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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.

Date: October 8, 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
Michelle Douglas
Quincy Henry
Paula Jacobson
Liesl Santkuyl
Wanda Thompson
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Johnaye Kendrick
Halley Knigge
Michael Kula
Paul Throne

Staff Present:

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

Guests Present:

Rachel Betron
Kim Bedier
Courtenay Chamberlin
Don Lacky
Gail Howard
Sarah Woodson

1. Call to Order

5:07 pm (00:08)

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. Consent Agenda

5:07 pm (00:32)

Vice Chair Conklin

Commissioners Kendrick, Knigge, Kula, and Throne had excused absences.

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

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There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Scott Campbell

Second: Liesl Santkuyl

Motion: Carried

3. Chair’s Report

5:08 pm (01:10)

Chair Sweney

Chair Sweney thanked commissioners for attending Kaleidoscope, the Arts Month opening party, and shared that the Tacoma City Council at their last meeting made the proclamation that October is Tacoma Arts Month. He also reminded commissioners that there are several commission seats opening soon, and encouraged them to spread the word about the opportunity.

4. Action Items

A. Percent for Art Code Update Recommendation

5:11 pm (04:12)

Staff reviewed suggested edits to the Tacoma Municipal Code 1.28B. Changes would impact the General Fund. Staff is waiting to move this revised code request forward to council until after the vote on Tacoma Creates in the fall.

Commissioners discussed, and recommended some edits.

There was a motion: “I move that we accept these proposed changes to the Municipal Art Code plan and deliver it to council when appropriate.”

Motion: Scott Campbell

Second: Michelle Douglas

Motion: Carried

5. Discussion/Updates

A. Commission Executive Committee Nominations

5:31 pm (24:30)

Chair Sweney gave an overview of the duties of the Tacoma Arts Commission Chair and Vice Chair, and asked commissioners to make nominations in advance of the election at next month’s meeting.

Vice Chair Conklin was nominated for Chair.

The next regularly scheduled commission meeting would fall on November 12, which is a federal holiday. Commissioners selected November 13 as the new meeting date.

B. Tacoma Arts Month – Updates and Feedback

5:43 pm (36:55)

Commissioners gave feedback on the opening party, including: entertainment, location, collateral materials, scheduling volunteers at the welcome desk for the last hour of event, diversity of attendees, dance performance locations.



C. Funding Subcommittee Updates**6:01 pm (54:00)**

Staff gave an overview of the recommendations made by the Funding Subcommittee regarding potential changes to current funding programs should Tacoma Creates pass. Subcommittee members shared their thoughts. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

Courtenay Chamberlain, a member of the Pierce County Arts and Culture Coalition, invited commissioners to contact her with questions about Tacoma Creates.

6. Staff Check-In**A. Staff Projects Overview and Updates****6:21 pm (1:14:30)**

Staff shared updates on the following projects: City distributing informational flyer on Tacoma Creates, McKinley Artist Lofts, Port of Tacoma Centennial Project, restoration of Tacoma Dome neon art, Arts Projects application currently out, TAIP artist Collin Veenstra's 'Stop Chicken Me Out' show October 21, Susan Robb's upcoming Link and Drink event October 18, Portable Artworks Purchase extended deadline, East 64th Street.

B. Public Art Updates**6:33 pm (1:26:25)**

Staff shared updates on the following projects: Horatio Law's Lincoln installations, Metro Park's new aquarium, Eastside Community Center opening October 20, Clark Wiegman's Water Flume Line Trail projects, Prairie Line Trail Spur Mural, Nichole Rathburn selected for the Sail Mound project at Dune Peninsula.

7. Report Back**A. Advocacy Reports****6:31 pm (1:34:08)**

There were no reports.

B. Arts Events Attended**6:31 pm (1:34:20)**

Commissioners shared arts events and venues that they attended, upcoming events, or events they have been involved with including: Festival Latinx, YMCA/TAM event, Tacoma Film Festival, the upcoming Studio Tour (commissioners are invited to share any photos taken during Arts Month activities). Staff also shared that KNKX is moving their headquarters to Tacoma's Theatre District.

C. Future Agenda Items for Consideration**6:54 pm (1:47:50)**

There were no items for consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm

