Date: June 11, 2018  
Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16  
Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:  
Mike Sweney, Chair  
Heather Conklin, Vice Chair  
Scott Campbell  
Michelle Douglas  
Quincy Henry (via phone)  
Paula Jacobson  
Halley Knigge  
Liesl Santkuyl  
Wanda Thompson  
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

Commission Members Excused Absence:  
Paul Throne  
Rosie Ayala  
Michael Kula

Commission Members Unexcused Absence:  
Johnaye Kendrick

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

Guests Present:  
Susan Zoccola  
Tanya Durand

1. Call to Order  
Chair Sweney called the meeting to order, recognizing that the meeting was held on Indigenous land: the traditional homelands of the Puyallup people.

He proposed a motion for an agenda change to postpone staff check-in to accommodate an artist presentation, and to invite Tanya Durand to present during the Tacoma Creates portion of the agenda.

There was a motion: “I make a motion to approve those changes.”
Motion: Wanda Thompson  
Second: Michelle Douglas  
Motion: Carried
2. Consent Agenda 5:06 pm (01:41) Vice Chair Conklin
Commissioners Throne, Ayala, and Kula had excused absences.
Vice Chair Conklin asked for a motion to approve the amended consent agenda as well as minutes from the May meeting.

There was a motion: “So moved.”
Motion: Liesl Santkuyl
Second: Michelle Douglas
Motion: Carried

3. Chair’s Report 5:07 pm (02:12) Chair Sweney
Chair Sweney shared that he attended an Artist Trust Workshop in Olympia, and an Artists Up convening in Seattle. He also thanked Tacoma Creates for their leadership during the recent Creative Community Conversations event.

4. Discussion/Updates
A. Tacoma Creates/Community Conversations 5:09 pm (04:06)
Tanya Durand of the Children’s Museum gave an update on the Tacoma Creates presentation given to the Tacoma City Council during the June 5 Study Session. She shared concerns and feedback heard from the council. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

Staff and commissioners also shared a summary of the latest Creative Community Conversations event.

B. AMOCAT Arts Awards 5:39 pm (34:16)
Staff gave an overview of awards categories and discussed potential nominees for 2018 including Northwest Repertory Singers and Real Art Tacoma. The application will be live in the next couple of weeks.

5. Action Items
A. Prairie Line Trail Spur Public Art 5:49 pm (44:20)
Staff gave an overview of the project and site. Artist Susan Zoccola presented her designs and answered questions.

There was a motion: “Motion to approve proposal.”
Motion: Wanda Thompson
Second: Liesl Santkuyl
Motion: Carried
6. Staff Check-In
A. Staff Projects Overview and Updates 6:13 pm (1:08:27)
Staff shared updates on the following projects: Heather Joy is leaving Spaceworks; NEON auction; potential funding for Spaceworks from JP Morgan Chase to address housing displacement on Hilltop; Public Art Public Action training sessions summary; Tacoma Public Utilities percent for art updates; new director of CEDD appointed; Culture and Transportation Plan led by Spaceworks is being finalized; new intern Nayra from UPS; Poet Laureate’s Summer Solstice event; new Instagram account; City’s EnviroChallenger program hiring an artist.

B. Public Art Updates 6:36 pm (1:31:13)
Staff shared updates on the following projects: Matthew Dockrey’s installation on the Prairie Line Trail; Chris Jordan and Kenji Stoll selected for Tacoma Town Center project; Mauricio Robalino selected for the Alberta J. Canada building; Eastside Community Center training and walking tour; Kenji Stoll selected for Prairie Line Trail Spur Mural; Oak Tree Park Birds, Art, and Trails event; Artists in Residence events.

7. Report Back
A. Advocacy Reports 6:46 pm (1:41:15)
Commissioners shared about their council coffee meeting.

B. Arts Events Attended 6:47 pm (1:42:38)
Commissioners shared arts events and venues that they attended, upcoming events, or events they have been involved with including: Tacoma Youth Symphony; Orchestral Recital Series; NW Repertory Singers; Tacoma Musical Playhouse; SOTA Orchestra at Alma Mater; and Night Market.

C. Future Agenda Items for Consideration 6:52 pm (1:47:20)
There were no items for consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm