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Summary Minutes

Tacoma Arts Commission

Community & Economic Development

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

Staff

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

Date: August 13, 2012

Location: City of Tacoma Municipal Building North, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Robin Echte, Chair
 Traci Kelly, Vice Chair
 Jan Brazzell
 Sarah Idstrom
 Don Lacky
 Bill La Vergne
 Dane Meyer
 Mike Sweny

City Council Member Absent:

Lauren Walker
 Marty Campbell

Staff Present:

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

Public in Attendance:

Chad P. Hall
 Ian Munce

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Rachel Cardwell
 Zach Powers
 Scott Ramsey
 Catherine Stegeman
 Jana Wennstrom

1. Call to Order**5:06 pm (00:06)****Chair Echte****2. Excusal of Absences****5:06 pm (00:12)****Vice Chair Kelly**

Commissioners Cardwell, Powers, Ramsey, Stegeman, and Wennstrom had an excused absence.

3. Approval of Agenda**5:06 pm (00:30)****Vice Chair Kelly**

Staff asked that Staff Check-In be moved after Presentations on the agenda.

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Mike Sweny

Second: Bill La Vergne

Motion: Carried



4. Approval of Minutes**5:07 pm (01:48)****Vice Chair Kelly**

There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Mike Sweney

Second: Bill La Vergne

Motion: Carried

5. Chair’s Report**5:08 pm (02:02)****Chair Echtle**

Commissioner Quinn submitted her letter of resignation from the Commission on July 13, 2012.

Chad P. Hall and Wanda Thompson will be appointed by Tacoma City Council to the Commission on August 14.

6. Presentations**A. Live/Work Space Policy Exploration****5:09 pm (3:23)**

Ms. McBride introduced Ian Munce, Acting Manager for the City of Tacoma’s Long Range Planning division.

Mr. Munce presented on the City’s Live/Work policy. The City is exploring the existing barriers for implementing live/work space and researching how other jurisdictions address the issue. They are looking at land use code to see what can be done.

Long Range Planning will be going to City Council on August 28, asking for some relief on the land use requirements to allow for mixed-use adaptive reuse of space. Mr. Munce explained some of the areas of building code and fire code where flexibility is being explored.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions.

There was a motion: “I would move that we draft a letter of support for the initiative that has been presented today by Ian.”

Motion: Mike Sweney

Second: Bill La Vergne

Motion: Carried

7. Staff Check-In**5:27 pm (21:14)**

In July, a group of representatives from the local museums presented to the Economic Development Committee (EDC) of City Council about joint marketing initiatives including joint ticketing and way finding. Ms. McBride also presented the Arts & Economic Prosperity Study findings.

The EDC gave a directive to Ms. McBride to continue exploration of what it would take to get Andy Warhol’s flower on the Tacoma Dome.

The City Manager announced the selection of Ricardo Noguera as the Director of Community & Economic Development Department. Mr. Noguera will start September 10.

Attendees to the National Governors Association conference took a tour of some of Tacoma’s cultural sites and participated in a series of panel presentations. The tour revolved around the recent release of one of their reports on creative economies.



Commissioners viewed photos of the Tacoma Murals Project's Dometop and Cloverdale Park murals. The Hope Heights community will meet on August 14 to approve a mural design for their neighborhood.

Diane Hansen was selected for the 'A' Street Pedestrian Passageway as part of Sound Transit's D-to-M Street project. James Sinding was selected for the Pacific Avenue Underpass as part of Sound Transit's D-to-M Street project. These were both Public Art: In Depth public art opportunities. The City's Arts Program will be managing Sound Transit's D-to-M Street gateway public art project as well.

The Sun King sculpture is fixed and work is underway to prepare for moving the piece, including pouring a concrete base.

Commissioners volunteered to attend and evaluate funded events as follows:

Date	Organization	Event	Volunteers
8/18/12	Local Life	Downtown Block Party	Don Lucky

8. Action Items

A. Portable Works

5:54 pm (48:40)

A selection panel met and reviewed 78 actual pieces of artwork for consideration for purchase as part of the City of Tacoma's Municipal Art Collection. The total budget including framing is \$12,000. Work will be hung in publicly accessible areas of City buildings. The panel recommended purchase of the following pieces:

Artist	Artwork
Victoria Bjorklund	Blue Midnight, no 12
Victoria Bjorklund	Blue Midnight, no 5
MalPina Chan	Long Journey
Neeka (Lloyd) Cook	Crab
Jennifer Frohwerk	Anteroom
Michael Jardeen	Chamber Bay Ruins
Michael Jardeen	Spruce Burl Trail
Eunice Kim	Porous #39
Bret Lyon	Movement No. 39
Yuki Nakamura	Dream
Chandler O'Leary	Old City Hall
Chandler O'Leary	Commencement Bay
Chandler O'Leary	Alpenglow
Chandler O'Leary	Ruston Way
Marvin Oliver	Sea Bear
Mary Randlett	Deception Pass
Peter Serko	I Heard the Snow Falling
Thomas Stream	Watching the Watcher
Eva Skold Westerlind	Lake Washington 23
Mimi Williams	Floating Lanterns



Chair Echtle said, “We need to have a motion to approve the purchases.”

There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Jan Brazzell

Second: Bill La Vergne

Motion: Carried

9. Discussion

A. AMOCAT Award Nominations

6:08 (1:02:17)

Commissioners discussed the AMOCAT Awards. Commissioners have nominated the following for consideration:

Community Outreach by an Individual

Katy Evans
Angela Jossy
Athena Hitson
Morgan Alexander
Eugene Kester

Community Outreach by an Organization

Grand Cinema
First Night
Tacoma Revels
Frost Park Chalk-Off
Monkeyshines

Arts Patron

Post Defiance
Campus MLK
Thorpe-Sorenson Family
Key Bank
Tacoma Weekly
Brooks Dental
Premier Media Group

Commissioners will vote on the awards at the September 13 meeting.

B. Art at Work Month

6:24 pm (1:18:07)

Fifty five artists were selected for the 2012 Tacoma Studio Tour.

A Studio Tour brochure and tri-fold flyer will be printed this year. The ArtAtWorkTacoma.com website will be revamped with new functionality and will be the main source of information.

An Art at Work Opening Party is being planned.

Staff is not able to take on the Arts Symposium this year due to budget constraints and return on investment. The University of Puget Sound is possibly interested in putting the event together.



C. Community Budget Input Meeting Feedback 6:37 pm (01:31:19)

Commissioners Lacky, Meyer, and Brazzell, and Vice Chair Kelly gave feedback about the Community Budget Input Meetings they attended in June and July.

10. Report Back

A. Arts Events Attended

6:49 pm (01:43:32)

Commissioners shared arts events they have attended or things they have been involved in including the Proctor Arts Fest, Art on the Ave, In the Spirit festival, Tacoma Concert Band performance at Franke Tobey Jones, and Museum of Glass' 10th Anniversary.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm

