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Summary Minutes

Tacoma Arts Commission

Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality
Community & Economic Development Dept.

Date: September 12, 2022

Time: 5:00 pm Location: Virtual

These minutes accompany the recorded meeting of

the Tacoma Arts Commission,

which is available at

www.cityoftacoma.org/tacagendaminutes.

Commission Members in Attendance: City St

Benjamin Maestas III, Chair Olivia Samuel, Vice Chair

Jasmine Brown
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Commission Members Excused Absence:

Heide Fernandez-Llamazares

Jeanette Sanchez

City Staff Present:

Amy McBride Chevi Chung

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Naomi Strom-Avila Rebecca Solverson

Lisa Jaret

Guest Presenters:

Suzanne Skaar

1. Call to Order 5:04 pm (00:15)

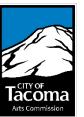
Chair Maestas called the meeting to order. Chair Maestas recognized that the meeting was held on Indigenous land: the traditional homelands of the Puyallup people.

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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 (00:32)

Commissioners Fernandez-Llamazares and Sanchez had excused absences.



Vice Chair Samuel asked for a motion to approve the September meeting agenda as well as the minutes from the August meeting.

There was a motion: "I motion that we approved the consent agenda and last month's minutes."

Motion: Commissioner Conklin Second: Commissioner Scott

Motion: Carried

3. Chair's Report/Housekeeping

(02:20)

Chair Maestas and staff gave an update on the move to hybrid Tacoma Arts Commission meetings starting in October.

4. Public Comment on Agenda Items

(12:45)

There were no comments on agenda items.

5. Presentations (13:48)

a. Fundee Highlight

Staff introduced Suzanne Skaar, Tacoma Artists Initiative Program (TAIP) funded artist, and shared a video created by Suzanne. Suzanne shared about her research and the development of her TAIP funded project. She will be sharing her work at Kaleidoscope, the Tacoma Arts Month opening party on October 5 to gather input from community members and potentially record voices to incorporate into the game. There was a discussion about Suzanne's project.

6. Discussion/Updates

a. Tacoma Arts Month Updates and Sign-ups

(34:20)

Staff gave an update about Tacoma Arts Month materials and signups to distribute posters, tri-fold flyers, and brochures in the community. Staff gave an update about the Kaleidoscope opening party activities and performances, and signups for volunteers to help with setup on October 4, and before, during, and after the party on October 5.

b. Arts & Economic Prosperity Study

(47:32)

Staff gave an update about the Arts & Economic Prosperity (AEP) study, thanked Commissioners for volunteering with the audience surveys, and gave an update about compiling a list of all arts and culture organizations in Tacoma. The list will be used to inform the organizational survey portion of the study, which will happen in early 2023.

c. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Subcommittee

(49:00)

Commissioner Stump gave an update about the subcommittee's work in reviewing and providing input on sections of the 2023 Community Arts Projects funding guidelines.

7. Action Items

a. 2023 Community Arts Projects Funding Guidelines

(50:09)

Staff shared the 2023 Community Arts Projects funding guidelines and went over the main content updates including clarification of eligibility, funding priorities, and Evaluation Criteria. There was a discussion about adding in language to encourage compensation of artists for their time. Staff will work on updating the guidelines to include such language.

There was a motion: "With the exception of allowing Naomi to provide a little bit more language around artist opportunities, whether it is financial or exchange of services, but I make a motion to move forward with the funding requirements."

Motion: Vice Chair Samuel Second: Chair Maestas

Motion: Carried

b. Funding Distribution for 2023-2024

(1:24:22)

Staff gave an update about the funding distribution for the 2023-2024 biennium including background of the funding cycle and the role of the Tacoma Arts Commission in deciding how to distribute available funding between Community Arts Projects and Tacoma Artists Initiative Program funding programs. With an estimated \$300,000 available for distribution, staff proposed funding as follows:

Funding Program	2023	2024
Tacoma Artists Initiative Program (24%)	\$72,000	
Community Arts Projects (76%)	\$114,000	\$114,000

There was a discussion about funding distribution.

There was a motion: "I move to accept the staff's recommendation for the funding distribution for 2023-

2024."

Motion: Chair Ben

Second: Commissioner Scott

Motion: Carried

8. Staff Check-In

a. Staff Projects Overview and Updates

(1:39:53)

Staff gave an update about the official announcement and recruiting for eight open seats on the Tacoma Arts Commission. Staff gave an update about professional development for the Tacoma Artists Hangout with Artist Trust in October and Marketing for Creatives part II with Miriam Works in November.

b. Public Art Updates

(1:43:38)

Staff gave an update about the McKinley Neighborhood Fair, storm drain stencils, Black Lives Matter mural project, and the reinstallation of the Sun King.

c. Tacoma Creates (1:47:47)

There were no Tacoma Creates updates.

9. Report Back

a. Advocacy Reports (1:48:00)

There were no advocacy reports.

b. Funded Project Updates/Arts Events Attended

(1:48:12)

There were no funded project updates and arts events attended.

c. Future Agenda Items for Consideration

(1:48:26)

There were no future agenda items for consideration.

10. Adjourn 6:53 pm (1:48:41)

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