

Creative Community Conversations: Tacoma Creates May 30, 2018 Discussion Summary

BENEFITS OF TACOMA CREATES

For Artists

- More venues
- Networking opportunities and mentorships
- Economic advantages through common marketing and resources to make art a livelihood

For Tacoma

- Expansion of artistic opportunities, enriching family connections and the lives of seniors, youth, and veterans
- Education on importance of arts
- Economic opportunity through festivals and public art increasing Tacoma's desirability for tourism and business

For Youth

- Mentorships
- Access to in/after school art programs for under-resourced populations who have not previously had access to arts education
- Young Artist Committee on Arts Commission

Increase of Arts

- Expanding community perception of arts
- Increase opportunities to bring art to people
- Diverse opportunities for art, for diverse groups of people

CONCERNS ABOUT TACOMA CREATES

Communication/Details

- Hearing from those who will be impacted-youth, artists, telling stories
- What is meant by science and heritage and how is that implemented?
- Getting information to the public in as many ways as possible
- Engagement, access

Inclusive

- Language is a barrier
- Opportunities for everyone-different communities, different backgrounds, different organizations, different levels of artistic experience
- Listening to what people want, engagement instead of just putting programs

Legislative Logistics

- Transparency
- Clear writing, requirements, and measurements for success
- Plan for passing, including mapping and communicating stakeholder benefits and responses to objections

Artistic Community

- Artists involved in the decision-making process
- Raising the value of art
- Access for all artists/arts
- Increase ability for artists to expand their reach within the community

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