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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.

Staff

Amy McBride, *Tacoma Arts Administrator*
Naomi Strom-Avila, *Cultural Arts Specialist*

Date: June 9, 2014

Location: City of Tacoma Municipal Building North, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Traci Kelly, Chair
J.D. Elquist, Vice Chair
Jan Brazzell
Don Lacky
Dane Meyer
Scott Ramsey
Catherine Stegeman
Mike Sweney
Wanda Thompson
Jana Wennstrom

City Council Liaison in Attendance:

David Boe

Staff Present:

Amy McBride, Tacoma Arts Administrator
Naomi Strom-Avila, Cultural Arts Specialist
Vyra Saran, Arts Intern

Guests:

Molly Wilmoth, Bonnie Wright

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Rachel Cardwell
Matt Hudgins

1. Call to Order

5:05 pm (00:01)

Chair Kelly

2. Consent Agenda

5:05 pm (00:12)

Chair Kelly

Commissioners Cardwell and Hudgins had an excused absence.

Vice Chair Elquist asked if commissioners had a chance to review the minutes from the last meeting and the agenda for this meeting and stated, "Is there a motion to approve?"

There was a motion: "I so move."

Motion: Wanda Thompson

Second: Jana Wennstrom

Motion: Carried



3. Chair's Report**5:05 pm (00:40)****Chair Kelly**

Chair Kelly thanked Commissioners Wennstrom and Ramsey for their service on the Commission. The June meeting is their final. New members will be appointed to the Commission by the next meeting.

Invitations for the 'Sun King' Rededication event on June 25 were sent out.

The New Tacoma Neighborhood Council is hosting a graffiti forum on August 13 and will need a venue for the event.

4. Action Items**A. Cancellation of July Meeting****5:07 pm (2:57)**

Commissioners discussed canceling the July meeting of the Commission.

There was a motion "I so move that we cancel the July meeting in lieu of August."

Motion: Wanda Thompson

Second: Catherine Stegeman

Motion: Carried

5. Staff Check-In**5:09 pm (4:02)**

Tacoma Murals Project is in progress. There are 6 confirmed sites for this year and artists have been assigned to those sites.

The 'Sun King' sculpture has been installed. The piece will be cleaned and waxed soon. The rededication event will be held June 25th.

The 'Pave Bell' sculpture was reinstalled and will be rededicated.

Work in underway to refabricate and replace the broken tubes in the 'Water Forest'.

Bracing work on the totem pole is moving forward.

Work on the Prairie line trail is underway. Commissioners should be aware of signage that will be done on City components of the trail.

A test patch for the Warhol Flower on the Tacoma Dome will be applied June 10. The patch will have Pantone colors to monitor fading and peeling at seams.

The artist who will create a mural under the Murray Morgan Bridge is under contract. The storage pod in front of the mural site will be moved.

Venues and artists are continuing to be paired up for Metal-Urge.



Tacoma Studio Tour applications are due June 11. Website update testing is underway. Staff will be sending out the Tacoma Arts Month call for activities and releasing the AMOCAT Arts Award nomination form soon.

Artspace will be in Tacoma on June 24 to give insight to our local developers and connect with the creative community.

Information was shared about the Washington State History Museum's *In the Spirit* exhibition.

Commissioners volunteered to attend and evaluate the following programs that were funded by the Commission:

Date	Organization	Event	Volunteer
08/08/14	Puget Sound Poetry Connection	Distinguished Writer Series and Open Mic	Wanda Thompson
8/9/14	Washington State Historical Society	In the Spirit Native Arts Market and Festival	Catherine Stegeman & Don Lacky
8/15/14 - 8/21/14	Grand Cinema	25 New Faces of Independent Film	Don Lacky, Mike Sweney, Wanda Thompson
08/16/14	Local Life	Downtown Block Party	Don Lacky, Wanda Thompson
08/08/14	Puget Sound Poetry Connection	Distinguished Writer Series and Open Mic	Wanda Thompson
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6. Discussion/Updates

5:31 pm (26:42)

A. Arts Commission Strategic Goal(s)

Commissioners discussed the Commission's Strategic Goals as discussed in the past Commission meetings and how to implement those goals.

Strategic Objective 1: Broaden Community Engagement in the Arts

Strategic Objective 2: Make the Arts part of Tacoma's identity

The Commission's Strategic Goals should be in alignment with the Tacoma 2025 citywide visioning that is currently underway. The Tacoma 2025 website (engagetacoma.mindmixer.com) outlines seven key focus areas, one which includes arts and culture. In relations to the City's budget, it is meant to be ahead of the curve rather than behind, making sure the seven focus areas are included in the City's budget. Commissioners voiced interest in being more actively engaged in the Tacoma 2025 visioning process and consulted in the creation of the visioning document.



B. Marketing Committee**6:01 pm (56:56)**

Chair Kelly discussed marketing plans in the works for Tacoma Arts Month including a tri-fold flyer and Studio Tour brochure. Beautiful Angle will be creating a broadside poster that will also be used as the AMOCAT Arts Award. Other forms of marketing will include an e-newsletter, the TacomaArts blog, Facebook, Twitter. The third episode of artTown will feature four Tacoma Studio Tour artists. Media partners include Northwest Public Radio, KPLU, Tacoma Weekly, Weekly Volcano, South Sound Magazine, and Click! The Marketing Committee is planning on creating a series of posts for the TacomaArts blog featuring a selection of artists on the Studio Tour. Print materials will be distributed through Inform Puget Sound and Commissioners will help distribute to other locations.

Metal-Urge will have its own print brochure but will likely share a website with Tacoma Arts Month.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions.

7. Report Back**6:17 pm (01:12:47)****A. Landmarks Preservation Commission**

Vice Chair Elquist reported that the Landmarks Preservation Commission is considering a proposal for a conservation district in the West Slope Neighborhood.

B. Advocacy Reports

There was nothing to report.

C. Arts Events Attended

Commissioners shared art events they had attended or have been involved with including the National Arts Program Exhibition, Jason Lee's annual spring art show, and Tacoma Youth Symphony. The former End2End Gallery space is open for lease.

D. Future Agenda Items for Consideration

There were no items noted besides the strategic plan of the City.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm

