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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.

Date: September 10, 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
Rachel Cardwell
Chad Hall
Don Lacky
Bill La Vergne
Dane Meyer
Zach Powers
Scott Ramsey
Wanda Thompson
Jana Wennstrom

Commission Members Unexcused Absence:

Catherine Stegeman

City Council Member in Attendance:

Lauren Walker
Marty Campbell

Staff Present:

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

Public in Attendance:

Ron Swarner
Lisa Kinoshita

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Sarah Idstrom
Mike Sweney

1. Call to Order

5:07 pm (00:04)

Chair Echte

2. Excusal of Absences

5:07 pm (00:15)

Vice Chair Kelly

Commissioners Idstrom and Sweney had an excused absence.

3. Approval of Agenda

5:07 pm (00:21)

Vice Chair Kelly

Amy McBride will present on behalf of Paul Rucker for the Human Rights Legacy presentation.

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Jan Brazzell

Second: Jana Wennstrom

Motion: Carried

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4. Approval of Minutes**5:07 pm (00:52)****Vice Chair Kelly**

There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Jan Brazzell

Second: Zach Powers

Motion: Carried

5. Chair’s Report**5:08 pm (01:07)****Chair Echtle**

Chair Echtle welcomed new Commissioners Hall and Thompson. Commissioner introduced themselves.

6. Staff Check-In**5:15 pm (08:55)**

Tacoma Art Museum will be presenting a show on Andy Warhol in the fall, which will include the two Warhol flower pieces that are part of the Municipal Art Collection. Staff is investigating the possibilities and cost of eventually putting the Warhol’s flower on the Tacoma Dome.

Spaceworks Tacoma’s fundraising event, Cakewalk, will be September 15.

The Sun King sculpture has been repaired and engineering for a concrete base is underway.

Ricardo Noguera, the new Director of CEDD, started September 10.

7. Presentations**A. Human Rights Legacy****5:25 pm (18:31)**

Ms. McBride presented on behalf of Paul Rucker. Paul’s concept for the project is to create a monument in the form of a triangular seating area designed to encourage reflection and discussion around the topic of human rights. Paul conducted a residency with the youth at Fabitat, which included work with rap artist, Tilson, and spoken word artist, Hollis Wong-Wear.

Ms. McBride showed a video documenting the youth’s experiences, a map of the artwork location, examples of the bench glass, and proposed text to be etched into the benches.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions.

B. STAR Center Public Art**5:36 pm (29:25)**

Lisa Kinoshita presented on the public art piece she is creating for Metro Park’s STAR Center facility. Ms. Kinoshita was selected for the project through a competitive process as part of the Public Art: In Depth training program.

Ms. Kinoshita showed examples of her past jewelry and sculpture work, and images related to South Tacoma. She gave background information on the history of the South Tacoma area including the existence of wetlands in the area. She then presented images of three proposed sculptural pieces which will include live plantings. The exact siting of the sculptures will be determined based on information about underground geo-thermal systems on the site.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions.



8. Action Items

A. AMOCAT Award Voting

5:56 pm (49:45)

Commissioners discussed all nominees and then voted for the 2012 AMOCAT Awards as follows:

Category: Community Outreach by an Individual	Voting Round 1
Katy Evans	10
Angela Jossy	0
Athena Hitson	0
Morgan Alexander	0
Eugene Kester	2
Category: Community Outreach by an Organization	
The Grand Cinema	6
First Night	0
Tacoma Revels	0
Frost Park Chalk-Off	3
Monkeyshines	1
Tacoma Public Library	2
Category: Arts Patron	
Campus MLK	0
Thorpe-Sorenson Family	0
KeyBank	7
Tacoma Weekly	5
Brooks Dental	0
Premier Media Group	0

The 2012 award winners are:

Category: Community Outreach by an Individual
Katy Evans
Category: Community Outreach by an Organization
The Grand Cinema
Category: Arts Patron
KeyBank

9. Discussion

A. Art at Work Month

6:23 pm (1:16:14)

The Art at Work Opening Party and AMOCAT Awards will be on Thursday, November 1, 6 – 8:30 pm at Tacoma Art Museum. The event will include appetizers, entertainment, and the galleries will be open. Final plans are still being made.

Commissioners volunteered to assist with the Opening Party as follows:

- Set-Up
 - 5:00 – 6:00 pm – Traci Kelly, Rachel Cardwell, Chad Hall, Don Lucky



- Elevator Entry Welcome Table
 - 5:30 – 6:00 pm –
 - 6:00 – 6:30 pm – Jan Brazzell, Don Lacky
 - 6:30 – 7:00 pm – Jan Brazzell
- Pacific Avenue Entry Welcome Table
 - 5:30 – 6:00 pm – Traci Kelly, Rachel Cardwell
 - 6:00 – 6:30 pm – Traci Kelly
 - 6:30 – 7:00 pm – Traci Kelly
- Mover
 - 5:45 – 6:00 pm –
 - 6:00 – 6:15 pm –
 - 6:15 – 6:30 pm –
 - 6:30 – 6:45 pm – Zach Powers
 - 6:45 – 7:00 pm – Wanda Thompson
- Meet and Greet
 - 6:00 – 8:30 pm – Robin Echte, Traci Kelly, Rachel Cardwell, Scott Ramsey, Don Lacky, Jana Wennstrom, Chad Hall
- Usher into Theater
 - 7:05 – 7:15 pm - Jan Brazzell, Wanda Thompson, Scott Ramsey, Zach Powers
- Help with Wrap-up
 - 8:30 – 9:15 pm – Robin Echte, Don Lacky, Chad Hall

Tacoma Studio Tour will be on November 3 & 4, 11 am – 5 pm. Fifty five artists will be on the tour.

Naomi Strom-Avila shared images of the printed promotional materials. The ArtAtWorkTacoma.com website will be revamped with new functionality and will be the main source of information.

The following Commissioners volunteered to help distribute Art at Work print materials: Robin Echte, Don Lacky, Rachel Cardwell, Bill La Vergne, Wanda Thompson, Scott Ramsey, Dane Meyer, and Chad Hall.

B. Tacoma Murals Project

6:44 pm (01:37:19)

Staff presented images of the Hope Heights mural at 64th & McKinley and the Dome District mural at 220 Puyallup Avenue. Upcoming murals include one for the Hillside neighborhood and one for the Mann neighborhood.

10. Report Back

A. Arts Events Attended

6:56 pm (01:49:00)

Commissioners shared arts events they have attended or things they have been involved in including the Downtown Block Party and the Prairie Line Trail steering committee.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

