Summary Minutes

 Tacoma Arts Commission
 Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality
 Tacoma Venues and Events Department

Date: May 10, 2021
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.

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There were no absences.

Vice Chair Maestas asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda as well as the minutes from the April 12 meeting.

There was a motion: “I so move.”
Motion: Commissioner Woodson
Seconded: Commissioner Conklin
Motion: Carried

3. Chair’s Report/Housekeeping
Chair Ayala acknowledged Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Mexican Mother’s Day, Mother’s Day, and then led a check-in with Commissioners. Chair Ayala reminded the Arts Commission about the upcoming Landmarks Preservation Commission meeting on May 12 and about the Arts Commission retreat on May 22.

4. Public Comment on Agenda Items
There were no public comments on agenda items.

5. Action Items
   a. Cancelation of July meeting
      Chair Ayala and staff discussed cancelation of the July Arts Commission meeting.

      There was a motion: “I make a motion that we vote to cancel our July Tacoma Arts Commission meeting.”

      Motion: Chair Ayala
      Second: Commissioner Conklin
      Motion: Carried

   b. Updating Municipal Art Collection Deaccession, Accession, and Gift Policies
      Staff gave an update about the Municipal Art Program Policies specifically the Deaccession Policy, Accession Policy, Artist Eligibility and Selection Process, and Gift Policy. Staff is interested in assembling an ad-hoc sub-committee to work with the DEI sub-committee to review and approve updates to these policies.

      There was a motion: “I motion that we set up a sub-committee to support the review of the Municipal Art Collection, Deaccession, Accession, and Gift Policies.”

      Motion: Chair Ayala
      Second: Commissioner Kula
      Motion: Carried

      Commissioners Allison, Brown, Conklin, Fernandez-Llamazares, Holcomb, Kula, and Stump volunteered to sit on the subcommittee.

6. Discussion/Updates
   a. ‘Council Coffee’ Meeting Feedback
      Commissioners Sanchez, Pew, and Holcomb met with Councilmember Hines and gave an update about their meeting. Commissioners Scott and Villeda gave updates about their meeting with Mayor Woodards.
      Commissioner Kula and Vice Chair Maestas gave an update about their meeting with Councilmember Thoms.
Commissioner Holcomb gave an update about her meeting with Deputy Mayor Blocker. Commissioners Woodson and Brown gave an update about their meeting with Councilmember Ushka. Chair Ayala and Commissioner Fernandez-Llamazares gave an update about their meeting with Councilmember Hunter.

b. **AMOCAT Arts Awards**

Staff gave an update about the AMOCAT Arts Awards and how, for the 2021 AMOCAT Arts Awards, the Tacoma Arts Month sub-committee would like to honor community members and take a community recognition approach rather than nominating single entities for their work during 2020.

There was a motion: “I make a motion that we proceed with, for one year only, focusing on more of a community celebration instead of acknowledging individual groups of people with the AMOCAT Awards.”

Motion: Commissioner Fernandez-Llamazares
Second: Commissioner Stowe
Motion: Carried

c. **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Subcommittee**

Vice Chair Maestas gave an update about the sub-committee meeting and how Colemon & Associates will be visiting the next subcommittee meeting and leading the Tacoma Arts Commission retreat in June. Chair Ayala and Vice Chair Maestas reminded everyone to read the Cultural New Deal with the work of the Arts Commission in mind.

7. **Staff Check-In**

a. **Staff Projects Overview and Updates**

Staff gave an update about the upcoming retreat sessions in May and June and the Tacoma Artists Initiative Program (TAIP). Staff gave an update about Community Arts Projects funding projects in progress and upcoming projects from Barefoot Collective and Tacoma Refugee Choir. Staff gave an update about the first set of Professional Development workshops with Rainbow Center later in May and then a new set of workshops from Spaceworks in July. Staff gave an update about Lydia K. Valentine, the 2021-2023 Tacoma Poet Laureate, and her upcoming poetry at the City of Destiny Awards on June 26. Staff gave an update on Tacoma Arts Month, the website redesign, and a potential venue for the Tacoma Studio Tour.

b. **Public Art Updates**

Staff gave an update about the Lushootseed yard signs designed by artists Anthony Duenas, Paige Pettibon, and Shaun Peterson and their distribution in partnership with the Tacoma Public Library. Staff gave an update about looking at ways to collaborate with the Puyallup Tribe to create new art works. Staff gave an update about the Black Lives Matter mural collaboration with the Human Rights Commission, Tacoma Art Museum, and Tacoma Arts Commission. Staff gave an update about murals on and around Park Plaza North, one of the parking structures in downtown Tacoma, as well as the maintenance status of the Welcome Figure and conservation review of work for this year.

c. **Tacoma Creates**

The Tacoma Creates Advisory Board approved the funding panel’s recommendation to distribute approximately $3 million in funding in Comprehensive Organizational Support to 18 organizations, supporting programming happening from July 2021 – June 2022. The Impact Funding panel is currently meeting to review funding applications.
8. **Report Back**

   a. **Advocacy Reports**
      
      There were no advocacy reports.

   b. **Funded Project Updates/Arts Events Attended**
      
      Commissioner Allison shared about picking up her Lushootseed yard sign and attending the Small Business Owner’s virtual event.

   c. **Future Agenda Items for Consideration**
      
      There were no items for consideration

9. **Adjourn**

   7:00 (01:55:35)

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