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.

Date: March 11, 2019
Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16
Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:
Heather Conklin, Chair
Rosie Ayala, Vice Chair
Michelle Douglas
Heide Fernandez-Llamazares
Anna Holcomb
Paula Jacobson
Johnaye Kendrick
Michael Kula
James Stowe
Wanda Thompson
Paul Throne
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem
Sarah Woodson

Commission Members Excused Absence:
Johnaye Kendrick
Liesl Santkuyl
Quincy Henry

Commission Members Unexcused Absence:

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

Guests Present:
Kristin Luippold
Kim Bedier
Don Lacky
Stacy Hicks

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1. **Call to Order**  
5:05 pm (00:04) 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 (00:25) Vice Chair Ayala  
Commissioners Kendrick and Santkuyl had excused absences.

Vice Chair Ayala asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda, postponing the council coffee role playing session until the March 30 retreat, as well as minutes from the January meeting.

There was a motion: “So moved.”
Motion: Paul Throne  
Second: Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem  
Motion: Carried

3. **Chair’s Report**  
5:06 pm (01:30) Chair Conklin  
Chair Conklin welcomed the group and introduced Charles Lee for the next portion of the meeting.

4. **Presentations**  
5:06 pm (01:46)  
Charles Lee, Deputy City Attorney, gave the annual overview of the City’s Ethics, Public Disclosure, and Open Meetings Act. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

5. **Action Items**

a. **2019-20 Tacoma Artists Initiative Program Funding Recommendations**  
5:33 pm (28:43)  
The 2019-20 Tacoma Artists Initiative Program review panel’s funding recommendations were presented to the Commission. The panel recommended funding the following 24 applicants at $2,500 each for a total of $60,000:

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<td>Kristina Batiste</td>
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<td>Dionne Bonner</td>
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Erin Guinup | Music/Sound Art  
Chad Hagedorn | Music/Sound Art  
Lucia Harrison | Visual Art  
Fumiko Kimura | Visual Art  
Nori Kimura | Visual Art  
Lisa Kinoshita | Visual Art  
Sasha LaPointe | Literary Arts  
Melinda Raebine | Performance or New Media  
Elizabeth Reeves | Visual Art  
Brian Robinson | Performance or New Media  
Jeanette Sanchez-Izenman | Performance or New Media  
Jamika Scott | Performance or New Media  
Kenya Shakoor | Visual Art  
Sharon Styer | Visual Art  
Wendy Wahman | Interdisciplinary Art  
Anique Zimmer | Visual Art

A total of 45 applications were received. Multiple disciplines and all 5 council districts are represented in the selections. Commissioners discussed and asked questions. Chair Conklin called for a motion to accept the funding recommendations as presented.

There was a motion: “I so move.”
Motion: Wanda Thompson  
Second: Michael Kula  
Motion: Carried

b. **2019 Arts Anchor Fund Funding Recommendations**  
6:47 pm (42:10)

The 2019 Arts Anchor Fund review panel’s funding recommendations were presented to the Commission. The panel recommended funding all 10 applicants for a total of $130,000 as follows:

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<td>Tacoma Youth Symphony Association, Inc</td>
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<td>Tacoma Musical Playhouse</td>
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<td>Tacoma Art Museum</td>
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Commissioners discussed and asked questions. Commissioners who served on the selection panel noted that many organizations struggled with the questions around equity and that there is significant room for growth and training in that area. Chair Conklin called for a motion to accept the funding recommendations as presented.

There was a motion: “Motion to accept.”
Motion: Michelle Douglas
Second: Wanda Thompson
Motion: Carried

c. **Fern Hill Traffic Box Wrap**  
5:53 pm (48:18)
Staff presented the proposal for a traffic box wrap by the Fern Hill Business District for the box on 84th and Park Avenue. Commissioners discussed and asked questions. Chair Conklin called for a motion to accept the proposal as presented.

There was a motion: “Motion to accept.”
Motion: Michelle Douglas
Second: Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem
Motion: Carried with 1 abstention

6. **Discussion/Updates**

a. **Tacoma Creates**  
6:09 pm (01:04:15)
Amy McBride asked commissioners for feedback on the most recent Tacoma Creates community event on January 23. Staff is looking into ways to process qualitative data gathered from past events and has upcoming events planned to focus on science and heritage. Commissioners are invited to volunteer.

b. **Artist in Residence Final Report Out**  
6:27 pm (01:22:31)
A draft of the Artist in Residence overview report was shared with commissioners, along with a summary video from Roni Chelben on her project *In Our Backyard*, and Susan Robb’s presentation of her findings and recommendations.
7. Staff Check In
   a. Staff Projects Overview and Updates 6:54 pm (01:49:25)
      Staff shared updates on the following projects: future Tacoma Arts Commission meetings will be moved to TMB243 starting in April, Poet Laureate application review planned for March 22 and Pass the Torch event planned for April 24 at Tacoma Arts Live. A Council Coffee sign-up sheet was passed around.

   b. Public Art Updates 6:58 pm (01:53:08)
      Staff shared updates on the following projects: Port of Tacoma Centennial project, library kiosk wraps at community centers, Gertie’s Ghost, Prairie Line Trail – Ryan Feddersen, Lincoln District – Horatio Law, mural repair.

8. Report Back
   a. Advocacy Reports 7:05 pm (02:00:30)
      There were no advocacy reports.

   b. Arts Events Attended 7:05 pm (02:00:30)
      Commissioners and staff shared arts events and venues that they attended, upcoming events, or events they have been involved with including: yahaw at King Street Station, Pierce County AIDS Foundation show on stigma and AIDS in POC communities, Sister Cities, TCC Ceramics Department Workshop, Destiny City Film Festival, TUPAC’s Black Swan, Kareem Kandi World Orchestra.

   c. Future Agenda Items for Consideration 7:10 pm (02:05:30)
      There were no items.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm