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Asia Tail, *Arts Program Coordinator*

# 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](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/tacagendaminutes).

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Date: September 11, 2017

Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

#### *Commission Members in Attendance:*

Mike Sweney, Chair  
Rachel Cardwell, Vice Chair  
Marty Campbell, City Council Liaison  
Scott Campbell  
Heather Conklin  
Kareem Kandi  
Traci Kelly  
Johnaye Kendrick  
Michael Kula  
Donald Lacky  
Paul Throne  
Liesl Santkuyl

#### *Staff Present:*

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

#### *Guests Present:*

Joseph Kloby  
Mary Bowlby  
Paula Jacobson

#### *Commission Members Excused Absence:*

Halley Knigge  
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem  
Wanda Thompson

#### *Commission Members Unexcused Absence:*

Quincy Henry

## 1. Call to Order

5:05 pm (00:13)

Chair Sweney

Chair Sweney noted that there was not a quorum present to officially call the meeting to order but suggested the Commission begin and confirm action items later once a quorum was present. He also recognized that the meeting was held on Indigenous land: the traditional homelands of the Puyallup people.

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**2. Consent Agenda** **5:07 pm (02:00)** **Vice Chair Cardwell**  
Commissioners Knigge, Stenehjelm, and Thompson had excused absences.

Vice Chair Cardwell noted that to approve the consent agenda as well as minutes from the August 14 meeting, the Commission would need to wait till there was a quorum present.

**3. Chair's Report** **5:07 pm (02:30)** **Chair Sweney**  
Chair Sweney noted that it was Patriot's Day and encouraged commissioners to consider the role art can play in social issues.

**4. Discussion/Updates**

**A. Continuous Improvement Update** **5:08 pm (03:12)**  
Staff shared progress on the changes being proposed for the 1% for Art program which was presented on in depth during a previous meeting.

A commissioner then arrived and a quorum was reached (09:26). Chair Sweney proposed a motion to approve the proposed agenda revisions and call the meeting to order.

There was a motion: "Second."

Motion: Mike Sweney

Second: Don Lacky

Motion: Carried

Vice Chair Cardwell asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from last month.

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Mike Sweney

Second: Heather Conklin

Motion: Carried

**5. Action Items**

**A. 2018 Arts Projects Guidelines** **5:16 pm (11:15)**  
Staff proposed some small changes to the Arts Projects guidelines. Commissioners asked questions, discussed, and suggested clarifying wording changes to the Community Impact and Equity & Inclusion sections. Chair Sweney called for a motion to approve the changes.

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Liesl Santkuyl

Second: Heather Conklin

Motion: Carried

Commissioners Throne, Lacky, Kula, and Santkuyl volunteer to be panelists for Arts Projects application review.



**6. Discussion/Updates Continued****B. Valhalla Hall Artwork Update****5:30 pm (25:40)**

Staff shared updates on the two artworks being designed for Valhalla Hall on the Hilltop. Both artists, Matamatanonofu Porter and Chris Spadafore, will present their final designs to the selection panel on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

**C. Candidate Forum on Arts and Culture****5:41 pm (36:25)**

Chair Sweney and Vice Chair Cardwell shared updates on planning a Candidate Forum, and proposed October 16<sup>th</sup> as a new date. They invited other commissioners to join the planning team.

**7. Staff Check-In****A. Overview and Updates****5:46 pm (41:10)**

Staff shared updates on the following projects: Rebecca Solverson's recognition through the 40 Under 40 award; the Transform project (the culture and transportation plan) events on September 21<sup>st</sup> for Thursday Art Walk; the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation's art award exhibition opening during the September Third Thursday at Spaceworks Gallery, Artist in Residence applications, Justin Hahn's memorial and artwork rededication in August; Martha Anderson's retirement and new Arts Office supervision; McKinley Artist Lofts updates; Water Flume Line Trail mural updates; and the People's Community Center mural completion.

**B. Public Art Updates****6:02 pm (57:10)**

Staff shared updates on the following public art projects: the upcoming E.T. memorial sculpture installation; the upcoming Water Flume Line Trail public art installation; South Tacoma artwork installation; Adam Kuby's waterfront artwork installation; the completion of the Eastside Community Center art brief; Lincoln Mini-Grant project updates including a Latinx Festival occurring September 15<sup>th</sup>; and the new Home Court artwork at Bay Terrace.

**C. Tacoma Arts Month – Updates and Sign-Ups****6:25 pm (01:20:45)**

Staff shared that Arts Month promotional materials are now printed and the website is up, and asked Commissioners to assist in distribution. Planning for the Kaleidoscope opening party and the Studio Tour is underway.

Chair Sweney, Vice Chair Cardwell, and Commissioners Campbell, Conklin, Kelly, Kendrick, Knigge, Kula, Lacky, Thompson, Throne, Santkuyl, and Wilmot-Stenehjem have volunteered to assist with Kaleidoscope.

**8. Report Back****A. Advocacy Reports****6:36 pm (01:31:43)**

There were no advocacy reports.



**B. Arts Events Attended**

**6:37 pm (01:32:00)**

Commissioners shared arts events and venues that they attended, upcoming events, or events they have been involved with including: a mid-project TAIP review with Mark Hoppmann; Tacoma Little Theatre's Opening Gala; Hilltop Street Fair; Centro Latino's art show with Mauricio Robalino; and Tacoma Art Museum's still life exhibition opening.

**C. Future Agenda Items for Consideration**

**6:43 pm (01:38:56)**

There were no items noted.

**D. Public Comment**

**6:44 pm (01:39:15)**

Joseph Kloby shared that he is seeking a space and muralists to create a mural in Tacoma to increase awareness on human rights issues and the Baha'i faith.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm**

