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

**Staff**

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

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Date: October 14, 2013

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  
J.D. Elquist  
Matt Hudgins  
Don Lacky  
Dane Meyer  
Zach Powers  
Mike Sweney  
Wanda Thompson  
Jana Wennstrom

*Staff Present:*

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

*Guests:*

Liza Brown  
Elizabeth Conner

*Commission Members Excused Absence:*

Scott Ramsey  
Catherine Stegeman

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| <b>1. Call to Order</b>       | <b>5:04 pm (00:03)</b> | <b>Chair Echte</b>      |
| <b>2. Excusal of Absences</b> | <b>5:04 pm (00:10)</b> | <b>Vice Chair Kelly</b> |

Commissioners Ramsey and Stegeman had an excused absence.

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| <b>3. Approval of Agenda and Minutes</b> | <b>5:04 pm (00:16)</b> | <b>Vice Chair Kelly</b> |
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- Vice Chair Kelly asked “Do I have a motion to approve either of those things?”

There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Jan Brazzell

Second: Rachel Cardwell

Motion: Carried

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**4. Chair's Report****5:04 pm (00:36)****Chair Echtle**

Commissioners are invited to attend a meeting about Prop 1 on October 17, 6 pm in Council Chambers.

Jan Brazzell was honored by the Business Examiner as a 2013 Woman of Influence.

**5. Staff Check-In****5:06 pm (02:33)**

If funding is secured through JP Morgan Chase, Art Space will provide consulting services in Tacoma to our local developers and do an arts market survey.

The Tacoma Gateway public artists, Sean Orlando and David Schulman, visited Tacoma in September and met with members of the community through two public open houses. Options are being looked at to address recent flooding issues at the site.

The Water Forest has been turned off for the season and consulting is underway to see what it will take to get the two broken towers up and running again and how to address the long-term viability of the artwork.

The quarterly TV show artTown launched and is available for viewing online and on TV Tacoma.

Amy McBride gave a presentation to the Economic Development Committee about the arts. It also included Elizabeth Conner's Green Flash, PC ACE's work, and Spaceworks Tacoma. Council requested a resolution regarding the Warhol flower on the Tacoma Dome.

The City's Neighborhood & Community Services department sent a letter to Lorig, the property owner of the graffiti garages, requesting a plan for addressing nuisance code issues happening in the garages. Lorig does not want to take on liability for the activity going on in the garages and has decided to stop allowing legal graffiti painting in the garages starting November 1. Several options to allow continued use of the space did not pan out. Additional sites for legal graffiti walls are being sought out.

Commissioners volunteered to attend coffee meetings with City Council members as follows:

Robert Thoms - Traci Kelly, Rachel Cardwell  
 Anders Ibsen – Jan Brazzell, Dane Meyer  
 Joe Lonergan – J.D. Elquist, Dane Meyer  
 Marty Campbell - Traci Kelly, Rachel Cardwell  
 Lauren Walker - Mike Sweney, Don Lacky  
 Victoria Woodards - Zach Powers, Wanda Thompson  
 David Boe - Don Lacky, Dane Meyer  
 Ryan Mello - J.D. Elquist, Matt Hudgins  
 Mayor Marilyn Strickland - Robin Echtle, Mike Sweney

**6. Action Items****A. Pacific Avenue Streetscape****5:36 pm (32:28)**

Elizabeth Conner presented on the Pacific Avenue Streetscape project. The Green Flash tiles are completed and will be installed in October. She showed scale samples of the concrete sculptural sphere

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elements that will be installed in the rain gardens and in 5 to 7 sidewalk locations, along with a map of the installation locations. The sculptural elements will be 12” to 42” in diameter. Rain garden sculptures are scheduled to be installed before Thanksgiving. Sidewalk sculptures are scheduled to be installed before the end of January.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions including surface finish, maintenance recommendations, and involvement of local merchants in raising awareness of the project.

Ms. McBride requested a motion “to approve what Elizabeth has proposed.”

There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Mike Sweney

Second: Dane Meyer

Motion: Carried

### **B. Cancellation or Rescheduling of November Meeting 6:06 pm (1:02:50)**

Commissioners discussed whether to cancel or reschedule the November 11 meeting of the Tacoma Arts Commission.

There was a motion: “I’ll move to cancel the November meeting.”

Motion: Jana Wennstrom

Second: Dane Meyer

Motion: Carried

### **C. 2014 Arts Projects Guidelines 6:08 pm (1:04:27)**

Commissioners reviewed the proposed changes to the 2014 Arts Projects funding guidelines including updates to dates, the wording of eligibility criteria, and how the budget sheet is laid out.

Chair Echtle asked for a motion to “accept the guidelines as amended.”

There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Jan Brazzell

Second: Jana Wennstrom

Motion: Carried

Chair Echtle, Vice Chair Kelly, and Commissioners Cardwell, Elquist, Lacky, and Hudgins volunteered to sit on the Arts Projects panel.

## **7. Discussion/Updates**

### **A. Commission Executive Committee Nominations 6:17 pm (1:13:40)**

Commissioners made nominations to the Executive Committee as follows:

Chair – Robin Echtle, Traci Kelly

Vice Chair – Traci Kelly, Zach Powers, Rachel Cardwell, J.D. Elquist



**B. Art at Work Month****6:24 pm (1:20:42)**

Commissioners received copies of printed materials. The following Commissioners volunteered to help distribute Art at Work print materials: J.D. Elquist, Matt Hudgins, Mike Sweney, Don Lacky, Wanda Thompson, Scott Ramsey, Catherine Stegeman, Rachel Cardwell, Dane Meyer, Jan Brazzell, Traci Kelly.

Media sponsorships include KPLU, Tacoma Weekly, Weekly Volcano, and Premier Media Group. Twice weekly email newsletters will start in late October through November.

The Opening Party & AMOCAT Arts Awards will be held on October 28, 6 – 8:30 pm at the Foss Waterway Seaport. Entertainment includes a hands-on project with Diane Hansen, iron pour by Tacoma Community College, take away project with Fab-5, music by Taxi Driver, dance by the BareFoot Collective, poetry by Lucas Smiraldo and two film pieces by Carla Barragan and Kat Ogden. Mayor Strickland and Deputy Mayor Campbell will present the AMOCAT Arts Awards.

Commissioners volunteered to assist with the Art at Work Opening Party as follows:

- Set-Up
  - 4:00 – 6:00 pm – Traci Kelly, Catherine Stegeman, Matt Hudgins
- Welcome Table
  - 5:30 – 6:00 pm – J.D. Elquist, Matt Hudgins
  - 6:00 – 6:30 pm – Traci Kelly, Rachel Cardwell
  - 6:30 – 7:00 pm – Traci Kelly
- Tacoma Locks Assistant
  - 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Robin Echte, Jan Brazzell, Dane Meyer
- Meet and Greet
  - 6:00 – 8:30 pm – Robin Echte, J.D. Elquist, Rachel Cardwell, Matt Hudgins, Don Lacky, Wanda Thompson, Traci Kelly, Zach Powers, Jan Brazzell, Jana Wennstrom, Scott Ramsey
- Usher to seats for awards
  - 7:05 – 7:15 pm – Traci Kelly, Rachel Cardwell, Dane Meyer, Robin Echte, J.D. Elquist, Zach Powers, Scott Ramsey
- Help with Wrap-up
  - 8:30 – 9:30 pm – Matt Hudgins, Don Lacky, Dane Meyer

The Tacoma Studio Tour will be held on November 2 & 3.

**C. Tacoma Murals Project****6:46 pm (01:42:13)**

Commissioners saw images of the 2013 murals to date and asked clarifying questions.

**8. Report Back****A. Landmarks Preservation Commission****6:55 pm (01:51:31)**

Commissioner Elquist reported that the copper roof on the back of Old City Hall is being removed and new roofing laid down to fix a leak. The old copper roofing will be stored.



The structural support for the totem pole will be a metal pole up the back of the totem pole with two clamps that bolt in to the totem pole.

**B. Advocacy Reports**

**6:56 pm (01:52:40)**

Commissioners signed up to attend coffee meetings with City Council members.

**C. Arts Events Attended**

**6:57 pm (01:53:40)**

Commissioner Stegeman recently adopted a baby.

Commissioners shared arts events they had attended or been involved with including Zach Powers' CD release party, the one-year anniversary of Feather & Oar, a fashion show on November 30 at the New Frontier, Broadway Center Free For All, Classical Tuesdays in Old Town, Tacoma Musical Playhouse space re-opening, Tacoma Film Festival, and a memorial for Vicky Winters.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm

