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Summary Minutes

Tacoma Arts Commission

Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality

These minutes accompany the recorded meeting of the Tacoma Arts Commission, which is available at www.cityoftacoma.org/tacagendaminutes.

Date: August 14, 2017

Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Rachel Cardwell, Vice Chair
Marty Campbell, City Council Liaison
Scott Campbell
Heather Conklin
Traci Kelly
Johnaye Kendrick
Halley Knigge
Donald Lacky
Paul Throne
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

Staff Present:

Naomi Strom-Avila, Cultural Arts Specialist
Rebecca Solverson, Public Art Specialist
Asia Tail, Arts Program Coordinator

Guests Present:

Matthew Dockrey
Andy Buelow

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Mike Sweney, Chair
Kareem Kandi
Liesl Santkuyl
Wanda Thompson

Commission Members Unexcused Absence:

Quincy Henry
Michael Kula

1. Call to Order

5:09 pm (00:02)

Vice Chair Cardwell

Vice Chair Cardwell called the meeting to order, recognizing that the meeting was held on Indigenous land: the traditional homelands of the Puyallup people.

2. Consent Agenda

5:09 pm (00:30)

Vice Chair Cardwell

Chair Sweney and Commissioners Kandi, Santkuyl, and Thompson had excused absences.

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Vice Chair Cardwell asked if there was a motion to approve the consent agenda as well as minutes from the June 12 meeting.

There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Scott Campbell

Second: Traci Kelly

Motion: Carried

3. Chair’s Report

5:09 pm (00:53)

Vice Chair Cardwell

There was no Chair’s Report.

4. Action Items

A. Prairie Line Trail: 1 Public Artwork Final Design 5:10 pm (01:04)

Artist Matthew Dockrey presented the final design for his public artwork, *Flow + Pressure*, which will be installed on the Prairie Line Trail. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

There was a motion: “I will move that we accept this wonderful artwork.”

Motion: Scott Campbell

Second: Don Lacky

Motion: Carried

B. Candidate Forum focusing on Arts and Culture 5:29 pm (20:41)

Vice Chair Cardwell proposed that the Commission hold a Candidate Forum during the regular October Tacoma Arts Commission meeting time to ask candidates running for council about their interest in and advocacy for the arts. She requested that commissioners volunteer via email for a sub-committee to organize the event. Arts Office staff will not be involved in this event in any capacity. City Council Liaison Marty Campbell volunteered to offer advice on the format of the event.

There was a motion: “I move that we hold a candidate forum at the time of our October meeting.”

Motion: Traci Kelly

Second: Lynn Wilmott-Stenehjem

Motion: Carried

C. AMOCAT Arts Awards Nomination Review & Voting 5:35 pm (26:10)

Commissioners reviewed and discussed the nominees for the 2017 AMOCAT Arts Awards.

Commissioner Lacky nominated the Benaroya family in the Arts Patron category. Commissioners voted as follows.

Community Outreach by an Individual	Round 1 # Votes	Round 2 # Votes
Silong Chhun	1	
Aya Hashaguchi Clark and Randy Clark	2	4
Benjamin Cobb	1	
Erin Guinup	1	
Michael Haeflinger	4	5



Lisa Kinoshita	0	
Robert Musser	1	
Community Outreach by an Organization	Round 1 # Votes	Round 2 # Votes
FEAST Arts Center	0	
Gritty City Sirens	0	
Monkeyshines	8	
Puget Sound Revels	2	
Tacoma Filmmakers and Screenwriters	0	
Tacoma Musical Playhouse	0	
Arts Patron	Round 1 # Votes	Round 2 # Votes
MultiCare Health System	4	2
Tacoma Housing Authority	4	7
Benaroya Family - Write In	1	

The 2017 AMOCAT Arts Award winners are:

Community Outreach by an Individual
Michael Haeflinger
Community Outreach by an Organization
Monkeyshines
Arts Patron
Tacoma Housing Authority

There was a motion: "I move to accept the results."

Motion: Halley Knigge

Second: Traci Kelly

Motion: Carried

Commissioners continued the meeting as votes were tallied. They discussed arts events attended including: the 2nd Cultural Access Washington organization meeting, The Other Country performance, the groundbreaking for the new wing at Tacoma Art Museum and the Zhi Lin exhibition, Museum of Glass' birthday party, a Teen Tix partners meeting, several festivals, and the art exhibition at the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium.

5. Discussion/Updates

A. Arts & Economic Prosperity 5 Study Findings

6:32 pm (01:23:45)

Staff gave a presentation on the results of the AEP5 survey and what they reveal about the impact of the arts on Tacoma's economy. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.



6. Staff Check-In**A. Staff Projects Overview and Updates****6:49 pm (01:40:12)**

Staff shared progress on the following projects: the People's Community Center projects are almost finished including the mural, portable works purchase, and history project; proposals will soon be reviewed for Valhalla Hall; more traffic box wraps are being installed; Water Flume Line Trail murals are being painted; the MSM deli mural is now complete.

B. Public Art Updates**6:55 pm (01:46:20)**

Staff shared progress on the following public art projects: progress is being made on artworks along the Prairie Line Trail, a celebration is planned for October 15th and the website is now live; a new Artist in Residence opportunity has been launched and the selected artist will creatively address the homeless emergency in Tacoma; several Lincoln mini-grant projects will be hosting events soon; a Justin Hahn memorial and artwork re-dedication event is planned for August 29; two public artworks have been recently conserved; additional opportunities for the Eastside Community Center derived from the newly completed art brief will be released soon.

C. Tacoma Arts Month – Updates and Sign-Ups**7:04 pm (01:55:19)**

Staff shared information on the Arts Month opening party – Kaleidoscope – that will be October 4th at The Spire, and asked that commissioners sign up to distribute Arts Month promotional materials.

The following commissioners volunteered for distribution duties: Cardwell, Kendrick, Campbell, Conklin, Lucky, Knigge, Wilmott-Stenehjem, Kelly, and Throne.

7. Report Back**A. Advocacy Reports****7:10 pm (02:01:49)**

There were no advocacy reports.

B. Arts Events Attended**7:10 pm (02:01:55)**

Arts events were discussed during AMOCAT voting earlier in the meeting. Commissioner Lucky recommended attendance at the upcoming In the Spirit festival jointly hosted by the Tacoma Art Museum and the Washington State History Museum.

C. Future Agenda Items for Consideration**7:11 pm (02:02:10)**

There were no items noted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm

