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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.cityoftacoma.org/tacagendaminutes.

Date: September 12, 2016
Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16
Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Mike Sweney, Chair
Scott Campbell
Heather Conklin
Kareem Kandi
Johnaye Kendrick
Halley Knigge
Don Lacky
Dane Meyer
Wanda Thompson
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

Staff Present:

Naomi Strom-Avila, Cultural Arts Specialist
Rebecca Solverson, Public Art Specialist

Guests:

Stephanie Stebich

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Rachel Cardwell, Vice Chair
Joel Chang
Traci Kelly
Paul Throne

1. Call to Order **5:04 pm (00:15)** **Chair Sweney**

2. Consent Agenda **5:04 pm (00:30)** **Chair Sweney**

Vice Chair Cardwell and Commissioners Chang, Kelly, and Throne had excused absences.

Chair Sweney asked if there was a motion to approve the consent agenda as well as minutes from the August meeting.

There was a motion: "I so move."

Motion: Wanda Thompson

Second: Don Lacky

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Motion: Carried

3. Chair's Report

5:05 pm (01:25) Chair Sweney

Chair Sweney acknowledged that Stephanie Stebich, Director of Tacoma Art Museum, was in attendance and would be presenting later. He also reminded Commissioners to promote Tacoma Arts Month.

4. Action Items

A. 2017 Arts Projects Guidelines

5:07 pm (03:00)

Changes to the Arts Projects guidelines, including moving to a digital application platform, were proposed. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

There was a motion: "I make a motion that we accept the changes as you have them."

Motion: Dane Meyer

Second: Heather Conklin

Motion: Carried

B. Consideration of Deaccession of Tidal Pool

5:21 pm (017:12)

The artwork Tidal Pool, by Betz Bernhard, created in 1981, was presented for deaccession due to damage beyond repair. A panel comprised of Mike Sweney, Melissa McGinnis, and Jennevieve Schlemmer, met on September 1st to discuss the artwork and recommended deaccession. Their findings were shared with the Commission. Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

There was a motion: "I make a motion to deaccession this artwork from the municipal collection."

Motion: Mike Sweney

Second: Dane Meyer

Motion: Carried with 9 ayes, 1 nay

C. Lincoln District Community Engagement Grants

5:28 pm (0:24:38)

A panel met to review applications for the Lincoln District Creative Community Engagement Grants on September 8th and recommended nine projects for approval by the Commission at a total of \$30,000. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

There was a motion: "I would like to move to accept the slate of projects."

Motion: Wanda Thompson

Second: Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

Motion: Carried

5. Discussion/Updates

A. Artfull Tacoma Workplan

5:43 pm (0:39:14)

Members of the Artfull Tacoma sub-committee, which included Chair Sweney, Vice Chair Cardwell, Commissioners Campbell, Wilmot-Stenehjem, Kelly, and Thompson, discussed their findings during the work plan meeting. The group looked at how to measure success and stay on track with the 5 year art plan.



6. Staff Check In

A. Staff Projects Overview and Updates

5:49 pm (0:45:14)

Commissioners signed up to administer audience surveys during the 4th quarter of the Arts & Economic Prosperity 5 study as follows:

Date	Organization	Event	TAC Volunteers
10/9/16	WILLO (Women's Intergenerational Living Legacy Organization)	WILLO 3rd Annual Storytelling Festival	Dane Meyer
10/11/16	Old Town Business and Professional Assoc.	Classical Tuesdays in Old Town - Loop 2.4.3	Don Lacky
12/04/16	Tacoma Symphony	Sounds of the Season	Mike Sweney, Don Lacky
Date TBD	Puget Sound Revels	The Christmas Revels	Johnaye Kendrick

The People's Community Center mural dedication is on September 24th at 2pm.

B. Tacoma Arts Month

5:57 pm (0:53:00)

October is Tacoma Arts Month and print materials, the #TacomaArts Challenge campaign, street banners, new media sponsorships, and a promotional video are being used to advertise the month. A style guide and toolkit are available on the Arts Month website for all participating venues to utilize as they promote their own events. The Tacoma Studio Tour is October 15th and 16th, and the Tacoma Arts Month Opening Party is September 29th at the Asia Pacific Cultural Center. Chair Sweney and Commissioners Wilmot-Stenehjem, Conklin, Kendrick, Lacky, Campbell, Meyer, Thompson, and Knigge volunteered to assist with the event.

C. Public Art

6:13 pm (1:09:03)

A Prairie Line Trail Public Art and Interpretation call will be coming out soon, and the Eastside Community Center's Call to Artists is currently live.

D. Tacoma Murals Project

6:19 pm (1:15:30)

Five outdoor murals are in progress, and updates on each were shared. All 44 traffic box wraps are installed, with a few boxes needing to be re-done.

7. Report Back

A. Arts & Culture Coalition Updates

6:25 pm (1:21:50)

ACCPC representative Stephanie Stebich gave an update on the Cultural Access Washington project.

B. Advocacy Reports

6:38 pm (01:34:08)

Commissioner Meyer shared that David Boe will be performing on September 17th at 4pm in the Stadium District.



C. Arts Events Attended

6:39 pm (1:35:16)

Commissioners shared events that have attended or been involved with including Tacoma Little Theatre and Assemblage Theater's production of Moby Dick, which was funded through the Commission. The Rotary Youth Exchange is also currently seeking applicants.

D. Future Agenda Items for Consideration

6:41 pm (1:37:01)

There were no items noted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm

