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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: May 8, 2017

Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Mike Sweney, Chair
Rachel Cardwell, Vice Chair
Scott Campbell
Heather Conklin
Kareem Kandi
Traci Kelly
Johnaye Kendrick
Halley Knigge
Michael Kula
Donald Lacky
Liesl Santkuyl
Wanda Thompson
Paul Throne

Staff Present:

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

Guests Present:

RJ Casey
Sheila Miraflor

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

Commission Members Unexcused Absence:

Quincy Henry

1. Call to Order

5:05 pm (00:15)

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

5:05 pm (00:40)

Chair Sweney

Commissioner Wilmot-Stenehjem had an excused absence.

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Chair Sweney asked if there was a motion to approve the consent agenda as well as minutes from the April 10 meeting.

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Traci Kelly

Second: Wanda Thompson

Motion: Carried

3. Chair's Report

5:06 pm (01:05)

Chair Sweney

Chair Sweney did not have a report.

4. Action Items

A. Prairie Line Trail: 3 Public Artwork Final Designs

5:06 pm (01:30)

Artist Ryan Feddersen presented the final design proposal for an artwork she is creating for the Prairie Line Trail. Commissioners asked clarifying questions. Chair Sweney asked if there was a motion to approve the final proposal.

There was a motion: "I'll make a motion that we approve the final proposal."

Motion: Scott Campbell

Second: Don Lacky

Motion: Carried

Artist team ROTATOR (Lance Kagey, Mark Alvis, and Scott Varga) presented the final design proposal for the artwork they are creating for the Prairie Line Trail. Commissioners asked clarifying questions. Chair Sweney asked if there was a motion to approve the final proposal.

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Paul Throne

Second: Halley Knigge

Motion: Carried

Rebecca Solverson presented the final design proposal for the project being created by muralists Jessilyn Brinkerhoff and Esteban Camacho Steffensen for the Prairie Line Trail. Commissioners asked clarifying questions. Chair Sweney asked if there was a motion to approve the final proposal.

There was a motion: "I so move."

Motion: Wanda Thompson

Second: Rachel Cardwell

Motion: Carried

The fourth Prairie Line Trail commissioned project by artist Matthew Dockrey will be presented at the next meeting for approval.



B. Cancellation of July Meeting**5:58 pm (53:05)**

Staff proposed the cancellation of the July Tacoma Arts Commission meeting to give commissioners and staff a break and time to prepare for the busy fall season.

There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Traci Kelly

Second: Scott Campbell

Motion: Carried

5. Discussion/Updates**A. Continuous Improvement 1% for the Arts****5:59 pm (54:27)**

Staff and commissioners who attended the first continuous improvement meeting debriefed on the progress thus far making the 1% for Art policy more equitable and efficient. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

B. AMOCAT Arts Awards**6:02 pm (57:45)**

Staff gave an overview of the award structures and past awardees, and encouraged commissioners to begin thinking about making nominations. Voting and selection will occur in August.

Commissioners discussed and made the following early recommendations:

- Creative Colloquy
- Fred Roberson
- Tacoma Musical Playhouse
- Second City Chamber Series
- KNKX
- Benaroya Family
- Feast Arts Center
- Monkeyshines
- Broadway Center for the Performing Arts
- Tacoma Housing Authority

6. Staff Check-In**A. Staff Projects Overview and Updates****6:13 pm (1:08:00)**

Guest David Fischer presented on Cultural Access Washington - giving an overview of the initiative with its focus on equity and the plan to get it on the ballot in Fall of 2018. He invited commissioners to attend the May 17th meeting for board members of all Tacoma arts organizations. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

Staff also shared progress on the following projects: the Culture and Transportation Plan, Spaceworks Tacoma’s re-branding and upcoming fundraiser, the Valhalla Hall public art finalist selection, the upcoming Water Flume Line Trail call to muralists, the National Arts Program exhibition, the upcoming completion of two local murals, and the People’s Community Center public art projects.



B. Public Art Updates**6:43 pm (1:38:52)**

Staff made general updates on the Prairie Line Trail, Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium, Lincoln, and South Tacoma public art projects.

C. Tacoma Arts Month**6:44 pm (1:39:30)**

Staff shared that the Tacoma Studio Tour application would be opening soon and the tour is scheduled for October 14th and 15th. Volunteers are needed for various Tacoma Arts Month committees. Commissioners signed up as follows:

AMOCAT Arts Awards & Opening Party Committee:

1. Don Lacky
2. Johnaye Kendrick
3. Heather Conklin
4. Traci Kelly

Tacoma Studio Tour Committee:

1. Paul Throne
2. Michael Kula

Marketing Committee:

1. Rachel Cardwell
2. Scott Campbell
3. Kareem Kandi
4. Halley Knigge
5. Wanda Thompson

7. Report Back**A. Advocacy Reports****6:47 pm (1:42:24)**

Commissioners debriefed on their recent council coffee meetings.

B. Arts Events Attended**6:58 pm (1:53:55)**

Commissioners shared arts events and venues that they attended, upcoming events, or events they have been involved with including: Congressional Arts Competition exhibition, NEON pre-event, Northwest Repertory Singers, Tacoma Opera, Tacoma Concert Band, Tacoma Little Theater's Mrs. Smith Goes to Washington, the Kareem Kandi Band at the Tacoma Jazz Association, Tacoma City Ballet's Pinocchio, Wayzgoose, Tacoma Musical Playhouse's Fancy Nancy, Tacoma Art Museum's Behind the Scenes program, and the Tacoma Poet Laureate torch passing ceremony.

Commissioners also noted that Rosemary Ponnekanti is no longer the arts writer for the Tacoma News Tribune as the position has been eliminated.

C. Future Agenda Items for Consideration**7:07 pm (2:02:32)**

There were no items noted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm

