



SUMMARY MINUTES

Tacoma Creates Advisory Board (TCAB)

Date: Monday, February 6, 2023

Time: 5:30-7:30 pm

Location: Virtual and in-person

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:

Sophia Agtarap
Putter Bert
Allison Campbell
Megan Clark
Amanda Figueroa
Katie Mattran
Naomi O'Connor
Roxane Hreha
Brian Robinson
Chase Williams

Staff Present:

Lisa Jaret
Clarissa Gines
Jeff Robinson

Absent:

Sheree Cooks

1. Call to Order; Roll Call

Vice Chair Bert

Vice Chair Bert called the TCAB meeting to order at 5:30pm.

She started the meeting with a land acknowledgement:

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

2. Warm-up / Check-ins

TCAB Members

Vice Chair Bert welcomed new Youth member Ellana Meas and invited folks to give a brief introduction. Everyone was also invited to also respond to the check-in prompt, which was to share a cultural learning experience from their own K-12 experience.

3. Consent Agenda

Vice Chair Bert

Co-Vice Chair Robinson asked for a motion to approve the February 6th meeting agenda, as well as the minutes from the January 12th meeting.

There was a motion, "...to approve the agenda, as well as the minutes from the previous meeting."

Motion: Amanda Figueroa

Seconded: Katie Mattran

Motion: Carried

4. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Chair Cooks

Vice Chair Bert provided an opportunity for attendees to share public comment. There were no public comments made at this time.

5. Program Updates

Staff

Lisa Jaret shared the Metro Parks Tacoma award that Tacoma Creates staff received for the Beyond the Bell / Club Beyond partnership and other work that connects cultural organizations and Metro Parks spaces. She also noted that the 21-22 Annual Report has now been translated into Spanish, and was shared with community partners, and posted online.

Clarissa Gines then announced that the new 2023-24 guidelines and applications have been released and shared via the Tacoma Creates newsletter and social media channels. She also provided information on upcoming application workshops, as well as funding panel details.

Lisa introduced a new standing agenda item covering the Tacoma Creates renewal process, and also covered an overview of the Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality, to help provide context and understanding for TCAB.

6. TCAB Committees & Operations

Vice Chair Bert

Vice Chair Bert announced panel and committee assignments, which were based off TCAB member survey responses. Lisa then shared an update around the Committees, Boards, and Commissions application process, which included the introduction of some new questions that will be included in the application.

7. Discussion Topic – Youth Education Programs

TCAB Members / Staff

Lisa led the discussion around how Tacoma Creates is supporting youth education work – first providing a review of the different types of youth education programming, what’s required of funded organizations in this realm of work, and how they can participate. Then, she offered the space for TCAB members to engage in discussion on what is possible within youth education work and asked folks why they believe this work matters. The discussion was engaging, and lots of feedback and input was shared.

8. OACV Staff Reports

Staff

Clarissa Gines provided information on the Tacoma Mall Area Art Plan call for art planners, and the upcoming Tacoma Poet Laureate Pass the Torch event.

9. Closing Comments

Vice Chair Bert, TCAB Members

Vice Chair Bert offered space for TCAB members to share back any experiences they had with Tacoma Creates-supported organizations. TCAB members Roxane Hreha, Brian Robinson, and Allison Campbell shared their experiences with various Tacoma Creates-supported events that they attended.

10. Adjourn

Vice Chair Bert

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm.

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.



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