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Summary Minutes

Tacoma Arts Commission

Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality

Community & Economic Development Dept.



Date: October 10, 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:

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City Staff Present:

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

Guest Presenters:

Elizabeth Rudrud

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Wade Neal

Commission Members Unexcused Absence:

Elizabeth Pew
Jamika Scott

1. Call to Order

5:09 pm (00:012)

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

(00:033)

Commissioner Neal had an excused absence.

Vice Chair Samuel asked for a motion to approve the October 10, 2022, agenda as well as the minutes from the September 12, 2022, meeting.

There was a motion: "So moved."

Motion: Commissioner Conklin

Second: Commissioner Villeda

Motion: Carried

3. Chair's Report/Housekeeping (01:16)

Chair Maestas gave an update about cultural and heritage months as well as Tacoma Arts Month and led a check-in discussion on how Commissioners are doing and things they have been involved in.

4. Public Comment on Agenda (06:38)

There were no public comments on agenda items.

5. Presentations (07:30)

a. Fundee Highlight: Elizabeth Rudrud, Fort Nisqually Foundation

Staff introduced Elizabeth Rudrud, Event and Volunteer Coordinator at Fort Nisqually Living History Museum. Elizabeth gave an update about the history of the Fort Nisqually Living History Museum and its mission to engage a diverse regional audience with Puget Sound's first globally connected settlement through historic preservation, experiential learning, and interpretation. Elizabeth shared about the Indigenous Voices podcast series the organization is producing. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

6. Discussion/Updates

a. Commission Executive Committee Nominations (36:12)

Staff gave an overview of the Tacoma Arts Commission's Executive Committee Chair and Vice Chair positions and how Commissioners will vote on who should fill these positions at the November Commission meeting. Staff, Chair Maestas, and Vice Chair Samuel provided an overview of the position duties. Commissioners discussed and Commissioners Sanchez and Stump were nominated at the meeting. Commissioners were invited to submit additional nominations to staff by October 31. Staff will check with all nominees to determine if they want to be considered for the position(s).

b. Tacoma Arts Month – Updates and Feedback (55:12)

Staff gave an update about Kaleidoscope, the Tacoma Studio Tour, and Arts at the Armory. The application deadline for Arts at the Armory is October 23, 2022. Commissioners provided feedback about Kaleidoscope.

c. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Subcommittee (1:04:55)

Commissioner Sanchez gave an update about the subcommittee's work in reviewing and providing input on a new statement to include in the Municipal Art Collection Gift Donation form.

d. Municipal Art Collection Gift Donation Form Updates (1:05:53)

Staff presented the following draft wording to include in the Municipal Art Collection Gift Donation form: "The Tacoma Arts Commission is committed to anti-racism and equity in developing, managing and stewarding the Municipal Art Collection and seeks to reverse historical inequities and imbalances in resource allocation when considering artworks to be included in the Municipal Art Collection."

Commissioners discussed and provided suggested language updates to clarify intention and scope of the statement. The Diversity, Equity & Inclusion subcommittee will be invited to review and provide further edits to the statement before the Commission is asked to vote on adopting a final statement.

7. Staff Check-In

a. Staff Projects Overview and Updates

(1:30:47)

Staff gave an update about Community Arts Project funding including the funding application workshop and the review panel. Staff gave an update about upcoming professional development workshops including Artists Trust's Tacoma Artists Hangout on October 26 and Sharing Your Story with Miriam Works on November 10. Staff gave an update about the latest episode of artTown, which is currently available to view.

b. Public Art Updates

(1:33:51)

Staff gave an update about the Black Lives Matter (BLM) mural dedication event, which was held on Oct. 7 with project lead artist Dionne Bonner, the project artists, and community leaders. Staff gave an update about the Storm Drain murals 48th & Pacific Ave, Center & Durango, and 25th & D Street. Staff gave an update about the McKinley neighborhood planning process for murals in temporary bulb outs along the street. Staff gave an update about the Wishing Tree by Teruko Nimura on October 29 at the Madison School playground. Staff gave an update about the re-installation of the Sun King. Commissioners asked questions.

c. Tacoma Creates

(1:43:27)

Staff gave an update about the Tacoma Creates Annual Report.

8. Report Back

a. Advocacy Reports

(1:44:51)

There were no items.

b. Funded Project Updates/Arts Events Attended

(1:44:59)

Vice Chair Samuel gave an update about using the Equity Index in her work. Commissioner Villeda gave an update about using the Equity Index for a student project presentation. Commissioner Conklin gave an update about working with Tacoma Arts Live on visual arts. Commissioner Williams and staff gave an update about NW Sinfonietta's Cityscapes concert.

c. Future Agenda Items for Consideration

(1:50:06)

There were no items.

9. Adjourn

6:59 pm (1:50:14)

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