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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](http://www.tacomaculture.org/arts/tac.asp).

**Staff**

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

Date: October 8, 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  
 Sarah Idstrom  
 Don Lacky  
 Bill La Vergne  
 Zach Powers  
 Scott Ramsey  
 Catherine Stegeman  
 Mike Sweney  
 Jana Wennstrom

*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:*

Kevin La Vergne  
 Gabriel Brown

*Commission Members Excused Absence:*

Dane Meyer  
 Wanda Thompson

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| <b>1. Call to Order</b>                                  | <b>5:06 pm (00:01)</b> | <b>Chair Echte</b>      |
| <b>2. Excusal of Absences</b>                            | <b>5:06 pm (00:11)</b> | <b>Vice Chair Kelly</b> |
| Commissioners Thompson and Meyer had an excused absence. |                        |                         |
| <b>3. Approval of Agenda</b>                             | <b>5:06 pm (00:18)</b> | <b>Vice Chair Kelly</b> |

Staff requested that the welcome to CEDD Director Ricardo Noguera be moved on the agenda to when he arrives.

Vice Chair Kelly asked, "Do we have a motion to approve the agenda as amended?"



There was a motion: “I so move.”

Motion: Bill La Vergne

Second: Mike Sweney

Motion: Carried

#### **4. Approval of Minutes**

**5:07 pm (01:00)**

**Vice Chair Kelly**

Vice Chair Kelly asked, “Can I have a motion to approve as presented?”

There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Bill La Vergne

Second: Jana Wennstrom

Motion: Carried

#### **5. Chair’s Report**

**5:07 pm (01:21)**

**Chair Echtle**

Chair Echtle recognized Commissioner La Vergne for his service to the Commission.

#### **6. Welcome to CEDD Director Ricardo Noguera 5:10 pm (04:47)**

Ricardo Noguera talked about his background and experience. He expressed an interest in expanding what is currently underway with Spaceworks to create new opportunities for artists including the creation of affordable live/work spaces.

Commissioners asked a variety of questions.

#### **7. Presentations**

##### **A. Foss Waterway Seaport Public Art**

**5:35 pm (29:00)**

Bret Lyon’s presentation of his public art proposal for the Foss Waterway Seaport will be rescheduled for a future Commission meeting.

##### **8. Staff Check-In**

**5:35 pm (29:13)**

A new public art opportunity for Public Art: In Depth (PA:ID) artists will be released soon for the Hillside Terrace housing redevelopment project. There will also be another PA:ID public art opportunity for the Sector 4 Police Substation. Commissioners Powers and Hall and Vice Chair Kelly volunteered to sit on selection panels for these projects, as needed.

Ms. McBride gave an overview of the proposed 2013-14 budget for the Arts Program. Council members Walker and Campbell noted that, during his presentation to City Council, City Manager Broadnax said he was aware of steep cuts already made to the Arts Program in Phase I reductions to the 2011-12 budget. The proposed 2013-14 budget resets the Arts Program budget back to 2012 levels and then takes about 10% off of that amount. This is consistent with city-wide budget cuts.

Commissioners volunteered to attend the second round of community budget meetings as follows:

- Commissioners Hall and Meyer - **Monday, October 29**, 6 - 8 p.m., Main Library
- Vice Chair Kelly - **Thursday, November 1**, 6 - 8 p.m., Lincoln High School
- Commissioner Ramsey - **Monday, November 5**, 6 - 8 p.m., Center at Norpoint



Lisa Kinoshita will be installing her public art pieces at STAR Center soon.

Chair Echte, Vice Chair Kelly, and Commissioner Ramsey volunteered to attend the opening reception for Fulcrum Gallery's Union Tac show, which was funded through 2012 Arts Projects.

## **9. Action Items**

### **A. Cancellation of November Meeting 5:53 pm (47:39)**

Chair Echte proposed to cancel the November Commission meeting because it falls on Veterans Day.

There was a motion: "I so move."

Motion: Bill La Vergne

Second: Jana Wennstrom

Motion: Carried

### **B. 2013 Arts Projects Guidelines 5:55 pm (49:45)**

Commissioners discussed whether to wait on sending out the 2013 Arts Projects funding application until after the City finalizes a 2013-14 budget, making events that take place in January ineligible to apply, or to send out the application now for events taking place mid-January through the end of 2013 with the caveat that funding is not guaranteed until City Council approves a budget.

Commissioner Brazzell suggested including, "actual contract amounts will be based upon the availability of funds and review of each application as measured against the evaluation criteria" in the guidelines. Ms. McBride suggested including, "no funding is guaranteed until official approval of the budget by Tacoma City Council."

Chair Echte asked for a motion to approve the timeline as presented.

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Jan Brazzell

Second: Sarah Idstrom

Motion: Carried, No votes: Vice Chair Kelly, Commissioner Cardwell

Ms. McBride and Ms. Strom-Avila went through the proposed changes to the 2013 Arts Projects funding guidelines including clarification that funding is not guaranteed, updates to dates, grammatical corrections, and additions to the evaluation criteria. Commissioners discussed whether it is necessary to know total operating expenses for organizations as well as total operating expenses for the proposed program. Past applicants have been confused by these two items. Commissioners Brazzell and Stegeman suggested using the terms "organizational operating budget" and "project budget" to clarify what is being requested.

Chair Echte asked for a motion to approve or reject the changes as presented.

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Jan Brazzell

Second: Zach Powers

Motion: Carried



Chair Echte and Commissioners Sweney, Hall, and Powers volunteered to sit on the Arts Projects panel.

## 10. Discussion

### A. Artist Live/Work Space

**6:41 pm (1:35:20)**

Discussion regarding live/work space was already covered during Mr. Noguera's presentation. There will be future discussions around the topic.

### B. Commission Executive Committee Nominations 6:41 pm (1:35:39)

Chair Echte and Vice Chair Kelly are interested in running for their seats for 2013. Other nominations can be submitted by email to staff before the December meeting. Voting for Chair and Vice Chair positions will happen at the December Commission meeting.

### C. Art at Work Month

**6:43 pm (1:37:00)**

Ms. Strom-Avila distributed Art at Work print materials. Commissioners are in the process of distributing materials around Tacoma. The artatworktacoma.com website has been updated and launched. Art at Work events have been added to local event calendars and various shows on TV Tacoma shows will be featuring arts-related content in November. The Tacoma Studio Tour is happening November 3 & 4 and artists are preparing for the event.

The Art at Work Opening Party and AMOCAT Awards will be on November 1, 6 – 8:30 pm at Tacoma Art Museum. Mayor Strickland will present the AMOCAT Awards. Commissioners volunteered to assist with the Opening Party as follows:

- Set-Up
  - 5:00 – 6:00 pm – Rachel Cardwell, Chad Hall, Don Lacky
- Elevator Entry Welcome Table
  - 5:30 – 6:00 pm – Catherine Stegeman, Mike Sweney
  - 6:00 – 6:30 pm – Catherine Stegeman, Don Lacky
  - 6:30 – 7:00 pm – Jan Brazzell
- Pacific Avenue Entry Welcome Table
  - 5:30 – 6:00 pm – Sarah Idstrom, Rachel Cardwell
  - 6:00 – 6:30 pm – Rachel Cardwell
  - 6:30 – 7:00 pm – Rachel Cardwell
- Mover
  - 6:00 – 6:15 pm – Jana Wennstrom
  - 6:15 – 6:30 pm – Chad Hall
  - 6:30 – 6:45 pm – Zach Powers
  - 6:45 – 7:00 pm – Wanda Thompson
- Meet and Greet
  - 6:00 – 8:30 pm – Robin Echte, Dane Meyer, Scott Ramsey, Jana Wennstrom, Chad Hall
- Usher into Theater
  - 7:05 – 7:15 pm - Jan Brazzell, Wanda Thompson, Scott Ramsey, Zach Powers, Dane Meyer, Jana Wennstrom



- Help with Wrap-up
  - 8:30 – 9:15 pm – Robin Echte, Don Lacky, Chad Hall

**D. Tacoma Murals Project**

**6:52 pm (01:46:20)**

Staff presented images of the Mann neighborhood and Dome District murals, which are now complete. There is one upcoming mural for the Hillside neighborhood.

**11. Report Back**

**A. Arts Events Attended**

**6:58 pm (01:52:48)**

Commissioners shared arts events they have attended or things they have been involved in including Lino Tagliapietra at Museum of Glass, Broadway Center's Fall Free For All, and Tacoma Moon Festival.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm

