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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.

Staff

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

Date: December 12, 2011
Location: City of Tacoma Municipal Building North, Room 16
Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

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

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Scott Ramsey

City Council Member Absent:

Lauren Walker
Marty Campbell

Staff Present:

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

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| 1. Call to Order | 5:03 pm (00:02) | Chair Idstrom |
| 2. Excusal of Absences | 5:03 pm (00:13) | Vice Chair Kelly |
| Commissioner Ramsey had an excused absence. | | |
| 3. Approval of Minutes and Agenda | 5:03 pm (00:21) | Vice Chair Kelly |
| Motion: Bill La Vergne | | |
| Second: Jana Wennstrom | | |
| Motion: Carried | | |
| 4. Chair's Report | 5:03 pm (00:39) | Chair Idstrom |
| There was nothing to report. | | |
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5. Staff Check-In**5:03 pm (00:49)**

Chair Idstrom and Vice Chair Kelly were thanked for their service to the Commission.

Commissioner Cardwell volunteered to meet with Sharon Styer for her TAIP mid-project meeting.

6. Action Items**A. Arts Commission Executive Committee Voting 5:05 pm (2:52)**

Commissioners voted for the 2012 Executive Committee, whose terms will begin January 2012.

The votes for Chair were tallied as follows: Robin Echte – 13 votes

The votes for Vice Chair were tallied as follows: Traci Kelly – 13 votes

B. Arts Projects Funding Recommendations 5:09 pm (6:12)

The Arts Projects review panel's funding recommendations were presented to the Commission. The panel recommended funding 22 applicants. The panelists were asked to consider total funding in a range of \$35,000 - \$45,000. The exact amount each organization will be funded, if at all, will be determined after City Council approves a final budget. Commissioners discussed ways to explain the ambiguity of funding amounts to the applicants. Funding within the \$35,000 - \$45,000 range would look like this:

Organization	Funding Recommendation at \$45,000	Funding Recommendation at \$35,000
Fab-5	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,176.45
King's Bookstore	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,470.60
6th Ave Business District	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,117.65
Asia Pacific Cultural Center	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,117.65
Children's Museum of Tacoma	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,117.65
DASH Center for the Arts	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,117.65
Fort Nisqually Foundation	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,117.65
Metropolitan Glass (umbrella for Monkeyshines Project 2012)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,117.65
Second City Chamber Series	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,117.65
Washington State Historical Society	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,117.65
Tacoma Concert Band	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,411.75
Bqdanza	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Fulcrum Gallery	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Local Life (umbrella for Downtown Block Party)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Normanna Male Chorus	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Old Town Business and Professional Assoc. (umbrella for Classical Tuesdays in Old Town)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Proctor District Association	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Puget Sound Poetry Connection	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Tacoma City Ballet	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Tacoma Dance Collective	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Tacoma Little Theatre (Footloose)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Third Thursday Artwalk Association (umbrella for ART Bus)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00



A total of 34 applications were received, requesting a total of \$139,539. Panel members gave an overview of particular applications in question.

There was a motion: "I make a motion to accept the recommendations."

Motion: Mike Sweney

Second: Jana Wennstrom

Motion: Carried

7. Discussion Items

A. Budget Update

5:46 (43:50)

Amy McBride informed the Commission about the current known status of the city's budget as it relates to the Arts Program. The Arts Program will be cut by \$150,000 with money coming from public art maintenance, Art at Work printed materials, and contractors. Naomi Strom-Avila's position will be reduced by 30% starting January 6, 2012. \$25,000 in funding for a work study internship will be cut.

B. Art at Work Month Wrap-up

5:59 (56:49)

Naomi Strom-Avila gave a brief overview of the Arts Symposium. Commissioners discussed how to bring in more Tacoma artists to the Arts Symposium and the need to assess why many of our local artists are not attending.

Commissioners voiced their concern about a lack of coverage of Art at Work Month by local print media and discussed ways to address this.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm

