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Paul Throne  
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem  
**Staff**  
Amy McBride, *Tacoma Arts Administrator*  
Naomi Strom-Avila, *Cultural Arts Specialist*  
Rebecca Solverson, *Public Art Specialist*  
Asia Tail, *Arts Program Coordinator*

# Summary Minutes

## Tacoma Arts Commission

### Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality

### Tacoma Venues & Events

These minutes accompany the recorded meeting of the Tacoma Arts Commission, which is available at [www.cityoftacoma.org/tacagendaminutes](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/tacagendaminutes).

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Date: September 10, 2018  
Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16  
Time: 5:00 pm

*Commission Members in Attendance:*

Mike Sweney, *Chair*  
Heather Conklin, *Vice Chair*  
Rosie Ayala  
Scott Campbell  
Halley Knigge  
Michael Kula  
Paul Throne  
Paula Jacobson  
Liesl Santkuyl  
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

*Staff Present:*

Amy McBride, Arts Administrator  
Naomi Strom-Avila, Cultural Arts Specialist  
Rachel Betron, Tacoma Arts Month Coordinator

*Guests Present:*

Christina Blocker  
Kim Bedier  
Don Lacky

*Commission Members Excused Absence:*

Michelle Douglas  
Johnaye Kendrick  
Wanda Thompson

*Commission Members Un-Excused Absence:*

Quincy Henry

#### **1. Call to Order**

**5:12 pm (00:10)**

**Chair Sweney**

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

#### **2. Chair's Report**

**5:12 pm (00:47)**

**Chair Sweney**

Chair Sweney shared that because there was not yet a quorum present, the consent agenda approval would need to wait. He spoke about recent events regarding Tacoma Creates, introducing Tacoma Creates campaign manager Christina Blocker. He also welcomed Kim Bedier, the director of Tacoma Venues and Events, the department that now oversees the Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality.

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**3. Presentation: Tacoma Creates****5:14 pm (02:46)****Christina Blocker**

Christina Blocker gave an overview of Tacoma Creates and reviewed key talking points. Citizens or organizations are invited to host luncheons and house parties in support of Tacoma Creates and there will be a block party on September 20.

**4. Consent Agenda****5:25 pm (13:32)****Vice Chair Conklin**

Commissioners Kendrick, Douglas, and Thompson had excused absences.

Chair Sweney proposed agenda changes including switching the order of agenda items and adding an action item for the first review of changes to the Percent for Art in the Tacoma Municipal Code.

Vice Chair Conklin asked for a motion to approve the amended consent agenda as well as minutes from the August meeting.

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Paul Throne

Second: Liesl Santkuyl

Motion: Carried

**5. Action Items****A. 2019 Art Projects Guidelines****5:26 pm (14:40)**

Staff shared the funding subcommittee's proposed updates to the Arts Projects funding guidelines and application for this year's funding cycle. Commissioners asked questions and made comments.

Chair Sweney called for a motion to approve the changes.

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Michael Kula

Second: Halley Knigge

Motion: Carried

**B. Percent for Art****5:46 pm (34:20)**

Staff gave an overview of the proposed changes to the Percent for Art policy. The revised code will go to the Tacoma City Council for a vote before it is adopted into the Tacoma Municipal Code.

Commissioners will be asked to vote next month to move the plan forward to council.

Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

There was a motion: "I make a motion to support this direction."

Motion: Liesl Santkuyl

Second: Rosie Ayala

Motion: Carried



**6. Staff Check-In****A. Tacoma Arts Month****5:57 pm (45:30)**

Rachel Betron requested volunteers to assist with the Tacoma Arts Month opening party, and shared updates on the event and additional upcoming Arts Month programming.

**B. Staff Projects Overview and Updates****6:10 pm (58:30)**

Staff shared updates on the following projects: TransFORM, McKinley Artist Lofts, Rebecca Solverson's upcoming return, Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium opening, Chair Sweney and Amy McBride's presentation to the Economic Development Committee, Roni Chelben's Artist in Residence projects, Susan Robb's Artist in Residence projects.

**C. Public Art Updates****6:20 pm (1:08:25)**

Staff shared updates on the following projects: funding programs, East 64<sup>th</sup> Streetscape public art project, Horatio Law's Lincoln streetscape public artworks, the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium's artworks, Eastside Community Center Training Cohort, Billy Ray memorial project, Mauricio Robalino's welcome sculpture, Metro Park's pumphouse mural by Anthony Duenas, Sail Mound finalist selection, Prairie Line Trail historic interpretation artworks installations, Prairie Line Trail Spur mural progress by Kenji Stoll and Nofo Porter, East 40<sup>th</sup> Street project, the Port of Tacoma's centennial artwork.

**7. Report Back****A. Advocacy Reports****6:36 pm (1:24:40)**

There were no reports.

**B. Arts Events Attended****6:37 pm (1:25:00)**

Commissioners shared arts events and venues that they attended, upcoming events, or events they have been involved with including: Fort Nisqually events, Canoe Journey, In the Spirit Festival, Johnaye Kendrick performances, Smokey Wonder at Alma Mater, Welcoming Week.

**C. Future Agenda Items for Consideration****6:40 pm (1:28:50)**

There were no items for consideration.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm**

