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Summary Minutes

Tacoma Arts Commission

Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality

Tacoma Venues and Events Department



Special Meeting

Date: May 22, 2021

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Virtual

Commission Members in Attendance:

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City Staff Present:

Amy McBride
Chevi Chung
Naomi Strom-Avila
Rebecca Solverson
Lisa Jaret

1. Call to Order

(10:00)

Chair Ayala called the meeting to order. Chair Ayala recognized that the meeting was held on Indigenous land: the traditional homelands of the Puyallup people.

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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. Consent Agenda

(10:01)

There were no absences.

Vice Chair Maestas asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda.

Motion: Carried

3. Introduction (10:02)

Chair Ayala and Vice Chair Maestas welcomed everyone and shared that the purpose of the retreat was to team build and to develop a stronger understanding of the Commission's work.

4. Public Comment on Agenda Items (10:07)

There were no public comments on agenda items.

5. Icebreaker (10:10)

Each Commissioner and staff took turns sharing an item, image, audio, or video of a favorite piece of art, and why it is significant to them.

6. Small Group Teambuilding Discussions (10:40)

Commissioners and staff broke in to groups to learn more about each other, discover things they have in common, and ways in which they are unique.

7. Tacoma Arts Commission Programs Trivia (11:20)

Commissioners broke in to three teams and competed in a Jeopardy-style trivia game led by staff. The intent of the game was to learn more about the Commission's work with the following trivia categories: Public Art, City Councilmembers and District, Arts Programming, and Grab Bag (randomized category with a variety of topics), and the final question about the Commission seat designations.

8. Adjourn (12:00)

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