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# Summary Minutes

## Tacoma Arts Commission

### Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality

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*  
 Rebecca Solverson, *Public Art Specialist*  
 Asia Tail, *Arts Program Coordinator*

Date: December 11, 2017

Location: 728 St. Helens, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

*Commission Members in Attendance:*

Mike Sweney, Chair  
 Marty Campbell, City Council Liaison  
 Scott Campbell  
 Heather Conklin  
 Kareem Kandi  
 Traci Kelly  
 Johnaye Kendrick  
 Halley Knigge  
 Michael Kula  
 Liesl Santkuyl  
 Wanda Thompson  
 Paul Throne

*Staff Present:*

Amy McBride, Arts Administrator  
 Naomi Strom-Avila, Cultural Arts Specialist  
 Rebecca Solverson, Public Art Specialist  
 Asia Tail, Arts Program Coordinator

*Guests Present:*

David Fischer  
 Scott Painter

*Commission Members Excused Absence:*

Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem  
 Donald Lacky

*Commission Members Unexcused Absence:*

Quincy Henry

**1. Call to Order****5:04 pm (00:17)****Chair Sweney**

Chair Sweney called the meeting to order, recognizing that the meeting was held on Indigenous land: the traditional homelands of the Puyallup people.

**2. Consent Agenda****5:04 pm (00:40)****Vice Chair Conklin**

Commissioners Wilmot-Stenehjem and Lacky had excused absences.

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Vice Chair Conklin asked if there was a motion to approve the consent agenda as well as minutes from the November meeting.

There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Traci Kelly

Second: Wanda Thompson

Motion: Carried

### 3. Chair’s Report

5:05 pm (01:27)

Chair Sweney

Chair Sweney acknowledged the service provided by Councilmember Campbell, and Commissioners Kandi and Lacky, who are now leaving the City Council and Tacoma Arts Commission respectively. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

### 4. Action Items

#### A. 2018 Arts Projects Funding Recommendations

5:13 pm (08:53)

Staff presented the 2018 Arts Projects funding recommendations. 19 of the 28 applications received were recommended for funding. Commissioners who served on the panel discussed their experience and how the \$50,000 was distributed. Councilmember Campbell and commissioners discussed and asked questions. The following projects were recommended for funding:

Organization	Recommended Funding
Asia Pacific Cultural Center	\$5,000.00
Barefoot Collective	\$1,800.00
Broadway Center for the Performing Arts	\$3,000.00
Centro Latino, SER	\$1,250.00
Chùa Phước Huệ's Volunteer Team	\$3,000.00
Fort Nisqually Foundation	\$1,750.00
Groundswell Arts Collective	\$1,250.00
Hilltop Business Association	\$3,000.00
King's Bookstore	\$1,250.00
Latinx Unidos of the South Sound	\$3,500.00
Metropolitan Glass, Inc.	\$3,000.00
Northwest Repertory Singers	\$2,000.00
Orchestral Recital Series of Tacoma	\$1,250.00
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	\$4,000.00
Tacoma Concert Band	\$1,750.00
Tacoma Refugee Choir	\$3,500.00
Tacoma Urban Performing Arts Center, T.U.P.A.C.	\$3,500.00
Washington State Historical Society	\$3,000.00
Write253	\$3,200.00



Chair Sweney called for a motion to accept the funding recommendations as presented.

There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Traci Kelly

Second: Scott Campbell

Motion: Carried

### **B. Theater District Artwork Re-siting**

**5:30 pm (26:23)**

David Fischer presented on the renovation of the Pantages Theater and the need to relocate the artwork *Collection of Rock Sculptures* by Doug Granum, which is currently located at the entrance of the theater. Working with architects at BCRA, the artwork will be strategically reconfigured and re-sited in locations both in front of the Pantages and Theater on the Square as well as down the street to anchor the expanding Theater District as far north as 7th street.

Chair Sweney asked that a motion be made to support the Broadway Center in its plans for formalizing its designs that include moving artworks from the Municipal Collection, in concert with the Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality and the artist.

There was a motion: “So moved.”

Motion: Paul Throne

Second: Traci Kelly

Motion: Carried

## **5. Discussion/Updates**

### **A. Cultural Access and Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality Strategies**

**5:49 pm (44:36)**

Staff provided an update on the progress being made on the Cultural Access Washington initiative, including two upcoming events: an organizational workshop on January 9<sup>th</sup> and community conversation on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioners Thompson, Campbell, and Sweney volunteered to help.

### **B. Awards and Recognition Subcommittee**

**5:59 pm (54:39)**

Chair Sweney asked for volunteers for a subcommittee to discuss recognition awards for community members, as proposed in the last meeting. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

Commissioners Knigge, Thompson, and Campbell volunteered.

## **6. Staff Check-In**

### **A. Overview and Updates**

**6:05 pm (01:00:00)**

Staff shared updates on the following: Ricardo Noguera is no longer the Director of the Community and Economic Development Department which oversees the Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality, three new arts commissioners will be appointed soon. Councilmember Campbell shared some background information on the appointment process.



**B. Public Art Updates****6:14 pm (01:10:09)**

Staff shared updates on the following public art projects: there will be approximately 40 more traffic box wraps installed in 2018, applications are currently being accepted for the Outdoor Sculpture Project for the Eastside Community Center, Mt. Tahoma High School is partnering with artist Clark Wiegman on a bird house art project for Oak Tree Park, and other projects are ongoing.

**7. Report Back****A. Advocacy Reports****6:19 pm (01:15:00)**

Commissioner Throne did a Tacoma Artists Initiative Program mid-project check-in visit with musician Travis Barker.

**B. Arts Events Attended****6:20 pm (01:16:33)**

Commissioners shared arts events and venues that they attended, upcoming events, or events they have been involved with including: the Dia de los Muertos festival at TAM, the Sounds of the Season concert, a local high school jazz concert, Spaceworks Gallery's most recent exhibition, and the Tacoma is for Lovers art market.

**C. Future Agenda Items for Consideration****6:22 pm (01:18:50)**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm**

