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: April 10, 2017
Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16
Time: 5:00 pm

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

Commission Members Excused Absence:
Paul Throne

Commission Members Unexcused Absence:
Quincy Henry

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

1. Call to Order 5:04 pm (00:10) 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 5:04 pm (00:35) Vice Chair Cardwell
Commissioner Throne had an excused absence.
Vice Chair Cardwell asked if there was a motion to approve the consent agenda as well as minutes from the March 13 meeting as well as the March 18 retreat.

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

3. Chair’s Report
Chair Sweney did not have a report.

4. Action Items
A. 2017-19 Tacoma Poet Laureate Recommendation
The Tacoma Poet Laureate selection panel recommended Kellie Richardson as the 2017-2019 Tacoma Poet Laureate, with Lydia Valentine as the alternate. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

The ceremony celebrating the new poet laureate will be April 29th at Tacoma Community College with a reception beginning at 5pm. Vice Chair Cardwell and Commissioners Kula, Thompson, and Knigge volunteered to assist at the event.

There was a motion: “I so move that we accept the new incoming poet laureate for 2017-18.”
Motion: Wanda Thompson
Second: Don Lacky
Motion: Carried

B. Hai Ying Wu Sculpture Accession Consideration
Artist Hai Ying Wu’s 1996 sculpture Shipment to China was recommended for official accession. The piece has been held jointly by the City of Tacoma and the Chinese Reconciliation Foundation for years and is now being retrofitted to become an outdoor public artwork, which will be sited on the new Prairie Line Trail. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

Chair Sweney called for a motion to accession Shipment to China into the Municipal Art Collection.

There was a motion: “So moved.”
Motion: Rachel Cardwell
Second: Heather Conklin
Motion: Carried

C. People’s Community Center Portable Works Purchase Recommendation
19 artworks, by 14 artists, were recommended by the selection committee for purchase. The artworks will go on permanent display at the People’s Community Center. The total purchase comes to $10,369.29 including tax. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.
The following works were recommended for purchase:

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<th>Artist Name</th>
<th>Artwork and price including tax</th>
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<tr>
<td>Adika Bell</td>
<td>Malcolm X ($220.20), and Future Reflections ($798.23)</td>
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<td>Gerald Bigelow</td>
<td>Madonna ($330.30), and Protest ($330.30)</td>
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<td>Jasmine Brown</td>
<td>Tanaja Stokes Icon ($1,651.50)</td>
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<td>Humbl</td>
<td>Thinking Cap ($278.55)</td>
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<td>Kate Cendejas</td>
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<td>Tiffanny Hammond</td>
<td>Submerged ($1,073.48)</td>
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<td>JW Harrington</td>
<td>Color Abstraction 20 ($440.40), and The Impossibility of Knowing (5)($275.25)</td>
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<td>Saiyare Refaei</td>
<td>Migration is Natural ($192.68)</td>
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<td>Sarah Takahashi</td>
<td>Aqua ($495.45)</td>
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<td>Charles Taylor</td>
<td>Bates Welding Class ($367.02), Officer Baker ($367.02), and Issac at Peace ($367.02)</td>
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<td>Dion Thomas</td>
<td>African American? ($770.70)</td>
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<td>LaQuita Thurman</td>
<td>Yes, Noire Femme Series Part II &quot;LIVE&quot; ($825.75)</td>
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<td>Grace A Washington</td>
<td>Move! ($1,211.10)</td>
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<td>Byron White</td>
<td>Mellow Hype ($44.04)</td>
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There was a motion: “I move that we accept these recommendations.”
Motion: Scott Campbell
Second: Wanda Thompson
Motion: Carried

D. Water Flume Line Trail Public Art Proposal  5:31 pm (27:30)
Staff presented artist Clark Wiegman’s final proposals for the Water Flume Line Trail and Oak Tree Park public art project. The proposal consists of four pieces titled Free, Fly, Flow, Flume.
Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

Chair Sweney called for a motion to accept the project proposals with the selection panel’s feedback.

There was a motion: “So moved.”
Motion: Rachel Cardwell
Second: Wanda Thompson
Motion: Carried

5. Discussion/Updates
A. Arts Commission Annual Retreat Wrap-Up  5:53 pm (49:10)
Commissioners shared key takeaways from the retreat. Staff shared that they are working on pulling out the potential action items and recurring themes from the retreat notes, which they will bring back to the Commission at a future meeting to review.
6. Staff Check-In

A. Staff Projects Overview and Updates  
6:00 pm (56:17)

Several Lincoln mini-grant projects are underway including two intersection mural workshops led by Dionne Bonner in April. Write253 will begin their outdoor poetry installations in May. Prairie Line Trail and Bay Terrace public artworks are nearing completion. The deaccessioned artwork *Tidal Pool* will be removed before the busy summer season. Justin Hahn’s piece *Significant Figures* in South Tacoma will be restored and re-dedicated soon. Two public art opportunities for Valhalla Hall are currently open.

Staff recently attended a Leading for Racial Equity training hosted by the Seattle Office of Arts and Culture. The Culture and Transportation plan, McKinley Artist Lofts, Union Club, Alma Mater, and the Pacific Northwest College of Art and Design projects are all progressing as planned.

Artists receiving Tacoma Artists Initiative Project funding are being contracted with, and commissioners volunteered to meet with them for their mid-project reviews as follows:

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B. Public Art Updates  
6:17 pm (1:13:20)

There were no further public art updates.
7. Report Back

A. Advocacy Reports
Chair Sweney debriefed on his recent meetings with councilmembers Blocker and Walker Lee.

B. Arts Events Attended
Commissioners shared arts events that they attended, upcoming events, or events they have been involved with including: Dukeshay Productions’ Waltz of the Toreador, Tacoma Musical Playhouse’s Spamalot, the Swiss’ Stadium Jazz Band performance, PLU’s dance concert, UPS’s upcoming music performances, and the upcoming production of August Wilson’s Red Door Project.

C. Future Agenda Items for Consideration
There were no items noted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm