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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.

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

Commission Members in Attendance:

Mike Sweney, *Chair*
Heather Conklin, *Vice Chair*
Rosie Ayala
Scott Campbell
Michelle Douglas
Halley Knigge
Liesl Santkuyl
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:

Kristin Luippold

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Paula Jacobson
Johnaye Kendrick
Michael Kula

Commission Members Unexcused Absence:

Quincy Henry

1. Call to Order

5:06 pm (00:30)

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

5:06 pm (00:53)

Vice Chair Conklin

Commissioners Kendrick, Jacobson, and Kula had excused absences.

Vice Chair Conklin asked to table the motion to approve the consent agenda as well as minutes from the February meeting until later in the meeting when a quorum was present.

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3. Chair's Report**5:07 pm (01:35)****Chair Sweney**

Chair Sweney shared that Commissioner Kelly resigned from her seat on the commission, and encouraged volunteers to help fill her slots in council coffees.

4. Presentations**A. Tacoma Arts Commission Primer****5:08 pm (02:50)**

Martha Lantz, Deputy City Attorney, presented on ethics, public disclosure, and the open meetings act. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

Following the presentation, enough commissioners were present to form a quorum and there was a motion to approve the consent agenda:

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Halley Knigge

Second: Michelle Douglas

Motion: Carried

B. Artists in Residence Update**5:55 pm (49:10)**

Artists in Residence – Susan Robb and Roni Chelben – presented on their past work and their draft proposals for creatively engaging communities experiencing homelessness in Tacoma this summer. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

5. Discussion and Updates**A. Arts Commission Annual Retreat Wrap Up****6:54pm (1:49:38)**

This discussion was tabled until the April meeting.

B. 2017 Year in Review and Council Coffee Sign-ups

Commissioners signed up for meeting slots as follows:

Paula Jacobson (Robert Thoms); Liesl Santkuyl and Michelle Douglas (Anders Ibsen); Mike Sweney and Rosie Ayala (Chris Beale); Wanda Thompson and Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem (Lillian Hunter); Mike Sweney and Paul Throne (Keith Blocker); Mike Sweney (Katherine Ushka); Halley Knigge and Liesl Santkuyl (Ryan Mello); Scott Campbell (Conor McCarthy); Mike Sweney and Michelle Douglas (Mayor Victoria Woodards).

6. Presentations Continued**A. Mock Funding Program Pitches****6:56pm (1:50:00)**

Kristin Luippold, a student from Amy McBride's UWT class, presented a mock funding program proposal to increase equitable access to the arts in Tacoma Public Schools. Her proposal included artist residencies in schools and a partnership model based on Seattle's programs. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.



7. Staff Check-In**A. Overview and Updates****7:04 pm (1:58:15)**

Staff shared updates on the following: Tacoma Town Center, Prairie Line Trail Spur murals (Rosie Ayala volunteered to serve on the panel), Rainier League of Artists and Tahoma Center Gallery are seeking jurors (Rosie Ayala volunteered).

B. Public Art Updates**7:06 pm (2:00:30)**

Updates on public art projects were postponed until the next meeting.

8. Report Back**A. Advocacy Reports****7:06 pm (2:00:30)**

There were no reports.

B. Arts Events Attended**7:06 pm (2:00:45)**

Commissioners shared arts events and venues that they attended, upcoming events, or events they have been involved with including: Priscilla Dobler's exhibition at Feast Arts Center, Dead Feminist Galentine's Celebration, and Tacoma Refugee Choir's sing-along event.

C. Future Agenda Items for Consideration**7:08 pm (2:02:20)**

There were no items for considerations.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm

