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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: 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 Echte
 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
 Martha Anderson, Assistant Director of CEDD

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Rachel Cardwell
 Janice Karroll
 Janet Matzke

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| 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 Echte | | |
| Motion: Carried | | |



4. Approval of Minutes

5:05 pm (01:00)

Vice Chair Kelly

Motion: Aimee Mell

Second: Robin Echte

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:

COUNCIL	TAC VOLUNTEER
Community Councils of Tacoma	Robin
Central	Antonio
Eastside	Jana
North End	Dane, Robin
New Tacoma	Traci
South End	Traci
South Tacoma	Bill
West End	Mike, Sarah



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

Date	Organization	Event	Time	TAC Volunteers
6/4/11	Northwest Repertory Singers	NWRS 10th Anniversary Celebration Concert	7:30 PM	Traci, Mike, Don
6/7/11	Tacoma Farmers Market	6th Ave. Market - Music at the Market	5 - 7 PM	Robin
6/28/11	Tacoma Farmers Market	6th Ave. Market - Music at the Market	5 - 7 PM	Antonio
6/16/11	Tacoma Farmers Market	BQ Danza at Tacoma Farmers Market	11:00 AM	Zach
7/2/11	Proctor Farmers' Market	Music at the Market	9 - 11 AM and 12 - 2 PM	Dane (probably)
7/9/11	Proctor Farmers' Market	Music at the Market	9 - 11 AM and 12 - 2 PM	Sarah

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:

Jennifer Adams, Saul Becker, Kyle Dillehay, Oliver Doriss, Kristin Giordano, Jeremy N. Gregory, Diane Hansen, Christopher Jordan, Lance Kagey, Lisa Kinoshita, Ed Kroupa, Bret Lyon, Janet Marcavage, Maria Olga Meneses, Yuki Nakamura, Nicholas Nyland, Chandler O'Leary, Elise Richman, Claudia Riedener, Holly A. Senn, Chris Sharp, James Grayson Sinding, Chris Spadafore, and Kenji Stoll

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 Echtele

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

