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Naomi Strom-Avila, *Cultural Arts Specialist*

Summary Minutes

Tacoma Arts Commission

Community & Economic Development

These minutes accompany the recorded meeting of the Tacoma Arts Commission, which are available at www.tacomaculture.org/arts/tac.asp.

Date: November 14, 2011

Location: City of Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 246

Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Sarah Idstrom, Chair
Traci Kelly, Vice Chair
Jan Brazzell
Robin Echtele
Antonio Edwards, Jr.
Janice Karroll
Don Lacky
Bill La Vergne
Dane Meyer
Catherine Stegeman
Mike Sweney
Jana Wennstrom

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Rachel Cardwell
Scott Ramsey

Commission Members Unexcused Absence:

Zach Powers

City Council Member Absent:

Lauren Walker
Marty Campbell

Staff Present:

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

Guests:

Dawn Quinn
Elaine Ohm

1. Call to Order

5:07 pm (00:09)

Chair Idstrom

2. Excusal of Absences

5:07 pm (00:14)

Vice Chair Kelly

Commissioners Cardwell and Ramsey had an excused absence.

3. Approval of Minutes and Agenda

5:07 pm (00:34)

Vice Chair Kelly

Amy proposed two additions to the agenda:

Action Item: Public Art at 9th & Broadway

Discussion Item: Arts EnviroChallenger Program

Vice Chair Kelly asked: "Is there a motion for the acceptance of the minutes and adjusted agenda?"



There was a motion: “I’ll make that motion.”

Motion: Dane Meyer

Second: Robin Echte

Motion: Carried

4. Chair’s Report

5:08 pm (01:37)

Chair Idstrom

Chair Idstrom reported that she had received a Proclamation from City Council on Nov 1 declaring November to be Art at Work Month in Tacoma.

Commissioners discussed holding a non-business meeting for Commission members on Dec 12.

5. Staff Check-In

5:11 pm (04:44)

Jan Brazzell has been reappointed to her position on the Arts Commission. Dawn Quinn has been appointed to fill Jan Karroll’s expiring seat.

Shunpike has selected six local arts groups for their Tacoma Cohort. Groups include Squeak & Squawk Music Festival, Write@253, The Warehouse, Asia Pacific Cultural Center, Post Defiance, and D.A.S.H. Center for the Arts.

6. Action Item

A. Arts Commission Executive Committee Nominations

5:16 pm (9:18)

Chair Idstrom nominated Robin Echte for Chair.

Chair Idstrom nominated Traci Kelly for Vice Chair.

B. Public Art at 9th & Broadway

5:20 pm (13:16)

Commissioners discussed the possibility of relocating several of the Doug Granum stone pieces installed along 9th and Broadway to make room for a permanent holiday tree to be possibly sited outside the Pantages Theater. Commissioners reviewed images submitted by Council Member Boe of the proposed location and pieces that would be affected.

Commissioners voiced the need to take into consideration the intention of the artist with the current placement of the series of pieces, the artist’s thoughts about the proposed resiting, that each stone needs to be considered as one part of a whole piece/composition, and that VARA laws need to be checked on to make sure moving pieces won’t violate the artist’s rights.

Amy McBride proposed the motion: “I will write a paragraph of history and context for this piece that will talk about it as part of the Theater District, part of the masks and banners. The Arts Commission is concerned about the Visual Artists Rights Act, ensuring that we protect the City from any potential litigation from moving the piece without making appropriate contact with the artist.”

Motion: Bill La Vergne

Second: Mike Sweney

Motion: Carried



7. Discussion Items

A. Warhol for the Tacoma Dome 5:48 pm (41:42)

In follow-up to the recent Tacoma News Tribune article, Amy McBride presented the concept of putting Andy Warhol's *Flower for the Tacoma Dome* on the Tacoma Dome and the history of the Warhol piece. Commissioners discussed and viewed mock-up images of the concept.

B. Art at Work Month 6:04 (57:36)

Naomi Strom-Avila gave a brief overview of the Arts Symposium on November 19 & 20.

Commissioners discussed and gave feedback about the Art at Work Opening Party, Studio Tours, and Prairie Line Trail Public Art Tour. Commissioners discussed need for more media coverage of events.

C. Arts & Economic Prosperity Study Update 6:22 (1:15:51)

Naomi Strom-Avila gave a brief overview of the year-long survey progress.

D. Arts EnviroChallenger 6:25 (1:18:16)

Amy McBride reminded the Commission that Solid Waste proposed fulfilling their 1% for Art requirement by developing an arts component to EnviroChallenger. The Commission previously approved moving forward with the Arts EnviroChallenger program.

Currently, the City is partnering with Arts Impact to develop and present a visual arts focused Arts EnviroChallenger pilot program in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Meredith Essex, the teaching artist who will be leading this pilot program, will be working with 18 participating classrooms and will visit each classroom 3 – 5 times.

The next step is to present the program to the Environmental Public Works sub-committee. Commissioners discussed the program and asked questions.

E. Budget Update 6:37 (1:30:20)

Amy McBride informed the Commission about the current \$31 million budget gap in the City's General Fund and that Council is looking at a \$23 million (75%) adjustment to fill that gap. Council is looking at staff reductions and other budget cuts.

Commissioners discussed the possible cuts and ways to continue advocating for the arts.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

