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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.tacomaculture.org/arts/tac.asp.

Staff

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

Date: December 10, 2012

Location: City of Tacoma Municipal Building North, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

Traci Kelly, *Vice Chair*
Chad Hall
Sarah Idstrom
Don Lacky
Dane Meyer
Zach Powers
Catherine Stegeman
Mike Sweny
Wanda Thompson
Jana Wennstrom

Commission Members Unexcused Absence:

Scott Ramsey

City Council Member in Attendance:

Lauren Walker

Staff Present:

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

Public in Attendance:

Bret Lyon
Diane Hansen
J.D. Elquist
Lisa Kinoshita

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Robin Echte, *Chair*
Jan Brazzell
Rachel Cardwell

1. Call to Order **5:05 pm (00:01)** **Vice Chair Kelly**

2. Excusal of Absences **5:05 pm (00:31)** **Vice Chair Kelly**

Chair Echte and Commissioners Brazzell and Cardwell had an excused absence.

3. Approval of Agenda and Minutes **5:05 pm (00:38)** **Vice Chair Kelly**

Vice Chair Kelly asked, "Do I have a motion to approve them as put forward?"

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Mike Sweny

Second: Don Lacky

Motion: Carried



4. Chair's Report**5:06 pm (01:00)****Vice Chair Kelly**

Vice Chair Kelly read the Art at Work Month proclamation from Tacoma City Council. Commissioner Idstrom was recognized for her years of service to the Commission. J.D. Elquist and Matt Hudgins will be appointed to the Commission on December 11, 2012.

5. Staff Check-In**5:09 pm (4:33)**

Amy McBride shared public art articles about Tacoma from the Public Art Review.

On November 26, Lisa Kinoshita and Ms. McBride presented Ms. Kinoshita's public art piece titled *Sempervivum* to the Metro Parks board. The Board presented them with a proclamation.

Third Thursday Art Walk is being rebranded as Art Mingle and will launch on January 17, 2013

Yuki Nakamura was selected for the Hillside Terrace housing development public art project. This project is in partnership with the Tacoma Housing Authority and was a Public Art: In Depth public art opportunity.

Spaceworks Tacoma was awarded a \$25,000 grant from Americans for the Arts and Ovation TV. Spaceworks is strengthening their partnership with the Chamber of Commerce who will now be the leasing agent, provide liability insurance, and be a 501(c)3 umbrella for the program.

Vice Chair Kelly gave an overview of the live/work space panel that Arts Leadership Lab arranged. The panel included Cathryn Vandenbrink from Artspace, Ben Ferguson from BLRB, Sharon Winters from Historic Tacoma, and artist Nicholas Nyland.

Staff has an application out, through the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation, to J.P. Morgan Chase to fund an Artspace feasibility study on live/work space in Tacoma.

Commissioners Stegeman and Lacky volunteered to jury a Rainier League of Arts show.

6. Presentations**A. Foss Waterway Seaport Public Art****5:27 pm (22:09)**

Bret Lyon presented his public art proposal for the Foss Waterway Seaport. Mr. Lyon was selected for the project through a competitive process as part of the Public Art: In Depth training program.

Mr. Lyon gave background information on the history of the Seaport and presented images of the proposed sculptural piece, which will be created from lumber reclaimed from an old warehouse near the site.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions including how to deal with protecting the outdoor wood from the elements and how to deal with potential vandalism.

Fabrication of the piece can start as soon as Mr. Lyon and Arts Program staff meet with the interim director of the Seaport.

7. Action Items**A. 2013-14 Funding Allocation****5:42 pm (37:22)**

Commissioners discussed how to divide the \$395,000 in funding available to redistribute between the Commission's three funding programs. Staff proposed \$40,000 for Tacoma Artists Initiative Program (TAIP), \$100,000 for Arts Projects, and \$255,000 for Arts Anchor Fund.

There was a motion: "I move that we approve staff recommendation realignment of redistribution of funds for these projects."

Motion: Mike Sweney

Second: Catherine Stegeman

Motion: Carried

Commissioners discussed changing the funding range for Arts Anchor Fund from \$12,000 - \$30,000 per biennium to \$20,000 - \$40,000 per biennium.

There was a motion: "I would motion that we accept the proposal on the range - the \$20,000 - \$40,000 per biennium range - for Anchor Fund."

Motion: Dane Meyer

Second: Jana Wennstrom

Motion: Carried

Commissioners discussed the pros and cons of changing TAIP funding from a range of \$1,000 - \$5,000 to a flat \$2,500 funding amount.

There was a motion: "I'll make a motion to accept staff recommendation that we shift the Tacoma Artists Initiative Program to a flat fee \$2,500 award."

Motion: Mike Sweney

Second: Dane Meyer

Motion: Carried. Opposed: Don Lacky, Zach Powers

B. 2013-14 TAIP Guidelines

6:19 pm (01:14:52)

Ms. McBride and Naomi Strom-Avila went through the proposed changes to the 2013-14 TAIP funding guidelines including additions to the evaluation criteria, simplifications to the project budget form, and changes to reflect the \$2,500 flat funding award. A funding workshop will be held on January 9. Application deadline is February 11. Commissioners discussed the proposed changes.

There was a motion: "I'd like to make a motion that we approve the guideline changes."

Motion: Dane Meyer

Second: Zach Powers

Motion: Carried



C. 2013-14 Arts Anchor Fund Guidelines **6:26 pm (01:21:00)**

Ms. McBride and Ms. Strom-Avila went through the proposed changes to the 2013-14 Arts Anchor Fund guidelines including increasing the range of funding to \$20,000 - \$40,000, allowing 5 pages at 1.5 line spacing for the application narrative, streamlining the application narrative, and adding evaluation criteria. Commissioners discussed the proposed changes.

There was a motion: "I move that we accept these changes."

Motion: Catherine Stegeman

Second: Jana Wennstrom

Motion: Carried

Vice Chair Kelly and Commissioners Thompson, Lacky, and Sweny volunteered to sit on the TAIP panel.

Commissioners Meyer, Hall, Thompson, and Lacky volunteered to sit on the Arts Anchor Fund panel.

D. Commission Executive Committee Election **6:39 pm (01:34:31)**

Commissioners voted for the 2013 Executive Committee.

The votes for Chair were tallied as follows: Robin Echte – 10 votes

The votes for Vice Chair were tallied as follows: Traci Kelly – 10 votes

8. Discussion/Updates**A. City Budget Update** **6:42 pm (01:37:55)**

Ms. McBride gave an overview of the recently approved Arts Program budget. \$395,000 is allocated for redistribution through the Commission's three funding programs, \$160,000 is allocated for arts maintenance, and the balance is for Spaceworks Tacoma, Tacoma Murals Project, Tacoma Poet Laureate, Art at Work Month and other miscellaneous programming. Arts Program staffing will remain the same.

Councilmember Fey secured \$50,000 for joint marketing of cultural organizations.

The Tacoma-Pierce County Convention and Visitor's Bureau is setting up a joint cultural pass.

B. Art at Work Month Recap **6:47 pm (01:42:00)**

Ms. Strom-Avila shared some general statistics from the Tacoma Studio Tour. Commissioners discussed their overall impressions of Art at Work Month and events they attended. Commissioners discussed the City of Tacoma budget meetings they attended.

9. Report Back**A. Arts Events Attended** **6:57 pm (01:52:28)**

Commissioners shared arts events they have attended including Tacoma Little Theatre, Tacoma Concert Band, Broadway Center's Cathedral series, and a reading by TAIP funded artist Jason Skipper.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

