Date: March 13, 2017  
Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16  
Time: 5:00 pm  

Commission Members in Attendance:  
Rachel Cardwell, Vice Chair  
Marty Campbell, City Council Liaison  
Scott Campbell  
Heather Conklin  
Quincy Henry  
Kareem Kandi  
Traci Kelly  
Halley Knigge  
Michael Kula  
Donald Lacky  
Liesl Santkuyl  
Wanda Thompson  
Paul Throne  
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem  

Commission Members Excused Absence:  
Mike Sweney, Chair  
Johnaye Kendrick  

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

Guests:  
Chris Serface  
Liz Heath  
Ellen Peters  

1. Call to Order  
5:09 pm (00:30)  
Vice Chair Cardwell

2. Consent Agenda  
5:09 pm (00:44)  
Vice Chair Cardwell

Chair Sweney and Commissioner Kendrick had an excused absence.

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

There was a motion: “So moved.”

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Motion: Traci Kelly
Second: Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem
Motion: Carried

3. Chair’s Report 5:10 pm (01:14) Vice Chair Cardwell
Vice Chair Cardwell reminded commissioners that the retreat is on March 18 and shared a thank you
card from the Hilltop Street Fair, which was funded through Arts Projects.

4. Action Items
A. 2017-18 Tacoma Artists Initiative Program Funding Recommendations 5:10 pm (01:45)
The 2017-18 Tacoma Artists Initiative Program review panel’s funding recommendations were
presented to the Commission. The panel recommended funding the following 18 applicants at $2,500
each for a total of $45,000:

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A total of 43 applications were received. Commissioners discussed and asked questions. Vice Chair
Cardwell called for a motion to accept the funding recommendations as presented.

There was a motion: “So moved.”
Motion: Paul Throne
Second: Don Lacky
Motion: Carried

B. 2017-18 Arts Anchor Fund Funding Recommendations  5:17 pm (08:30)
The 2017-18 Arts Anchor Fund review panel’s funding recommendations were presented to the
Commission. The panel recommended funding all 10 applicants for a total of $255,000 as follows:

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<td><strong>Total Funding for 2017-18</strong></td>
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Commissioners discussed and asked questions. Vice Chair Cardwell called for a motion to accept the
funding recommendations as presented.

There was a motion: “So moved.”
Motion: Wanda Thompson
Second: Traci Kelly
Motion: Carried

5. Discussion/Updates
A. Retreat Agenda  5:25 pm (16:00)
Staff shared the proposed retreat agenda. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

B. Collector Systems Overview  5:28 pm (19:10)
Staff presented the new online art collection database, Collector Systems. Commissioners discussed
and asked questions.

C. Council Coffee Sign-Ups  5:37 pm (28:40)
Commissioners signed up for meeting slots as follows:
Michael Kula and Traci Kelly (Robert Thoms); Rachel Cardwell and Liesl Santkuyl (Anders Ibsen); Paul Throne and Liesl Santkuyl (Joe Lonergan); Rachel Cardwell and Johnaye Kendrick (Marty Campbell); Mike Sweney and Halley Knigge (Keith Blocker); Mike Sweney and Scott Campbell (Lauren Walker Lee); Wanda Thompson and Quincy Henry (Conor McCarthy); Paul Throne and Traci Kelly (Ryan Mello); Mike Sweney, Rachel Cardwell, and Wanda Thompson (Mayor Marilyn Strickland)

2016 Year in Review documents are finalized and available to use during meetings. Most appointments will occur in April on Tuesdays, and will last approximately 30 minutes.

6. Staff Check-In
A. Staff Projects Overview and Updates  
5:42 pm (33:22)
The McKinley Artist Lofts have started construction and are hoping to open September 1st. Alma Mater is in permitting and is hoping to open in the fall. The Union Club on Broadway is being developed into creative working space. The Northwest College of Art and Design in Poulsbo is moving to Tacoma.

A special project part-time employee position was approved for the Arts Office. The Tacoma Poet Laureate call received 13 applications, which will be reviewed in April, with a celebration of the selected poet April 29th at Tacoma Community College. Two art opportunities for Valhalla Hall will be launched soon. Artwork for the People’s Community Center Portable Artworks Purchase will be decided at the end of March, and the People’s Community Center History Project is underway.

B. Public Art Updates  
5:49 pm (40:20)
Staff informed commissioners of ongoing projects at the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium, the Prairie Line Trail, and in the Lincoln District.

7. Report Back
A. Advocacy Reports  
5:52 pm (43:30)
There were no reports.

B. Arts Events Attended  
5:52 pm (43:45)
Commissioners shared arts events that they attended or have been involved with including: Teen Tix meetings, Jazz Walk, Tacoma Little Theater performances, Tacoma Musical Theater performances, Tacoma Opera performances, and the Barefoot Collective adult dance classes at the YMCA.

Commissioner Kula also shared that he is now co-chair of the UW Tacoma campus art committee. They have recently started a 1% for Art program and are planning an additional Prairie Line Trail piece.

Upcoming events include: Artist Trust Mentorship Night, Spaceworks Gallery’s opening of Scars and Stripes, and Second City Chamber Series high school recital.
C. Future Agenda Items for Consideration 6:00 pm (51:15)

There were no items noted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm