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Traci Kelly  
Donald Lacky  
Bill La Vergne  
Janet Matzke  
Dane Meyer  
Jacqueline Peterson  
Mike Sweney  
Jana Wennstrom

# Summary Minutes

## Tacoma Arts Commission

### Community & Economic Development

These minutes accompany the recorded minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission meeting which are available at [www.tacomaculture.org/arts/tac.asp](http://www.tacomaculture.org/arts/tac.asp).

**Staff**

Amy McBride, *Tacoma Arts Administrator*  
Naomi Strom-Avila, *Cultural Arts Specialist*

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Date: November 9, 2009

Location: City of Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

*Commission Members in Attendance:*

Robin Echtle, Chair  
Sarah Idstrom, Vice-Chair  
Antonio Edwards, Jr.  
Janice Karroll  
Traci Kelly  
Don Lacky  
Janet Matzke  
Dane Meyer  
Jacqueline Peterson  
Jana Wennstrom

*Staff Present*

Amy McBride, Tacoma Arts Administrator  
Naomi Strom-Avila, Cultural Arts Specialist

*Guests Present:*

Lynn Di Nino

*City Council Member Absent:*

Julie Anderson  
Lauren Walker

*Commission Members Excused Absence:*

Jan Brazzell  
Rachel Cardwell  
Bill La Vergne  
Michael Reynolds  
Mike Sweney

<b>1. Call to Order</b>	<b>5:05 pm (00:38)</b>	<b>Chair Echtle</b>
<b>2. Excusal of Absences</b>	<b>5:05 pm (00:42)</b>	<b>Vice Chair Idstrom</b>

Commissioners Brazzell, Cardwell, La Vergne, Sweney and Reynolds had an excused absence.

<b>3. Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>5:06 pm (01:02)</b>	<b>Vice Chair Idstrom</b>
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Motion: Don Lacky

Second: Jackie Peterson

Motion: Carried

**4. Approval of Agenda** **5:07 pm (02:33)** **Vice Chair Idstrom**

The agenda was revised to reflect the meeting date of November 9.

Motion: Janet Matzke

Second: Jackie Peterson

Motion: Carried

**5. Chair's Report:** **5:08 pm (03:04)** **Chair Echtle**

Michael Reynolds submitted his resignation from the Arts Commission.

New Commissioners Jana Wennstrom, Dane Meyer, and Antonio Edwards, Jr. introduced themselves. The remaining Commissioners introduced themselves.

Commissioners discussed a holiday gathering following the December 14 Commission meeting.

**6. Staff Check-In** **5:19 pm (14:50)**

The Tacoma Arts Commission has a new Facebook page.

Amy is leading one of the City of Tacoma's Safe and Clean initiative teams which is working to reduce graffiti through community based art projects. Commissioners Matzke and Edwards voiced an interest in being involved.

Arts Projects funding applications have been distributed and the funding workshop took place on November 6. Commissioners Echtle, Karroll, Matzke, and Meyer signed up to sit on the review panel.

**7. Action Items**

**A. Nominations for 2010 Arts Commission** **5:31 pm (26:17)**

Chair Echtle and Vice Chair Idstrom volunteered to serve as Chair and Vice Chair (respectively) of the Commission in 2010. There were no other nominations.

**B. Anchor Fund Discussion** **5:33 pm (28:02)**

Commissioners discussed the Anchor Fund program and what it means to be an "anchor" organization. "Diversity of art forms" was added to the list of definitions already created by the Anchor Fund Guidelines Committee.

Commissioners discussed whether or not the program should be an entitlement program. They discussed the option of having a few excellence awards on top of regular funding. They also discussed the option of inviting representatives from applicant organizations to answer questions from the review panel. Commissioners ranked how they felt the Anchor Fund applications should be evaluated on the following scale (a star denotes a vote by Arts Commissioners and staff on the scale):

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Eligibility	Evaluative	Competitive
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### **C. Public Art Review Process Discussion** **6:15 pm (1:10:10)**

Commissioners discussed the option of having a public art subcommittee to review public art and then bring the discussion back to the Arts Commission for review, discussion and voting.

Commissioner Sweney has volunteered to chair the subcommittee.

Amy McBride proposed that the Commission “Move to work toward developing a public art subcommittee to come back to this body with a draft of what it could look like and how it could possibly operate.”

There was a motion: “I would so move to that language including accepting the offer from Mike Sweney to chair the first one.”

Motion: Jan Karroll

Second: Janet Matzke

Motion: Passed

## **8. Reports**

### **A. Art at Work** **6:21 pm (1:16:32)**

Naomi gave a preview of the Arts Symposium and Art Slam events. Commissioners volunteered to assist with Art at Work programming as follows:

#### **Arts Symposium Set-up**

14-Nov Mike Sweney, Traci Kelly

15-Nov Sarah Idstrom

#### **Arts Symposium Registration Tables**

14-Nov 8:30 - 9:30 am Traci Kelly, Dane Meyer

14-Nov 9:30 am - 1 pm Traci Kelly

14-Nov 1 - 5:15 pm Antonio Edwards, Jr.

15-Nov 10:00 am - 12:30 pm Sarah Idstrom

15-Nov 12:30 – 3:15 pm Jackie Peterson, Jan Karroll

#### **Arts Symposium Session Introductions**

14-Nov 9:00 AM Introduce Copyright session Jan Brazzell

14-Nov 11:45 AM Introduce Fundraising session Jan Brazzell  
Introduce Gallery Relationship

14-Nov 2:00 PM session Mike Sweney

14-Nov 3:45 PM Introduce Getting a STart in Public Art session Antonio Edwards, Jr.  
Introduce Surviving & Thriving

15-Nov 11:00 AM in Turbulent Times session Sarah Idstrom

15-Nov 11:30 AM Introduce Artist Spotlight: Bill La Vergne

Robert Horner session

15-Nov	1:15 PM	Introduce Beyond the Elevator Speech session	Jan Karroll
15-Nov	1:15 PM	Introduce Creating Effective Work Samples session	Jackie Peterson

### **Art Slam Set-up**

18-Nov 5:00 - 6:30 pm Sarah Idstrom, Jan Karroll, Dane Meyer

### **Art Slam Registration Table**

18-Nov 6:30 – 7:10 pm Robin Echte, Jan Karroll, Jana Wennstrom, Dane Meyer

### **Art Slam Meet & Greet**

18-Nov 6:30 - 7 pm, 8 - 9 pm Robin Echte, Sarah Idstrom, Bill La Vergne, Mike Sweney,  
Antonio Edwards, Jr., Traci Kelly, Don Lacky, Janet Matzke

Commissioners gave feedback about the Art at Work Opening Party and the Studio Tours.

### **B. Coffee with Council Members Report Back 6:38 pm (1:33:38)**

Commissioner Karroll noted that when she and Commissioner Peterson met with Spiro Manthou in August, he noted that the Commission should not look for extra money from the Council next biennium but that he would try to ensure that the budget was not reduced either.

Commissioner Lacky noted that, in his meeting with the Mayor in August, the Mayor encouraged Commissioners to keep in contact with new Council members.

Staff will set up introductory meetings with newly elected Council members.

### **9. Good of the Order 6:43 pm (1:38:07)**

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm