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

Date: August 8th, 2016
Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16
Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Mike Sweney, Chair
Rachel Cardwell, Vice Chair
Scott Campbell
Heather Conklin
Kareem Kandi
Traci Kelly
Johnaye Kendrick
Halley Knigge
Don Lacky
Dane Meyer
Wanda Thompson
Paul Throne
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

Staff Present:

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

Guests:

Josh Clarke
Katy Evans
Virginia Hankins
Thom Mayes
Harriet Williams
Christopher Paul Jordan
Tiffany Hammonds
Desmond Burnett

Commission Members Unexcused Absence:

Joel Chang

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| 1. Call to Order | 5:04 pm (00:15) | Chair Sweney |
| 2. Consent Agenda | 5:04 pm (00:30) | Vice Chair Cardwell |
- Commissioner Chang had an unexcused absence.

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

There was a motion: "I move."

Motion: Scott Campbell
Second: Paul Throne



Motion: Carried

3. Chair's Report

5:04 pm (00:52)

Chair Sweney

Chair Sweney thanked commissioners for attending the City Council study session, and the City Council meeting, during which the 5-year Art Plan, ArtFull Tacoma, was officially adopted.

4. Presentations

A. Northwest Sinfonietta

5:05 pm (01:50)

Thom Mayes, the new CEO of Northwest Sinfonietta, introduced himself and shared about the upcoming season and the intention of creating more cross-media collaborations for interesting viewing experiences.

5. Action Items

A. People's Community Center Mural

5:10 pm (06:12)

Hilltop community member Harriet Williams spoke to the history of the People's Community Center and the hopes for the mural that will be completed on the south exterior wall of the center before the re-opening on September 24th. Lead artist Christopher Jordan, along with team members Tiffany Hammonds and Desmond Burnett, explained the artist training program and inspiration for the mural design. The artist team shared the design proposal and explained its imagery.

Commissioners and guests asked questions and discussed.

There was a motion: "I'd like to make a motion that we move in the direction of the mural for the People's Center."

Motion: Wanda Thompson

Second: Dane Meyer

Motion: Carried

B. 5-Year Art Plan and Sub-Committee

5:59 pm (0:55:36)

Amy McBride shared that ArtFull Tacoma was approved by City Council, and there was an article about the plan recently in the News Tribune. She proposed that a sub-committee be formed to create a work plan and to determine areas of measurability for the plan's goals. Several commissioners expressed interest in participating, depending on the time of the sub-committee meetings, and it was determined that volunteers would be requested at a later time once scheduling has been determined.

There was a motion: "I move we establish a sub-committee."

Motion: Paul Throne

Second: Kareem Kandi

Motion: Carried

C. AMOCAT Arts Awards Nomination Review & Voting

6:13 pm (1:09:40)

Commissioners reviewed and discussed the nominees for the 2016 AMOCAT Arts Awards. Commissioners voted as follows and continued the meeting as votes were tallied.



Category: Community Outreach by an Individual	Voting Round 1	Voting Round 2
Carlos Taylor-Swanson		
Christopher Paul Jordan	10	
Claudia Riedener		
Dr. Paul-Elliott Cobbs	2	
Jackie Fender		
Kerry Cole		
Lisa Kinoshita	1	
Darcy Anderson		
Category: Community Outreach by an Organization		
Centro Latino	1	
Creative Colloquy	1	
Feast Arts Center		
KPLU Jazz Radio	1	
Monkeyshines	4	5
Tacoma Barbershop Harmony Chorus		
Tacoma Youth Symphony Association	5	8
YMCA of Pierce and Kitsap Counties		
Category: Arts Patron		
Metro Parks Tacoma	10	
Write In: Benaroya Gift	3	

Chair Sweney recommended that, in the interest of time, the rest of the agenda items be tabled except for the Tacoma Arts Month update.

There was a motion: “I make a motion that we accept the amendments or the removals to tonight’s agenda that Mike outlined per the meeting minutes or recording, and that we extend the meeting 15 minutes.”

Motion: Rachel Cardwell

Second: Dane Meyer

Motion: Carried

The 2016 AMOCAT Arts Award winners are:

Category: Community Outreach by an Individual
Christopher Paul Jordan
Category: Community Outreach by an Organization
Tacoma Youth Symphony Association
Category: Arts Patron
Metro Parks Tacoma



There was a motion: "I motion to accept the three winners."

Motion: Heather Conklin

Second: Dane Meyer

Motion: Carried

6. Staff Check In

A. Tacoma Arts Month

7:00 pm (1:56:15)

Dion Thomas is on contract to help with Tacoma Arts Month community outreach to new audiences.

There are two new media sponsors for Tacoma Arts Month: Parent Map and Sounds Fun Mom. The Opening Party will be held at Asia Pacific Cultural Center on September 29th, and will be co-hosted by Spaceworks Tacoma. Printed advertising materials will be complete soon, and the following commissioners volunteered to help with distribution: Mike Sweney, Rachel Cardwell, Johnaye Kendrick, Scott Campbell, Kareem Kandi, Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem, Halley Knigge, Paul Throne, Traci Kelly, Heather Conklin, Dane Meyer, Don Lacky, and Wanda Thompson.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm

