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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.tacomaculture.org/arts/tac.asp](http://www.tacomaculture.org/arts/tac.asp).

Date: June 11, 2012

Location: City of Tacoma Municipal Building North, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

#### *Commission Members in Attendance:*

Traci Kelly, Vice Chair  
Jan Brazzell  
Rachel Cardwell  
Don Lacky  
Dane Meyer  
Dawn Quinn  
Scott Ramsey  
Catherine Stegeman  
Mike Sweny  
Jana Wennstrom

#### *Commission Members Excused Absence:*

Sarah Idstrom  
Zach Powers

#### *Commission Members Unexcused Absence:*

Robin Echte, Chair  
Bill La Vergne

#### *City Council Member Absent:*

Lauren Walker  
Marty Campbell

#### *Staff Present:*

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

#### *Public in Attendance:*

Ed Kroupa  
Claudia Riedener  
Chandler O'Leary  
Lisa Kinoshita

**1. Call to Order** **5:07 pm (00:02)** **Vice Chair Kelly**

**2. Excusal of Absences** **5:07 pm (00:12)** **Vice Chair Kelly**

Commissioners Idstrom and Powers had an excused absence.

**3. Approval of Minutes and Agenda** **5:07 pm (00:20)** **Vice Chair Kelly**

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Jan Brazzell

Second: Don Lacky

Motion: Carried

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**4. Chair's Report****5:07 pm (00:35)****Vice Chair Kelly**

There was no Chair's Report.

**5. Staff Check-In****5:07 pm (00:44)**

Amy McBride attended and presented at the national conference for Americans for the Arts in San Antonio, Texas. The conference was centered on social engagement, creative place making, and viewing one's community as a cultural laboratory.

The July Commission meeting is canceled; the next Commission meeting will be on August 13.

Commissioners volunteered to attend and evaluate funded events as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>
8/9/12	Tacoma Concert Band	Summer Pops Concert	Don Lacky
8/18/12	Local Life	Downtown Block Party	Dawn Quinn

Interviews for the 66<sup>th</sup> Street Underpass public art opportunity are scheduled for the finalists: Claudia Riedener, Chris Sharp, and the artist team of Kenji Stoll and Chris Jordan.

Vice-Chair Kelly will be on the selection panel for two Sound Transit D to M Street public art opportunities.

Portable Works applications have been received and will be reviewed on June 15. Commissioner Sweney will be on the selection panel.

**6. Presentations****A. Old Town Dock Public Art Presentation****5:12 pm (5:52)**

Ms. McBride introduced Chandler O'Leary, lead artist for the Old Town Dock public art project.

Ms. O'Leary gave an overview of her artwork, which consists primarily of illustrations, letterpress, and artist books.

Ms. O'Leary gave an overview of her observations about the Old Town Dock site, noting that it is one of the only spaces in Tacoma that provides a 360 degree vantage point with equally impressive views on all sides. She noted that she does not want to compete with the experience of the dock and therefore wants to interact with the space in a more intimate way.

Ms. O'Leary proposed to create a series of approximately 20-24 pieces, no bigger than one foot diameter, which will illustrate various scenes and activities related to Old Town Dock and the area's history. The pieces will be inset on the dock in various places, height levels, and vantage points. She proposed to use porcelain enamel because it is both durable to weather and holds detail.



**B. Arts & Economic Prosperity IV Findings** 5:27 pm (20:45)

Ms. McBride presented an overview of the findings from the Arts & Economic Prosperity IV study, conducted by Americans for the Arts. The study revealed that in Tacoma, non-profit arts and culture organizations have a \$64.7 million economic impact. These findings are based on information collected from 44 arts and culture organizations. The same study conducted in 2005 indicated a \$35 million economic impact, based on information collected from 32 organizations.

The current study finds that the arts and culture industry supports 1,735 jobs, \$40.5 million in household incomes, and \$6.6 million in local and state revenue.

**7. Discussion****A. Art at Work Month** 5:53 pm (46:10)

The 2012 Studio Tour call to artist was released; applications will be accepted through July 2. The Studio Tours will take place on November 3& 4, from 11am - 5pm. A committee will review all applications and select artists for the tour.

Staff is planning to revamp the annual Arts Symposium with a new format. A committee will meet to discuss possible options.

Ms. Strom-Avila will be meeting with PC ACES to discuss possible collaborations and to see if they want to be more actively involved in Art at Work Month.

Commissioners discussed the monetary funds necessary to produce Art at Work Month and the necessity of partnering with other groups to produce events such as the Opening Party.

Commissioners volunteered to sit on Art at Work committees as follows:

**Opening Party Committee**

Traci Kelly  
Jan Brazzell  
Dawn Quinn

**Studio Tour Committee**

Don Lacky  
Scott Ramsey  
Jana Wennstrom

**Forum Committee**

Traci Kelly  
Mike Sweney  
Catherine Stegeman  
Dawn Quinn  
Rachel Cardwell  
Dane Meyer

Promotional packaging for Art at Work Month will include a printed piece for the Studio Tours, a general promotional piece, and web-based content. Commissioners discussed ways they could more actively contribute to social media including being administrators for the Commission's Facebook page and providing content for the Tacoma Arts blog.



Commissioners discussed the AMOCAT Awards. The three categories will be: Community Outreach by an Individual, Community Outreach by an Organization, and Arts Patron. Commissioners nominated the following:

**Community Outreach by an Individual**

Katy Evans  
Angela Jossy  
Athena Hitson  
Morgan Alexander

**Community Outreach by an Organization**

Grand Cinema  
First Night  
Tacoma Revels  
Frost Park Chalk-Off  
Monkeyshines

**Arts Patron**

Post Defiance  
Campus MLK  
Thorpe-Sorenson Family  
Key Bank  
Tacoma Weekly  
Brooks Dental  
Premier Media Group

Commissioners can submit nominations to staff before the August 13 Commission meeting.

**B. Arts Alliance Meeting**

**6:31 pm (01:24:46)**

Ms. McBride gave an overview of the May meeting of the Washington State Arts Alliance. She gave an overview of upcoming Community Budget Input Meetings and rating process.

Commissioners volunteered to attend Community Budget Input Meetings as follows:

June 25 – 6 p.m. at the Main Tacoma Library, 1102 Tacoma Ave., Olympic Room	Don Lacky
June 27 – 5:30 p.m. at the Wheelock Library, 3722 N. 26 <sup>th</sup> St.	Rachel Cardwell
June 28 – 6 p.m. at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, 6730 N. 17 <sup>th</sup> St.	Dawn Quinn
July 9 – 6 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club, 3875 S. 66 <sup>th</sup> St., Community Room	Dane Meyer
July 11 – 6 p.m. at the Moore Library, 215 S. 56 <sup>th</sup> St.	Traci Kelly
July 12 – 6 p.m. at the Center at Norpoint, 4818 Nassau Ave.	Scott Ramsey
July 16 – 6 p.m. at the Snake Lake Nature Center, 1919 S. Tyler St.	Don Lacky
July 18 – 6 p.m. at Stadium High School, 111 N. E St.	Rachel Cardwell
July 19 – 6 p.m. at Lincoln High School, 701 S. 37 <sup>th</sup> St.	Traci Kelly
July 23 – 6 p.m. at Baker Middle School, 8320 S. I St.	Mike Sweney



## **8. Report Back**

### **A. Arts Events Attended**

**6:55 pm (01:48:14)**

Commissioners shared arts events they have attended or things they have been involved in including the Jason Lee Art Show, Tacoma Musical Playhouse, Northwest Repertory Singers, Tacoma Little Theatre, LeMay: America's Car Museum, and Museum of Glass.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

