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Summary Minutes

Tacoma Arts Commission

Community & Economic Development

These minutes accompany the recorded meeting of the Tacoma Arts Commission, which are available at www.tacomaculture.org/arts/tac.asp.

Staff

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

Date: June 13, 2011

Location: City of Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Sarah Idstrom, Chair
 Traci Kelly, Vice Chair
 Jan Brazzell
 Rachel Cardwell
 Antonio Edwards, Jr.
 Don Lacky
 Aimee Mell
 Dane Meyer
 Mike Sweney
 Jana Wennstrom

City Council Member Present:

Lauren Walker

City Council Member Absent:

Marty Campbell

Staff Present:

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

Guests:

Scott Ramsey
 Rosemary Ponnekanti
 Isaac Walls

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Janice Karroll
 Janet Matzke
 Zach Powers

Commission Members Unexcused Absence:

Robin Echte
 Bill La Vergne

1. Call to Order

5:07 pm (00:08)

Chair Idstrom

2. Excusal of Absences

5:07 pm (00:16)

Chair Idstrom

Commissioners Karroll, Matzke, and Powers had an excused absence. Vice Chair Kelly will be late.

3. Approval of Minutes

5:07 pm (01:00)

Chair Idstrom

Motion: Don Lacky

Second: Jan Brazzell

Motion: Carried



4. Approval of Agenda**5:08 pm (01:11)****Chair Idstrom**

Motion: Aimee Mell

Second: Don Lucky

Motion: Carried

5. Chair's Report**5:08 pm (01:26)****Chair Idstrom**

Commissioner Mell will be stepping down from the Tacoma Arts Commission after the June meeting. Commissioner Matzke's term expires in July.

6. Staff Check-In**5:09 pm (02:36)**

Scott Ramsey was present at the June meeting. City Council is planning to appoint him to the Tacoma Arts Commission later this summer.

The National Arts Program ceremony was a success and the program continues to have a great impact on the community.

There was a brief check-in about Commission presentations at Tacoma Neighborhood Council meetings.

Quarter 2 of conducting audience surveys for the Arts and Economic Prosperity IV Study is coming to a close. 347 surveys have been collected during Quarter 2; only 200 were required. Planning for Quarter 3 is underway. Commissioners volunteered to administer audience surveys for the Arts & Economic Prosperity IV study as follows:

Date	Organization	Event	Time	TAC Volunteers
7/2/11	Proctor Farmers' Market	Music at the Market	9 - 11 AM and 12 - 2 PM	Dane
7/10/11	6th Avenue Business District	Art on the Ave	11 AM - 5 PM	Antonio, Don
7/31/11	Tacoma Musical Playhouse	CATS	2:00 PM	Rebecca
8/6/11	Proctor District Assoc.	Proctor Arts Fest	10 AM - 6 PM	Jan Brazzell, Don, Bill
8/13/11	D.A.S.H. Center for the Arts	Hip Hop in the Park	12 - 6 PM	Antonio, Rebecca
8/28/11	Tacoma Farmers Market	Local Artists Appreciation Day	11 AM - 3 PM	Jana



7. Action Items

A. Council Coffee Feedback

5:18 pm (11:53)

Commissioners Mell and Idstrom met with Mayor Strickland and spoke about Tacoma Arts Commission meetings, projects, and the growing prominence of the arts in the region.

Several Council Coffee meetings were scheduled for the days following the meeting.

B. Public Art and Training Projects Report

5:23 pm (16:03)

1. Prairie Line Trail

The team that was selected to do the public art plan and demonstration project on the Prairie Line Trail plan was in town a couple weeks prior. They met with various stakeholders: UW-T, the Washington State Public Art Project Manager, a few of the PA:ID artists, and held an open meeting with community members. They plan on returning at the end of July or beginning of August.

2. PA:ID

The Public Art: In Depth training program has begun with 24 Tacoma artists having started taking the first classes. They will have four training sessions in total, and public art projects are lined up for them as well.

3. Tacoma Murals Project

The student muralists of the Tacoma Murals Project finished their third training session, and training murals will be started in July at Bergerson Terrace (S. 53rd and Orchard) and at the 43rd Street bridge (McKinley & E. 43rd). A call will be put out in the fall for community groups who have walls that have been targeted for blight or vandalized to be considered for community-based murals in 2012. The mural students will be led by the teachers next year to complete these murals.

4. Elks on Broadway

The Elks on Broadway project involves a City contribution of money toward the parking garage. The Percent for Art element is included. Artists may have an opportunity to design or create art for a green screen located on one of the facades of the garage.

5. Cheney Stadium Arts Appreciation Day

A Cheney Stadium Arts Appreciation Day idea is being planned to help dedicate new artwork at the stadium. Arts Program staff has met with the Cheney team to create a plan for the event. There will be a reduced ticket rate for the public. The event could include public art tours, children's art activity, and promotion of local arts organizations.

There was a motion: "I'll motion to institute an Art Appreciation Day at the Cheney Stadium."

Motion: Mike Sweney

Second: Traci Kelly

Motion: Carried



6. Spaceworks Tacoma

A Spaceworks update was provided. The program has been in existence in Tacoma for about one year. Important pieces are the Creative Enterprises and Artist Residencies. They hit a snag a month ago when some of the current property owners stated that they need the spaces back. The steering committee met with a family who owns a building on Martin Luther King Jr. Way and they offered a building with 4 bays next to the Fulcrum Gallery. Fab-5, Nate Dybevik, and Toy Boat Theatre of UPS will occupy the new space for the summer. There will be a casual opening event for all of the Spaceworks participants in August.

7. Artscapes

Round 4 of Artscapes is starting. A few of the approved projects will not be going in until the winter, but most installations will be in July 15. The approved proposals were shared and discussed with the Commissioners.

C. Art at Work Month Updates

6:10 pm (1:03:44)

Initial stages of planning for Art at Work month are underway. The Studio Tour committee will start meeting to discuss possible changes to the requirements and qualifications of applicants. The Studio Tours are scheduled for November 5 and 6.

The Art Symposium has been scheduled for November 19 and 20. Staff may work with the Arts Leadership Lab to create the lineup this year.

The Art Slam may be revamped into a different program this year for the 10th year anniversary celebration. It may be combined with the Prairie Line Trail project demonstration – create an event or mini-festival on Third Thursday for viewing public art pieces and stages with live entertainment along the Prairie Line Trail.

There was a motion: “I motion to look into a Prairie Line event as an alternative to the Art Slam.”

Motion: Mike Sweney

Second: Antonio Edwards

Motion: Carried

D. AMOCAT Award Nominations

6:21 pm (1:14:06)

The Commissioners made and discussed new nominations for this year’s AMOCAT Awards. The current list of nominations is as follows:

Category: Community Outreach by an Artist

Christopher Jordan

Stella Haioulani

Lisa Fruchiante

Timmie Foster

Katy Evans

Category: Community Outreach by an Organization

Tacoma Art Museum

Broadway Center for the Performing Arts

Tacoma Symphony Orchestra



D.A.S.H. Center for the Arts

Category: Arts Patron

Broadway Center for the Performing Arts

Greater Tacoma Community Foundation

Tacoma Weekly

Thorpe-Sorenson Family

Category: Arts Leadership

David Fischer (BCPA)

The Commissioners will vote on these Awards during the August meeting.

8. Report Back

A. Surveys and Events Attended

6:30 pm (1:23:23)

Commissioners reported their attendance at various events around the area. They also briefly discussed updates about various organizations in Tacoma, as well as the idea of making an Art at Work presentation to Tacoma Rotary in the fall.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm

