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Minutes

Tacoma Arts Commission Community & Economic Development

Staff

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

Date: December 8, 2008

Location: City of Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 16

Time: 5:00 pm

Commission Members in Attendance:

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Margaret Payne, Vice-Chair
Jan Brazzell
Rachel Cardwell
Robin Echte
Sarah Idstrom
Janice Karroll
Traci Kelly
Don Lacky
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Staff Present

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

Guests Present:

Judy Durkin
Nathan George

City Council Member Present:

Julie Anderson

City Council Member Absent:

Jake Fey

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Bill La Vergne
Janet Matzke
Mike Sweney

1. Call to Order

5:03 pm

Chair Hill

2. Excusal of Absences

5:04 pm

Vice Chair Payne

Commissioners La Vergne, Matzke, Sweney had an excused absence.

3. Approval of Agenda **5:04 pm** **Vice Chair Payne**

Motion: Jackie Peterson

Second: Traci Kelly

There was a friendly amendment to add Funding Allocations to the agenda as the first action item.

Motion: Carried

4. Approval of Minutes **5:05 pm** **Vice Chair Payne**

Motion: Jan Brazzell

Second: Rachel Cardwell

Motion: Carried

5. Chair's Report: **5:05 pm** **Chair Hill**

Chair Hill voiced his pleasure in serving as Chair of the Commission in 2008.

6. Staff Check-In **5:06 pm**

The Commission and staff thanked Chair Hill and Vice Chair Payne for their service to the Commission.

Sound Transit is installing public artwork by Ilan Averbuch at the South Tacoma Sounder station.

Americans for the Arts is hosting a webinar called The Qualities of Quality: Excellence in Art Education and How to Achieve It. The Commission and interested community members are invited to participating in the seminar in the Visibility Center of the Municipal Building on December 17 at 11 am.

7. Action Items

A. Funding Allocations **5:10 pm**

The City Council's budget for 2009-2010 has not been finalized yet but, because funding programs are now in play, it is recommended that the Commission make funding allocation recommendations based on the assumption that funding levels will remain consistent with the last biennium.

Commissioners discussed the options of increasing TAIP funding, the implications of reducing funding for Anchor Fund organizations, and keeping funding levels as they are currently set.

Based on a projected budget of \$405,000 for the 2009-2010 biennium, the Commission recommended that funding be allocated as follows:

TAIP	\$45,000
Arts Projects 2009	\$50,000
Arts Projects 2010	\$45,000
Anchor Fund	\$265,000

There was a motion:

“I will move that we leave the dispersment allocations as was used in the 2007 – 2008 biennium.”

Motion: Rachel Cardwell

Second: Margaret Payne

Motion: Carried

B. Arts Projects Recommendations**5:22 pm**

Commissioner Echtle presented the Arts Projects funding recommendations for 2009. The panel recommended funding 20 organizations a total of \$50,000. There were 13 organizations that were not recommended for funding, 2 applications of which were ineligible and 1 application of which was received post-deadline.

The panel made a concerted effort to ensure that the projects recommended for funding cover all disciplines in the arts and service all areas of Tacoma. Panel members paid particular attention to projects in which art isn't the primary focus of the event. They also discussed organizations who continue to apply for Arts Projects funding each year without searching for other innovative sources of funding; the panel felt that those organizations need to be encouraged to search out other funding sources.

Funding recommendations are as follows:

Organization	Recommended
Asia Pacific Cultural Center	\$ 3,000.00
Monkeyshines Project	\$ 2,500.00
D.A.S.H. Center for the Arts	\$ 4,000.00
Roosevelt Dancers	\$ 3,500.00
Fab-5	\$ 4,000.00
Exquisite Disarray Press	\$ 4,000.00
Tacoma Concert Band	\$ 4,000.00
the Barefoot Collective	\$ 4,000.00
Second City Chamber Series	\$ 3,500.00
King's Books	\$ 3,000.00
Puget Sound Poetry Connection	\$ 1,500.00
Victory Music	\$ 3,000.00
Grater Tacoma Community Foundation (for Tacoma Art Place)	\$ 3,000.00
Northwest Repertory Singers	\$ 1,000.00
Tacoma Farmers Market	\$ 1,000.00
Shakespeare in the Parking Lot Theatre Company	\$ 1,000.00
Pierce County AIDS Foundation	\$ 1,000.00
Old Town Business and Professional Association	\$ 1,000.00
Northwest Playwrights Alliance	\$ 1,000.00
SoJust	\$ 1,000.00
Proctor Farmers' Market	\$ -
Stadium Historic Business District Association	\$ -
The Links Incorporated, Tacoma Chapter	\$ -
Martin Luther King Housing Development Association	\$ -
The Helm	\$ -
Metropolitan Ballet of Tacoma	\$ -

Action Dance Academy	\$	-
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Tacoma Daycare	\$	-
South End Neighborhood Council (for Jennie Reed Neighbors CBS Area)	\$	-
Tacoma Performing Dance Company	\$	-
West End Neighborhood Council	\$	-
Proctor District Association	\$	-

There was a motion:

“I move that we accept their recommendations.”

Motion: Margaret Payne

Second: Jan Brazzell

Motion: Carried

C. Elections

5:32 pm

Commissioners voted for the Chair and Vice Chair positions for 2009. Votes were as follows:

Chair: Robin Echtle – 12 votes

Vice Chair: Sarah Idstrom – 12 votes

Chair Hill and Vice Chair Payne will help in the transition to the new team.

8. Report Back

A. Art at Work Month

5:36 pm

Feedback regarding the Arts Symposium:

An attendee found the Symposium sessions on copyright and web to be helpful. The content may have been a little over the head of some attendees, but the info has been useful at work

Allow more time for lunch and networking

Presenter Miriam Works thought it was very beneficial to our area

Feedback about Art Slam:

Bring in more live performers – spoken word, dance, music

Hire a professional choreographer for introducing poets and artists

Appreciated having artist recognition so audience could see who the artists were

There was great coverage in local media: News Tribune and Volcano blog

There was a conflict between the overlap of music, images and spoken word

Meet & greet volunteers felt rewarded by dialogue established with attendees

Feedback about materials:

Don't polybag the brochures

Feedback about Studio Tours:

Where to start the tour and signage was difficult to find without a studio tour map

Meeting adjourned at 5:49 pm to move on to the holiday party provided by Councilwoman Julie Anderson.