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Amy McBride, *Tacoma Arts Administrator*  
Chevi Chung, *Community Programs Specialist*  
Lisa Jaret, *Tacoma Creates Program Manager*  
Rebecca Solverson, *Public Art Specialist*  
Naomi Strom-Avila, *Funding & Cultural Programs Manager*  
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](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/tacagendaminutes).

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Date: December 9, 2019

Location: 747 Market Street, Room 248

Time: 5:00 pm

#### *Commission Members in Attendance:*

Heather Conklin, *Chair*  
Rosie Ayala, *Vice Chair*  
Heide Fernandez-Llamazares  
Davis Freeman  
Anna Holcomb  
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Paula Jacobson  
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James Stowe  
Wanda Thompson  
Paul Throne  
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#### *Staff Present:*

Amy McBride, Tacoma Arts Administrator  
Naomi Strom-Avila, Funding & Cultural Programs Manager  
Rebecca Solverson, Public Art Specialist  
Chevi Chung, Community Programs Specialist

#### *Guests Present:*

Don Lacky  
Adam Cook  
Ben Maestas

#### *Commission Members Excused Absence:*

Michelle Douglas

### 1. Call to Order

**5:05 pm (00:15) Chair Conklin**

Chair Conklin called the meeting to order and recognized that the meeting was held on Indigenous land: the traditional homelands of the Puyallup people.





Centro Latino SER Jobs for Progress	Latin Arts and Youth Expressions	\$3,000
Chinese Reconciliation Project Foundation	Tacoma Moon Festival	\$3,000
Destiny City Film Festival	2020 Destiny City Film Festival	\$3,000
Fab-5	Black Artists Meetup + Showcase	\$6,000
Greentrike (Children's Museum of Tacoma)	Art Sparks	\$3,000
Hilltop Artists in Residence	Bringing glass art education to public audiences in Tacoma	\$6,000
King's Bookstore LLC	Tacoma Wayzgoose: Letterpress and Book Arts Extravaganza	\$3,000
KnownFor Solutions	Wandering Locals: Eight Neighborhoods. One tour. On a bike.	\$3,000
Latinx Unidos Del South Sound	Festival Latinx 2020	\$3,000
McKinley Hill Street Fair	McKinley Hill Street Fair	\$6,000
Metropolitan Glass, Inc.	The Monkeyshine Project	\$3,000
PCAF (Pierce County AIDS Foundation)	World AIDS Day Condom Couture	\$3,000
Puget Sound Book Artists	SeniorsWriteTacoma	\$3,000
Queer Life	History of Female Impersonation on Stage	\$3,000
Refugee Choir Project	Tacoma Refugee Choir Performance Featuring South Cape Children's Choir	\$3,000
Tacoma Art Museum	SOULstice Festival	\$3,000
Tacoma Arts Live	Community Engagement in Professional Regional Theater	\$3,000
Tacoma Ocean Fest	Tacoma Ocean Fest 2020	\$3,000
Tacoma Urban Performing Arts Center, T.U.P.A.C.	Harriet: The Black Swan	\$6,000
Tacoma Youth Symphony Association	Season Finales: 2019-20 Season	\$3,000
Ted Brown Music Outreach	Live It OutLoud 2020	\$3,000
Washington State Historical Society	In the Spirit 2020	\$3,000
Write253	Louder Than a Bomb-Tacoma Teen Poetry Festival	\$3,000

There was a motion: "I move that we approve these recommendations."

Motion: Paul Throne

Second: James Stowe

Motion: Carried



**b. Panel Stipend Policy**

**5:18 pm (13:10)**

Staff shared the proposed policy and rates for compensation for community panelists serving on selection committees for funding, public art, and other Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality opportunities. The new policy will be implemented immediately.

Commissioners discussed, asked questions, and provided feedback.

There was a motion: "I make a motion to approve."

Motion: Liesl Santkuyl

Second: Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem

Motion: Carried

**c. Panelist Demographics Survey**

**5:27 pm (22:20)**

Staff shared the proposed demographics survey questions that will be updated on all applications and asked of panelists serving on selection committees.

Commissioners discussed, asked questions, and provided feedback.

There was a motion: "I make a motion to adopt the panelist demographic survey as a working document, modifying as necessary."

Motion: Wanda Thompson

Second: Heather Conklin

Motion: Carried

**5. Staff Check In**

**a. Tacoma Creates**

**5:48 pm (43:10)**

Staff presented an overview of Tacoma Creates updates: City Council passed the Tacoma Creates ordinance into law, funding initiating soon, free ORCA bus passes to all Tacoma Public School high school students, call for Tacoma Creates advisory board members launching, new ELO after-school programs selected for early 2020.

**b. Staff Projects Overview and Updates / Public Art Updates**

**6:10 pm (1:05:20)**

Staff shared updates on the following projects: Susan Zoccola's pieces along the Thea Foss waterway are being installed next week, Sun King sculpture will be temporarily moved while Environmental Services completes work on the site, RYAN! Feddersen's artwork along the Prairie Line Trail was vandalized and will be repaired.

**6. Report Back**

**a. Advocacy Reports**

**6:12 pm (1:07:02)**

There were no updates.



**b. Funded Project Updates/Arts Events Attended**

**6:12 pm (1:07:02)**

Commissioners shared arts events and venues that they attended, upcoming events, or events they have been involved with including: Sasha LaPointe's reading at UWT.

**c. Future Agenda Items for Consideration**

**6:14 pm (01:09:00)**

There were no updates.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:14 pm**

