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: 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
Johnaye Kendrick
Paula Jacobson
Michael Kula
Liesl Santkuyl
James Stowe
Wanda Thompson
Paul Throne
Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem
Sarah Woodson

Commission Members Excused Absence:
Michelle Douglas

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

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.
We gratefully acknowledge that we rest on the traditional lands of the Puyallup People where they make their home and speak the Lushootseed language.

2. Consent Agenda
   5:05 pm (00:30) Chair Conklin
   Commissioner Douglas had an excused absence.
   
   Chair Conklin asked for a motion to approve the agenda, as well as minutes from the November meeting.
   
   There was a motion: “I so move.”
   Motion: Sarah Woodson
   Second: Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem
   Motion: Carried

3. Chair’s Report
   5:06 pm (01:15) Chair Conklin
   Chair Conklin recognized the commissioners whose terms were ending – Davis Freeman, Liesl Santkuyl, Johnaye Kendrick, and Paul Throne. New commissioners Elizabeth Pew, Ben Maestas, and Olivia Allison will begin their terms at the next meeting. Another person will be selected and appointed in early 2020.

4. Action Items
   a. 2020 Arts Projects Funding Recommendations
      5:07 pm (02:52)
      Staff presented the 2020 Arts Projects funding recommendations. Twenty-seven of the 48 applications received were recommended for funding. Commissioners who served on the panel discussed their experience and how the $96,000 was distributed. Commissioners shared their experiences on the panel, discussed, and asked questions. The following funding recommendations were proposed:

<pre><code>  | Organization                                           | Project Title                                           | Recommended |
  |--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
  | 9th and 10th Horse Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers Museum     | Story time - The Journey of the Buffalo Soldiers         | $3,000      |
  | Asia Pacific Cultural Center                           | 22nd Annual Asia Pacific New Year Celebration featuring Vietnam | $6,000      |
  | Barefoot Collective                                   | Expanding Modern Dance Communities                      | $3,000      |
  | Bates Technical College                                | Family Paint Nights                                     | $3,000      |
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<td>Season Finales: 2019-20 Season</td>
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<td>Write253</td>
<td>Louder Than a Bomb-Tacoma Teen Poetry Festival</td>
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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*