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Summary Minutes

Tacoma Arts Commission

Community & Economic Development

These minutes accompany the recorded meeting of the Tacoma Arts Commission, which are available at www.tacomaculture.org/arts/tac.asp.

Staff

Amy McBride, *Tacoma Arts Administrator*
Naomi Strom-Avila, *Cultural Arts Specialist*
Rebecca Solverson, *Public Art Assistant*

Date: March 14, 2011
Location: City of Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 16
Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Sarah Idstrom, Chair
Traci Kelly, Vice-Chair
Janice Karroll
Don Lacky
Bill La Vergne
Janet Matzke
Aimee Mell
Dane Meyer
Jacqueline Peterson
Mike Sweney
Jana Wennstrom

City Council Members Absent:

Marty Campbell
Lauren Walker

Staff Present:

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

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Jan Brazzell

Commission Members Unexcused Absence:

Rachel Cardwell
Robin Echtele
Antonio Edwards, Jr.

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| 1. Call to Order | 5:07 pm (00:16) | Chair Idstrom |
| 2. Approval of Agenda | 5:07 pm (00:28) | Vice Chair Kelly |

There was a recommendation to add a discussion about an Arts Education Month Proclamation to the action items.

The question was called: "Is there a motion to approve the agenda with the addition?"



There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Bill La Vergne

Second: Dane Meyer

Motion: Carried

3. Approval of Minutes

5:08 pm (01:08)

Vice Chair Kelly

Motion: Bill La Vergne

Second: Jana Wennstrom

Motion: Carried

4. Excusal of Absences

5:10 pm (03:30)

Vice Chair Kelly

Commissioner Brazzell had an excused absence.

5. Chair’s Report

5:10 pm (03:42)

Chair Idstrom

Marcus Walker’s memorial service will be held at Mason Methodist Church on March 20 at 5 pm.

6. Staff Check-In

5:11 pm (04:44)

Public artwork for Cheney stadium will be installed the week of March 21.

Commissioners volunteered to meet with Tacoma Artists Initiative Program artists for their mid-project meetings as follows:

TAIP Artist	TAC Volunteer
Saul Becker	Mike Sweney
Jason Ganwich	Dane Meyer
Kristin Giordano	Sarah Idstrom
Beth Graham	Jana Wennstrom
Jeremy Gregory	Jana Wennstrom
Mark Hoppmann	Mike Sweney
Lance Kagey	Jana Wennstrom
Kareem Kandi	Janet Matzke
Lisa Kinoshita	Jana Wennstrom
Ronald Lagman	
Anne Lyman	Aimee Mell
Yuki Nakamura	Mike Sweney or Janna Wennstrom
Duncan Price	Traci Kelly
Chris Sharp	Jana Wennstrom
James Sinding	Traci Kelly
Jason Skipper	
Jessica Spring	Jana Wennstrom
Sharon Styer	Jan Karroll

Commissioners Meyer and Wennstrom will be reappointed to the Commission by City Council in the near future. The Appointments Committee will be meeting soon to select an appointee to fill Commissioner Peterson’s seat.



7. Action Items

A. Review and Approval of Anchor Fund Recommendations 5:15 pm (08:07)

The Anchor Fund review panel's funding recommendations were presented to the Commission. The panel recommended funding 9 applicants for a total of \$265,000 as follows:

Organization	Panel recommendation
Tacoma Symphony Orchestra	\$40,000.00
Northwest Sinfonietta	\$40,000.00
Hilltop Artists	\$40,000.00
Tacoma Opera	\$30,000.00
Museum of Glass	\$25,000.00
Tacoma Youth Symphony Association, Inc	\$25,000.00
Tacoma Musical Playhouse	\$25,000.00
The Grand Cinema	\$20,000.00
Tacoma Art Museum	\$20,000.00

Commissioners discussed the recommendations and panel process.

Vice Chair Kelly stated: "We need a motion to allow us to recommend beyond the \$30,000 cap for one cycle."

There was a motion: "I so make that motion."

Motion: Bill La Vergne

Second: Aimee Mell

There were 8 "Ayes" and 3 "Nays"

Motion: Carried

Amy McBride stated: "The next motion is whether or not to accept the recommendations as proposed [by the panel]."

There was a motion: "I so make that motion."

Motion: Bill La Vergne

Second: Jackie Peterson

There were 4 "Ayes", 4 "Nays", 1 Abstention, and 2 Recusals (Vice Chair Kelly and Commissioner Wennstrom)

Motion: Failed



Commissioners discussed how to redistribute the funding, within the ranking of the panel. The Commission recommended re-distribution of funding as follows:

Organization	TAC final recommendation	
Tacoma Symphony Orchestra	\$	40,000.00
Northwest Sinfonietta	\$	40,000.00
Hilltop Artists	\$	30,000.00
Tacoma Opera	\$	30,000.00
Museum of Glass	\$	25,000.00
Tacoma Youth Symphony Association, Inc	\$	25,000.00
Tacoma Musical Playhouse	\$	25,000.00
The Grand Cinema	\$	25,000.00
Tacoma Art Museum	\$	25,000.00

There was a motion: "I'm going to go ahead and move that we accept the adjusted [slate]."

Motion: Jan Karroll

Second: Jackie Peterson

There were 9 "Ayes" and 2 Recusals (Vice Chair Kelly and Commissioner Wennstrom)

Motion: Carried

B. Arts Education Month Proclamation

6:12 pm (1:05:46)

The Commission was asked for a motion to recommend that City Council proclaim May to be Arts Education Month in the City of Tacoma.

There was a motion: "I so move."

Motion: Traci Kelly

Second: Mike Sweney

Motion: Carried

Commissioners discussed requesting a resolution from the Tacoma Public School board declaring May to be Arts Education Month. Chair Idstrom and Commissioner Meyer volunteered to present to the school board.

C. Review/Approval of Poet Laureate Recommendation

6:36 pm (1:29:07)

The Tacoma Poet Laureate selection panel recommended Josie Emmons Turner as the 2011-2013 Tacoma Poet Laureate and Luke Smiraldo as the alternate.

There was a motion: "I make a motion that we accept the recommendation."

Motion: Mike Sweney

Second: Bill La Vergne

Motion: Carried



8. Discussion

A. Arts & Economic Prosperity Survey Report Back 6:40 pm (1:33:46)

Commissioners gave feedback about the audience surveys they conducted for the Arts & Economic Prosperity IV Study.

B. Annual Retreat 6:45 pm (1:38:02)

The Executive Committee suggested the following topics for the Commission retreat:

- Opportunity to get to know each other better
- Refresher course re: Arts Commission role/policy
- Important messages/stories we should be telling/making available to policy makers
- Vision for next biennium/next 5 years – relationship to code/current initiatives/council agenda/CEDD business plan
- Funding discussion

C. Training Programs Update (Murals and Public Art) 6:51 pm (1:44:27)

Staff briefly presented two training programs for artists that will be launched this summer: Public Art: In Depth and Tacoma Murals Project. The calls to artists will go out the week of March 14.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm

