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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*  
 Vyra Saran, *Arts Intern*

Date: November 10, 2014

Location: City of Tacoma Municipal Building North, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

*Commission Members in Attendance:*

Traci Kelly, Chair  
 J.D. Elquist, Vice Chair  
 Jan Brazzell  
 Scott Campbell  
 Joel Chang  
 Matt Hudgins  
 Sarah Idstrom  
 Don Lacky  
 Dane Meyer  
 Catherine Stegeman  
 Mike Sweney  
 Katrina Toft

*City Council Liaison in Attendance:*

David Boe

*Staff Present:*

Amy McBride, Tacoma Arts Administrator  
 Naomi Strom-Avila, Cultural Arts Specialist  
 Vyra Saran, Arts Program Intern

*Guests:*

Lisa Strauss, Heather Conklin, Andy Buelow

*Commission Members Excused Absence:*

Rachel Cardwell  
 Ronald Lagman  
 Wanda Thompson

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| <b>1. Call to Order</b>  | <b>5:05 pm (00:01)</b> | <b>Chair Kelly</b>        |
| <b>2. Consent Agenda</b> | <b>5:05 pm (00:11)</b> | <b>Vice Chair Elquist</b> |
- Commissioners Cardwell, Lagman, and Thompson had excused absences.

Vice Chair Elquist asked if Commissioners had a chance to review the minutes from the last meeting and the agenda for this meeting. There were no objections.

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| <b>3. Chair's Report</b> | <b>5:05 pm (00:35)</b> | <b>Chair Kelly</b> |
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- Chair Kelly thanked Commissioners for representing the Commission during Tacoma Arts Month.



Tacoma Art Museum's new wing will open to the public on November 15.

Broadway Center has invited Commissioners to attend their community input session.

Vice Chair Elquist and Commissioners Brazzell and Stegeman were thanked for their service on the Commission.

#### **4. Action Items**

##### **A. 2015-2016 Funding Allocation**

**5:08 pm (03:37)**

In the 2015-16 biennium, the Commission will have \$395,000 in available funding to redistribute between the Commission's three funding programs. Staff proposed keeping the same distribution as the previous biennium: \$40,000 for Tacoma Artists Initiative Program (TAIP), \$100,000 for Arts Projects (\$50,000 each year), and \$255,000 for Arts Anchor Fund.

Chair Kelly said, "If someone is interested in providing a motion to accept the funding allocation as presented, it would be appreciated."

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Scott Campbell

Second: Mike Sweney

Motion: Carried

##### **B. 2015-2016 Tacoma Artists Initiative Program Guidelines**

**5:10 pm (05:47)**

Commissioners reviewed the proposed edits to the 2015-2016 Tacoma Artists Initiative Program guidelines including updates to dates, formatting, non-discrimination policy, and clarifying language regarding the budget page. Guidelines for the submission of work samples were updated to reflect the same changes made to the work sample section of Arts Projects guidelines as approved by the Commission at their September meeting.

Commissioners discussed and asked clarifying questions.

Chair Kelly said, "It would be good to entertain a motion to approve them as presented or with any suggested alterations."

There was a motion: "I move to accept them as presented."

Motion: Scott Campbell

Second: Dane Meyer

Motion: Carried

##### **C. 2015-2016 Arts Anchor Fund Guidelines**

**5:23 pm (17:11)**

Commissioners reviewed the proposed edits to the 2015-2016 Arts Anchor Fund guidelines including updates to dates, formatting, and non-discrimination policy, as well as the addition of information about quarterly reporting.



Commissioners discussed and asked clarifying questions including keeping consistent language requesting fiscal year vs. calendar year reports, asking applicants to delineate their mission statement at the start of their application narrative, and allowing applicants more flexibility in what they include in the narrative portion of the application by stating “Listed below are possible questions to consider when addressing the three evaluation criteria. You do not need to answer every question as listed, as long as you are fully addressing the criteria.”

Guidelines for the submission of work samples were updated to reflect the same changes made to the work sample section of Arts Projects guidelines as approved by the Commission at their September meeting.

There was a motion: “I move that we accept the amended or edited Anchor Fund application as presented with the two changes - moving the mission statement to the beginning and lining fiscal year for both of those instances that we reviewed.”

Motion: Mike Sweney  
Second: Sarah Idstrom  
Motion: Carried

## **5. Staff Check-In**

**5:42 pm (37:43)**

Chair Kelly and Commissioners Lacky and Toft volunteered to sit on the TAIP panel.

Chair Kelly and Commissioners Idstrom, Lacky, Campbell, and Chang volunteered to sit on the Arts Anchor Fund panel.

Commissioner Thompson has been reappointed to her seat on the Commission. Three new Commission members will begin in January: Kareem Kandi, Heather Conklin, and Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem.

On December 4, 4:30-7 pm, at the Tacoma Post Office Building, Artspace will launch an arts market survey. The event will include a conversation focused on creative space and neighborhood vitality.

A letter of interest has been submitted to ArtPlace for a grant for Spaceworks.

Mayor Strickland will present to the Washington Women’s Foundation on Tacoma’s revitalization through the arts.

Tacoma Housing Authority is developing ‘Hilltop Lofts’, a mixed income housing development.

## **6. Discussion/Updates**

### **A. Commission Executive Committee Nominations**

**5:51 pm (46:38)**

Commissioners made nominations to the Executive Committee as follows:

Chair –Traci Kelly

Vice Chair – Dane Meyer



Additional nominations can be made to staff until the Commission meets again on December 8.

**B. Tacoma Arts Month Recap** **5:55 pm (50:45)**

The Tacoma Arts Month proclamation was shared with Commissioners.

An overview of results from two Tacoma Arts Month surveys was shared. The surveys were sent to Tacoma Studio Tour artists and organizations who submitted Arts Month programming.

Commissioners discussed the Tacoma Arts Month Opening Party. The event was very well attended and the open studios, drumming, fashion show, exhibition, and other programming were well received. Concerns were voiced about crowding entering/exiting Post Hall, difficulty hearing the video in the film screening room, the entrance location for the theater performance, and need for an emcee.

The Metal-Urge Free Community Festival at Tollefson Plaza was well attended.

**C. Tacoma Murals Project** **6:17 pm (1:12:36)**

Commissioners viewed images of the six murals that were created in 2014 as part of the Tacoma Murals Project including a mural by Jeremy Gregory for the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Speed Wash; Chelsea O'Sullivan at S. 11<sup>th</sup> and Sheridan; Chris Sharp for Earthwise Architectural Salvage; Bob Henry, Anthony Duenas, and Daniel Duenas for the Viet My Gift Shop; Janice Lee Warren along Stadium Way; and Mindy Barker for Tahoma Associates.

**7. Report Back**

**A. Landmarks Preservation Commission** **6:21 pm (01:16:20)**

There was no report.

**B. Advocacy Reports** **6:21 pm (01:16:33)**

Commissioners reported about their meetings with Mayor Strickland and Councilmembers Campbell, Mello, Lonergan, Ibsen, and Walker.

Metro Parks Tacoma is considering a 1% for public art policy.

Councilmember Boe asked the Commission to consider how to more closely tie the arts in Tacoma into Tall Ships 2017.

Commissioners attended the second round of Tacoma 2025 community conversations.

**C. Arts Events Attended** **6:36 pm (01:31:49)**

Commissioners shared art events they had attended or have been involved with including Classical Tuesdays in Old Town, Tacoma Concert Band, Tacoma Symphony Orchestra, Grand Cinema, 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of Lino Tagliapietra, and Working Class Theatre NW.

**D. Future Agenda Items for Consideration**

There were no items noted.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm**

