzgoose exhibit reception at Pacific Lutheran University on March 12, 5 – 7 pm; Classical Tuesdays in Old Town; Tacoma Concert Band; Tacoma Symphony Orchestra; Northwest Repertory Singers; and Tacoma Youth Chorus.

D. Future Agenda Items for Consideration**6:42 pm (01:35:24)**

There were no suggestions.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm

