



SUMMARY MINUTES

Tacoma Creates Advisory Board (TCAB)

Date: Monday, February 1, 2021
Time: 5:30-7:30 pm
Location: Virtually via Zoom

These minutes accompany the recorded meeting of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, which is available at <https://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=195545>.

Tacoma Creates is administered by the City of Tacoma’s Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality, which is part of the Tacoma Venues and Events department.

Board Members in Attendance:

Putter Bert
Sheree Cooks
Amanda Figueroa, Vice Chair
Jason Gamboa
Roxane Hreha
Michael “Tony” Hudson
Connar Mon (tardy)
Dominica Myers (tardy)
Liesl Santkuyl
Davon White, Chair

Staff Present:

Lisa Jaret
Clarissa Gines
Naomi Strom-Avila
Kim Bedier
Tammi Bryant

Board Members Absent:

Kenya Adams (excused)
Megan Clark

1. Call to Order; Roll Call

Chair White

Tacoma Creates Advisory Board Chair Davon White called the TCAB meeting to order at 5:31pm.

He started the meeting with a land acknowledgement:

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gʷəl ʔutxʷəlšucidəbs həlgʷəʔ.

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

Chair White also shared an acknowledgement for Black History Month.

2. Warm-up / Check-ins **TCAB Members, Staff**

Chair White and Vice Chair Amanda Figueroa facilitated the check-in prompt, which was a mindful drawing exercise, done while listening to Tacoma native Will Jordan’s song, “Hold On To Me.” TCAB members were invited to share what elements of the song inspired their drawings.

3. Program Updates **Lisa Jaret, Clarissa Gines**

Lisa Jaret announced the news about application guidelines being released, and shared some details about the Comprehensive Organizational Support and Impact Funding applications. Clarissa Gines shared information about the application workshops that are available, as well as information about fiscal sponsors, and how Tacoma Creates staff have connected with a number of organizations who could potentially serve in these roles.

Lisa also covered Tacoma Creates eligibility for interested applicants, and encouraged TCAB members to do outreach to encourage potential applicants, as well as community members to serve as panelists for the upcoming application panels. She also walked through the funding panel timeline, and reminded TCAB members that two members will need to sit on each funding panel. Several members expressed interest.

4. TCAB Meetings/Operations **Chair White and Vice Chair Figueroa**

Chair White grounded everyone in the TCAB roles and responsibilities, as listed in the Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC). Vice Chair Figueroa facilitated a brainstorming session, asking the group “what does success look like in the first year of TCAB,” specifically in the various areas of responsibilities that are listed in the TMC. Members engaged in the process, and shared feedback, which will help inform the TCAB leadership team on future meeting agenda items, subcommittees, etc.

Chair White also reminded the group that a number of subcommittees will need to be formed.

5. OACV Staff Reports **Naomi Strom-Avila**

Naomi Strom-Avila shared information about some projects that OACV manages, and highlighted of two public art projects that were recently installed, along with some upcoming community events organized by OACV fundees.

6. Closing Comments

TCAB Members, Staff

Lisa shared with the group that TCAB members may ask staff for complimentary tickets to Tacoma Creates supported events.

7. Adjourn

Chair White

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Meeting Frequency: Every First Monday of every month at 5:30pm, venue to be determined based on health regulations. All meetings of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board are open to the public. Written comments are welcome to be submitted in advance of each meeting.



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