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.

Date: May 9, 2011
Location: City of Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 16
Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:
Sarah Idstrom, Chair
Traci Kelly, Vice-Chair
Jan Brazzell
Robin Echtle
Antonio Edwards, Jr.
Don Lacky
Bill La Vergne
Aimee Mell
Dane Meyer
Zach Powers
Mike Sweney
Jana Wennstrom

City Council Members Absent:
Lauren Walker
Marty Campbell

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

Martha Anderson, Assistant Director of CEDD

Commission Members Excused Absence:
Rachel Cardwell
Janice Karroll
Janet Matzke

1. Call to Order 5:04 pm (00:05) Chair Idstrom

2. Excusal of Absences 5:04 pm (00:17) Vice Chair Kelly

Commissioners Cardwell, Karroll and Matzke had an excused absence.

3. Approval of Agenda 5:04 pm (00:37) Vice Chair Kelly

Motion: Bill La Vergne
Second: Robin Echtle
Motion: Carried
4. Approval of Minutes  5:05 pm (01:00)  Vice Chair Kelly  
Motion:  Aimee Mell  
Second:  Robin Echtle  
Motion:  Carried  

5. Chair’s Report  5:05 pm (01:10)  Chair Idstrom  
Jim Tune will be leaving Arts Fund. The ArtsFund luncheon is May 19.

Commissioners discussed taking one month off for the summer; it was decided to cancel the July 11th meeting.

There was a motion: “I move to take July off.”  
Motion:  Bill La Vergne  
Second:  Antonio Edwards  
Motion:  Carried  

Marlette Buchanan from Pierce County has stepped down from her position.  
City Council and the Tacoma School Board proclaimed May to be Arts Education month in Tacoma.  
New Arts Commission member, Zach Powers, was introduced.

6. Staff Check-In  5:16 pm (12:17)  
City of Destiny Awards will be on May 10.
Norm Dicks will be holding a reception on May 19 at Tacoma Art Museum.
The next Washington State Arts Alliance meeting in Tacoma on May 25 will feature guest speaker Pat McCarthy.

Todd Bressi and Thoughtbarn will be in town on May 23 – 25 to begin discussion with the community regarding the Prairie Line Trail public art plan.  
Commissioners signed up to present to Neighborhood Councils as follows:

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Commissioners volunteered to administer audience surveys for the Arts & Economic Prosperity IV study as follows:

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<td>11:00 AM</td>
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7. Action Items

A. Review/Approval of PA:ID Recommendations 5:35 pm (31:10)

The selection panel for the Public Art: In Depth program reviewed applications and recommended acceptance of the following artists into the program:


Commissioners viewed the artists’ work samples and discussed the program and public art projects that are part of the program.

Amy McBride stated: “I think we need a motion to approve the recommended artists.”

There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Robin Echtle
Second: Dane Meyer
Motion: Carried
B. Review/Approval of Tacoma Murals Project Recommendations 5:48 pm (43:40)

The selection panel for the Tacoma Murals Project reviewed applications and recommended acceptance of the following artists into the program:

Liza A Brown, Kate Cendejas, Kevin Coats, Kenji Fullmer, Brian Hutcheson, David Long, Mary McFarland, Laura Ospital, Chelsea O'Sullivan, Natalie Oswald, Jessica Lee Piller, Marci Sanders-Arnett, Yvette Simone, Nina Tabares, Christopher Tirri, Glenn Tramantano, Shannon Wallace, and Janice Lee Warren

Commissioners viewed the artists’ work samples and discussed the program.

Chair Idstrom asked, “Do we have a motion please to accept the student applications as presented?”

There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Aimee Mell
Second: Mike Sweney

Motion: Carried

8. Discussion

A. 2010 Annual Report and Council Coffee Preparation 5:54 pm (50:02)

Commissioners reviewed the draft of the Annual Report and made suggestions for changes. They also discussed funding and spending.

Commissioners discussed preparation for Council coffee meetings, including materials to bring and events to touch upon.

B. AMOCAT Nominations 6:08 pm (1:04:32)

Commissioners made and discussed the following nominations for the AMOCAT awards:

Category: Community Outreach by an Artist
Christopher Jordan
Stella Haioulani

Category: Community Outreach by an Organization
Tacoma Art Museum
Broadway Center for the Performing Arts
Tacoma Symphony Orchestra
D.A.S.H. Center for the Arts

Category: Arts Patron
Broadway Center for the Performing Arts
Greater Tacoma Community Foundation
Tacoma Weekly

Commissioners discussed the creation of a new award – the Arts Leadership Award – to honor David Fischer.
There was a motion: “I make a formal motion that we create a 10th anniversary Arts Leadership award.”

Motion: Jan Brazzell
Second: Aimee Mell
Motion: Carried

There was an amendment to the motion to “let’s make a special arts leadership award to David Fischer in celebration of our 10th Anniversary.”

Motion: Jan Brazzell
Second: Antonio Edwards
Motion: Carried

C. 10-year Recap and Blog 6:29 pm (1:25:08)
Commissioners reviewed the list of major arts and cultural events that have taken place in Tacoma in the past ten years that they worked on in the April Commission meeting.

It was suggested to amend the name of the AMOCAT award to be more indicative of its nature and prestige.

9. Report Back
A. Surveys and Events Attended 6:37 pm (1:33:02)
Commissioners reported their attendance and audience survey results at various events around the area. They also briefly discussed the new art installations at the Cheney Stadium.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm