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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: August 8, 2011
Location: City of Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 16
Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Traci Kelly, Vice Chair
Jan Brazzell
Rachel Cardwell
Janice Karroll
Don Lacky
Dane Meyer
Scott Ramsey
Mike Sweney
Zach Powers
Jana Wennstrom

City Council Member Present:

Lauren Walker
Marty Campbell

Staff Present:

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

Guests:

Jane McKittrick

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Sarah Idstrom, Chair
Antonio Edwards, Jr.
Bill La Vergne

Commission Members Unexcused Absence:

Robin Echte

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| 1. Call to Order | 5:05 pm (00:10) | Vice Chair Kelly |
| 2. Excusal of Absences | 5:05 pm (00:20) | Vice Chair Kelly |
| Commissioners Sweney, La Vergne, Edwards, and Chair Idstrom had an excused absence. | | |
| 3. Approval of Minutes and Agenda | 5:05 pm (00:55) | Vice Chair Kelly |

Motion: Don Lacky
Second: Jana Wennstrom
Motion: Carried



4. Chair's Report**5:06 pm (01:54)****Vice Chair Kelly**

July 3rd Thursday: Spaceworks open house on MLK went well, record numbers at Museum of Glass (MOG). *Words* by James Sinding installed in Tollefson Plaza. MOG's auction *Red Hot* went well. New Commissioner Scott Ramsey's first official meeting.

5. Staff Check-In**5:10 pm (05:25)**

Amy McBride gave a presentation to WSAC at Tacoma Art Museum. Amy is preparing to make presentations to various Rotary clubs. Commissioner Cardwell invited all Commissioners to attend Rotary 8's meeting Thursday, September 28 at noon as her guest. Amy will be presenting at this meeting.

Shunpike "Tacoma Cohort Project" – Shunpike is working on developing a program that will provide in-depth training for a group of 4-6 emerging arts groups over a one-year period. Shunpike is looking for people to sit on an advisory board for this project.

First Poet Laureate workshop was Sat., July 16 at Fort Nisqually called "Place and Persona". Eighteen participants attended.

Commissioners volunteered to administer audience surveys for the Arts & Economic Prosperity IV study as follows:

Date	Organization	Event	Time	TAC Volunteers
9/15/11	Tacoma Farmers Market	Local Artists Appreciation Day	10:30 am – 4 pm	Jan Karroll

6. Agenda Items**A. Presentation - HRL****5:19 pm (14:32)**

Paul Rucker gave a presentation on the Human Rights Legacy project including updates on his progress and his recent work with children and their perceptions of human rights. He plans on working with the students at Hilltop Artists during a five-week residency to create glass pieces for the sidewalk. Timelines and other logistical details will soon be finalized.

B. Sun King**5:46 pm (41:03)**

Amy McBride spoke about a possible new location for the Sun King sculpture on Dock Street near 15th Street that would help connect downtown to the waterfront. The Commissioners discussed the positive and negative aspects of the site, as well as desirable characteristics of an ideal site for the sculpture.

There was a motion: "I will move that this site as you described and showed us is worth exploring further, considering mounting options and other more specific siting."

Motion: Jan Brazzell

Second: Dane Meyer



Motion: Carried

C. Prairie Line Trail Update

6:08 pm (1:03:20)

Amy McBride gave some updates about the Prairie Line Trail. The NEA team will be back in town during September. They will be creating a demonstration project, as well as activating the trail and raising awareness. The artists currently in the Public Art: In Depth training program may use the trail as a study, and to create a series of works to be installed along the trail in November. An event is proposed for November 12 to include the exhibit and other performances, to help the public learn more about the project.

D. Public Art: In Depth update

6:12 pm (1:07:23)

The students in the training program have met three times. They are working on portfolios and presentations with proposals for projects. Commissioner Sweney was present at the second meeting and spoke about his interaction with the students.

There are projects planned for the following locations: Old Town Dock, Seaport Museum, Salishan Library, and South Tacoma Community Center, along with several Sound Transit projects.

E. Tacoma Murals Project Update

6:16 pm (1:11:20)

The students in the Tacoma Murals Project finished their training murals this summer. Some of them may be chosen to work on five additional community murals next summer. A quick PowerPoint was shown of before-and-after photos of the two mural sites this year.

F. Cheney Day Update

6:25 pm (1:20:01)

Naomi Strom-Avila gave updates about the upcoming Arts Appreciation Night at Cheney Stadium on August 29. There will be a 5:30 art tour, in-game entertainment for inning breaks, a hands-on kids project on the concourse, and other live entertainment.

Commissioners were given a sign-up sheet for tickets if they wanted to attend the event. More publicizing is planned for the next few weeks before the game.

G. Spaceworks Update

6:34 pm (1:29:20)

James Sinding's installation "Words" dropped at the beginning of August. The next Artscape installations were put in and will be in through October. The next round will be completed by some of the PA:ID artists. An event is scheduled for August 18 that will celebrate the one-year anniversary of Spaceworks Tacoma. The current spaces will be open, the artists will be present, and some performances will be held by local arts groups.

H. Art at Work

6:38 pm (1:33:14)

Studio Tours will be November 5 and 6. 56 artists were selected, 17 of which were new this year. There may be a bus tour option for the tours. The Art Symposium is planned for the 19th and 20th at UPS. A list of symposium topics is being developed and potential presenters are being contacted. The opening party will be held on November 2 or 3, with the AMOCAT Awards and live entertainment included.

Naomi also provided updates on this year's graphics and design elements that will be used in brochures, advertisements, posters, and promo item giveaways.



There was also a brief discussion about the You'll Like Tacoma theme, its origin, and the current YLT project and its connection with Art at Work.

I. AMOCAT Awards

6:50 pm (1:45:31)

Commissioners discussed all nominees and then voted for the 2011 AMOCAT Awards as follows:

Category: Community Outreach by an Artist	Voting Round 1	Voting Round 2
Christopher Jordan	2	
Stella Haioulani	2	8
Lisa Fruchantie	1	
Timmie Foster	2	0
Katy Evans	2	
Category: Community Outreach by an Organization		
Tacoma Art Museum	2	
Broadway Center for the Performing Arts	0	
Tacoma Symphony Orchestra	3	3
D.A.S.H. Center for the Arts	4	6
Category: Arts Patron		
Broadway Center for the Performing Arts	0	
Greater Tacoma Community Foundation	6	
Tacoma Weekly	2	
Thorpe-Sorenson Family	1	

The 2011 award winners are:

Category: Community Outreach by an Artist
Stella Haioulani
Category: Community Outreach by an Organization
D.A.S.H. Center for the Arts
Category: Arts Patron
Greater Tacoma Community Foundation
Category: Arts Leadership – selected previously
David Fischer (BCPA)

Before the votes were tallied, there was a motion: “I move that we have a run-off if nobody gets the majority votes.”

Motion: Jan Brazzell

Second: Mike Sweney

Motion: Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm

