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Summary Minutes

Tacoma Arts Commission

Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality

Tacoma Venues & Events

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

Date: May 13, 2019

Location: 747 Market Street, Room 248

Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

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Sarah Woodson

Staff Present:

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

Guests Present:

Don Lacky

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Paul Throne

1. Call to Order

5:09 pm (00:05) Chair Conklin

Chair Conklin called the meeting to order and recognized that the meeting was held on Indigenous land: the traditional homelands of the Puyallup people.

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2. Consent Agenda **5:09 pm (00:25) Vice Chair Ayala**

Commissioner Throne had an excused absence.

Vice Chair Ayala asked for 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: Anna Holcomb

Motion: Carried

3. Chair's Report **5:09 pm (00:54) Chair Conklin**

There was no report.

4. Action Items

a. Cancellation of July Meeting **5:09 pm (00:54)**

Chair Conklin proposed the cancellation of the July 8 meeting for a summer break.

There was a motion: "I motion that we cancel the July meeting."

Motion: Michael Kula

Second: James Stowe

Motion: Carried

5. Discussion/Updates

a. Public Art Policy **5:11 pm (02:02)**

Amy McBride shared updates on the Percent for Art protocol. Since Tacoma Creates is the current priority and taking the bulk of staff planning time, the suggestion is to take more minimal steps on the public art policy revisions for this biennium. More training programs will be the focus for the public art program in the near term, with an exploration of requiring public art for private developments, but more substantial changes to the policy will be re-addressed in the future.

b. AMOCAT Arts Awards **5:21 pm (12:10)**

Staff is starting to plan for Tacoma Arts Month and nominations for the AMOCAT Arts Awards will begin to be collected over the course of the next few meetings. An overview of the award structure and past award winners was shared. Commissioners recommended the following nominations: Arts & Culture Coalition of Pierce County (arts patron), Chinese Reconciliation Foundation (organization), Tacoma Night Market/Leah Morgan (individual), Alma Mater (organization), Tacoma Refugee Choir (organization), Paint to Learn/STEAM – KBTC/TPS



(organization), Kareem Kandi World Orchestra (organization), McMenamins (patron), Benaroya Family (patron).

Staff requested volunteers for 3 Tacoma Arts Month subcommittees. Commissioners volunteered as follows:

- AMOCAT Arts Awards & Opening Party Committee – Sarah Woodson, Michael Kula, Liesl Santkuyl, Rosie Ayala
- Tacoma Studio Tour Committee – Anna Holcomb, Johnaye Kendrick, Wanda Thompson, Heide Fernandez-Llamazares, Michelle Douglas, Rosie Ayala
- Marketing Committee – James Stowe, Wanda Thompson, Rosie Ayala

c. Tacoma Creates 6:40 pm (31:50)

Staff shared updates on the most recent Tacoma Creates Community Conversation meetings focused on Science and Culture. Commissioners shared what they experienced including the need for language translations/interpreters, different advertising approaches for different communities, and to make sure fields outside of the arts know that Tacoma Creates is a resource for them as well.

All three Tacoma Creates job positions are currently open and accepting applications. Commissioners were encouraged to share the Tacoma Creates Pre-Application Survey. The group discussed and asked questions.

d. Council Coffee Meetings 6:01 pm (52:00)

A Tacoma Creates summary sheet and list of talking points was distributed. Staff also shared the 2018 Year in Review and encouraged commissioners to share the report in their council coffee meetings, especially the district specific breakdowns.

6. Staff Check In

a. Staff Projects Overview and Updates 6:11 pm (01:02:40)

Staff shared updates on the following projects: the recent Stranger article on the Tacoma Arts scene, the Community & Economic Development Department's inclusion of creative economy in their forthcoming strategic plan, 3 volunteers needed for TAIP check-in meetings, Poet Laureate torch passing event, commissioners are invited to join 2 upcoming subcommittee meetings - Funding (June 13) and Commission Seats (June 12).

b. Public Art Updates 6:20 pm (01:11:36)

Staff shared updates on the following projects: public art maintenance including an upcoming de-accessioning at next month's meeting, UPS intern starting at the end of May, continuation of



artist in residence proposed projects, creative communications roster launches soon, Mauricio Robalino installing on the Alberta J. Canada building soon.

7. Report Back

a. Advocacy Reports

6:32 pm (01:23:00)

There were no advocacy reports.

b. Arts Events Attended

6:32 pm (01:23:11)

Commissioners and staff shared arts events and venues that they attended, upcoming events, or events they have been involved with including: Sister Cities Film Festival, Wayzgoose, 253 Short Film Festival, Children's Museum of Tacoma, Symphony Tacoma, James Stowe met with Wendy Wahman for a TAIP check-in.

c. Future Agenda Items for Consideration

6:46 pm (01:37:03)

Amy McBride recommended a Literary Laureate subcommittee to consider changing the role and eligibility for future years, and adding funding reports/check-ins to future meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm

