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

Summary Minutes

Tacoma Arts Commission

Community & Economic Development

These minutes accompany the recorded meeting of the Tacoma Arts Commission, which is available at www.cityoftacoma.org/tacagendaminutes.

Date: May 9, 2016
 Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16
 Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Mike Sweney, Chair
 Rachel Cardwell, Vice Chair
 Scott Campbell
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 Kareem Kandi
 Traci Kelly
 Johnaye Kendrick
 Halley Knigge
 Don Lacky
 Dane Meyer
 Wanda Thompson
 Katrina Toft
 Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

City Council Liaison in Attendance:

Keith Blocker

Staff Present:

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

Guests:

Brian Hutcheson

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Joel Chang
 Paul Throne

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| 1. Call to Order | 5:02 pm (00:10) | Chair Sweney |
| 2. Consent Agenda | 5:02 pm (00:24) | Vice Chair Cardwell |
- Commissioners Chang and Throne had excused absences.

Vice Chair Cardwell asked if there was a motion to approve the agenda as well as minutes from the April meeting.



There was a motion: “I so move.”

Motion: Wanda Thompson

Second: Traci Kelly

Motion: Carried

3. Chair’s Report

5:02 pm (00:54)

Chair Sweney

Chair Sweney welcomed City Council Liaison Keith Blocker and invited Commissioners and staff to introduce themselves. He also shared what a great resource the TacomaArt Listserv is, and encouraged other Commissioners to sign up.

4. Action Items

A. Cancellation of July Meeting

5:07 pm (05:55)

Chair Sweney proposed canceling the July meeting of the Commission as a summer break.

There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Traci Kelly

Second: Heather Conklin

Motion: Carried

5. Discussion/Updates

A. 5-Year Art Plan

5:09 pm (07:25)

Amy McBride reintroduced the revised 5-Year Art Plan, going over each of the 5 strategies and initiatives. Commissioners discussed and asked clarifying questions. Commissioners then broke into four groups to discuss the benefits of each initiative. Commissioners Cardwell, Campbell, Knigge, and Kandi worked on Strategy 1; Commissioners Wilmot-Stenehjem, Kelly, Kendrick, and councilmember Blocker worked on Strategy 2, Commissioners Sweney, Toft, and Lacky worked on Strategy 3; Commissioners Cardwell, Meyer, and Thompson worked on Strategy 4.

B. AMOCAT Arts Awards

6:29 pm (1:27:00)

Naomi Strom-Avila described the AMOCAT Arts Awards program and process, reminding Commissioners that they will be voting on the nominees for the awards in August. Commissioners were invited to nominate individuals, organizations, or patrons for awards and recommended the following: Tacoma Symphony Orchestra, Becky Benaroya, Creative Colloquy, Feast Arts Center, KPLU, Monkeyshines, Jamie Brooks, Jackie Casella, and Metro Parks.

6. Staff Check-In

A. Staff Projects Overview and Updates

6:39 pm (1:37:55)

Commissioner Thompson completed her Master’s degree.

The Arts Program, in partnership with Pierce Transit and the Broadway Center, has officially been awarded an Our Town grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to support a culture and transportation plan for the Theater District.

Etsy has invited Amy McBride to attend their Maker Cities Summit where she will represent Tacoma, which is one of only 13 cities that will be highlighted by the company as a creative hub.



Commissioners were invited to volunteer to jury Centro Latino's art show, and for Spaceworks Tacoma's NEON fundraiser, and were reminded about other upcoming events.

B. Public Art Updates

6:49 pm (1:47:53)

The application review panel for the South Tacoma project and an artwork concept review panel for the Prairie Line Trail Spur will both meet this week.

The Arts Program is looking at develop a training opportunity for artists of color, under the leadership of artist Chris Paul Jordan, that will result in the creation of a mural and other public art projects at People's Community Center.

The traffic box wraps continue to be installed across the city.

7. Report Back

A. Arts & Culture Coalition Updates

6:53 pm (01:53:39)

There was no report.

B. Advocacy Reports

6:53 pm (01:53:46)

Commissioner Kelly debriefed on her Council coffee meeting with Councilmember Joe Lonergan. She also shared that at the recent Tacoma Mall subarea plan meeting, the area was called out as an arts desert that is in need of public art.

C. Arts Events Attended

6:03 pm (02:01:39)

Commissioners shared arts events they had attended or have been involved with including: National Arts Program art exhibit and Tacoma Art Museum's 30 Americans advisory committee.

D. Future Agenda Items for Consideration

7:06 pm (02:04:40)

There were no items noted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm

