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

# 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](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/tacagendaminutes).

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Date: June 13th, 2016

Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

#### *Commission Members in Attendance:*

Mike Sweney, Chair  
Rachel Cardwell, Vice Chair  
Joel Chang  
Heather Conklin  
Kareem Kandi  
Traci Kelly  
Johnaye Kendrick  
Halley Knigge  
Don Lacky  
Dane Meyer  
Wanda Thompson  
Katrina Toft  
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

#### *City Council Liaison in Attendance:*

Marty Campbell

#### *Staff Present:*

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

#### *Guests:*

Brian Hutcheson  
Buster Baba

#### *Commission Members Excused Absence:*

Paul Throne

#### *Commission Members Unexcused Absence:*

Scott Campbell

### 1. Call to Order

5:03 pm (00:18)

Chair Sweney

### 2. Consent Agenda

5:03 pm (00:24)

Vice Chair Cardwell

Commissioner Throne had an excused absence.

Chair Sweney proposed that Public Art Updates be moved up on the agenda before Action Items.

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Vice Chair Cardwell asked if there was a motion to approve the revised agenda as well as minutes from the May meeting.

There was a motion: “I so move.”

Motion: Wanda Thompson

Second: Traci Kelly

Motion: Carried

### **3. Chair’s Report**

**5:04 pm (01:15)**

**Chair Sweney**

Chair Sweney shared that he attended Spaceworks Tacoma’s NEON fundraising event and visited Tacoma Art Museum’s exhibition NW Art Now.

### **4. Staff Check-In**

#### **A. Public Art Updates**

**5:05 pm (02:26)**

Rebecca Solverson shared that artist Sheila Klein was selected for the South Tacoma Business District public art project, and that the artist orientation will be held June 23 & 24. She also introduced the new Lincoln District Creative Community Engagement Grant project, and the accompanying artist-led Community Engagement workshop that will be held July 30 in the Lincoln Office. Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

Chair Sweney announced that Commissioner Toft will be resigning from the Commission after the June meeting.

### **5. Action Items**

#### **A. 5-Year Art Plan**

**5:20 pm (17:02)**

Amy McBride introduced the revised ArtFull Tacoma 5-Year Art Plan, going over the newly designed layout and key highlights as well as the plan’s connection to larger Tacoma 2025 goals.

Commissioners asked questions and discussed the Possible Staff Resources page at length. Commissioners were invited to attend the July 12 Council Study Session during which the plan will be introduced to the Tacoma City Council, as well as the tentatively scheduled July 19 Council meeting where the plan will be officially presented for adoption.

There was a motion: “I’d like to make a motion that we approve the staff to move forward with the proposal of the 2025 ArtFull Tacoma to the City Council with amendments as discussed.”

Motion: Wanda Thompson

Second: Traci Kelly

Motion: Carried

### **6. Discussion/Updates**

#### **A. AMOCAT Art Awards**

**6:24 pm (1:21:22)**

Naomi Strom-Avila shared that she will be distributing the online AMOCAT nomination form to the public soon and encouraged Commissioners to submit nominations and spread the word about the program. Commissioners will vote on who will receive the awards at their next meeting in August.



## 7. Staff Check-In

### A. Staff Projects Overview and Updates **6:29 pm (1:26:55)**

Commissioners were reminded that there will be no July meeting.

Amy McBride recounted her experience traveling to Etsy's Maker Cities Summit last month where she represented Tacoma. She also shared that she recently gave a presentation on Creative Placemaking and Community Engagement to City employees to encourage internal education and integration of the arts across departments.

The second quarter of the Arts and Economic Prosperity audience surveys has wrapped up with over 700 surveys received. Quarter three sign-up opportunities will be emailed to Commissioners.

The People's Community Center public art project is moving forward. Christopher Paul Jordan will be leading an artist of color training program that will result in a mural for the center and potential other public art opportunities.

Sound Transit's D to M project is moving forward with current work being done on a landscape plan.

### B. Tacoma Arts Month **6:46 pm (1:43:00)**

The Tacoma Arts Month Opening Party will be held September 29. Marketing meetings were held last month about how to best advertise Tacoma Arts Month this year and social media will be more of a focus with targeted outreach to young people and families. Applications to be part of the Studio Tours on October 15 & 16 are now being accepted.

### C. Tacoma Murals Project **6:48 pm (1:45:57)**

Five murals are currently underway as part of the Tacoma Murals Project. There is a new potential mural opportunity on the 9<sup>th</sup> & Commerce hillclimb as well.

## 8. Report Back

### A. Advocacy Reports **6:51 pm (01:48:10)**

Commissioners reported on their experiences meeting with Tacoma City Councilmembers during Council Coffees.

### B. Arts Events Attended **7:04 pm (02:01:14)**

Commissioners shared arts events they attended or have been involved with including: Lincoln Poetry Slam, Tacoma City Ballet, and Artist Trust's event at Feast Arts Center.

### C. Future Agenda Items for Consideration **7:07 pm (02:04:30)**

There were no items noted.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm**

