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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.

Staff

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

Date: December 14, 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
Don Lacky
Bill La Vergne
Janet Matzke
Dane Meyer
Mike Sweney

Staff Present

Martha Anderson, Assistant Director, Community & Economic Development Department
Amy McBride, Tacoma Arts Administrator
Naomi Strom-Avila, Cultural Arts Specialist

Guests Present:

Art Cruz
Lua Pritchard

City Council Member Absent:

Lauren Walker

Commission Members Excused Absence:

Jan Brazzell
Rachel Cardwell
Traci Kelly
Jacqueline Peterson
Jana Wennstrom

1. Call to Order	5:01 pm (00:24)	Chair Echtle
2. Excusal of Absences	5:01 pm (00:49)	Vice Chair Idstrom
Commissioners Brazzell, Cardwell, Kelly, Peterson and Wennstrom had an excused absence.		
3. Approval of Minutes	5:02 pm (01:10)	Vice Chair Idstrom
Motion: Bill La Vergne		
Second: Don Lacky		
Motion: Carried		
4. Approval of Agenda	5:02 pm (01:45)	Vice Chair Idstrom

The agenda was revised to allow Art Cruz from the Asia Pacific Cultural Center to address the Commission at the beginning of the meeting.

Motion: Bill La Vergne

Second: Don Lacky

Motion: Carried

5. Chair's Report: 5:04 pm (03:47) Chair Echtle

Art Cruz and Lua Pritchard presented the Commission with a plaque in appreciation for 2009 Arts Projects funding for the Asia Pacific Cultural Center's New Year Celebration.

Lauren Walker was appointed as City Council Liaison to the Arts Commission. Marty Campbell was appointed as City Council Liaison Alternate.

6. Staff Check-In 5:10 pm (9:12)

Metro Parks has established a Culture & Heritage Advisory Council and would like to have a member of the Arts Commission on the council.

Tacoma Public Library's board meeting will be held on December 16 at 5 pm at the Main Library. They will be presenting Claudia Riedener with a plaque to thank her for the mural she created with Arts Projects funding.

7. Action Items

A. Elections for 2010 Arts Commission 5:13 pm (12:15)

Chair Echtle was re-elected by 9 unanimous votes to serve as Chair of the Arts Commission in 2010. Vice Chair Idstrom was re-elected by 9 unanimous votes to serve as Vice Chair of the Arts Commission in 2010.

B. Arts Projects Funding Recommendations 5:17 pm (16:05) Chair Echtle

The Arts Projects funding panel reviewed 33 applications requesting a total of \$133,640.00. The panel recommended funding 19 organizations a total of \$45,000.00 as follows:

Organization	Title of Project	Recommendation
Tacoma Community College Foundation	8 th Annual Juried Local Art Exhibition	Ineligible – submitted by a school
Tacoma School of the Arts Partners	Sound Voices	Ineligible – submitted by a school
University of Puget Sound	Distill/Disperse Catalogue	Ineligible – submitted by a school
Auricle LLC	Slam Town: The Series Pilot	\$ 4,000.00
Tacoma Concert Band	Tacoma Concert Band 2010 Winter, Spring & Summer Concerts	\$ 4,000.00
Tacoma Farmers Market	Performing Arts at the Market	\$ 4,000.00
King's Books	Tacoma Wayzgoose: A Letterpress and Book Arts Festival	\$ 3,770.00
Asia Pacific Cultural Center	12th Annual Asia Pacific New Year Celebration	\$ 3,500.00
Roosevelt Dancers	Roosevelt Dancers: Cambodian Classical/Folk Dance	\$ 3,000.00
6th Avenue Business District	Art on the Ave	\$ 2,500.00
Exquisite Disarray Publishing	Exquisite Disarray First Book Poetry Contest	\$ 2,500.00

Northwest Playwrights Alliance	Tacoma Little Theatre: Second Stage Northwest	\$ 2,500.00
Old Town Business and Professional Association	Classical Tuesdays in Old Town	\$ 2,500.00
Tacoma Art Place	Community Art Instruction Series	\$ 2,250.00
SoJust	SoJust 2010	\$ 2,000.00
D.A.S.H. Center for the Arts	Reality Check Dance Troupe & Youth Outreach	\$ 1,730.00
Fulcrum Gallery	Here and Now	\$ 1,500.00
Proctor Farmers Market	Music Program at Proctor Farmers Market	\$ 1,250.00
Puget Sound Poetry Connection	Distinguished Writer Series	\$ 1,000.00
Second City Chamber Series	2010 Second City Chamber Series Tacoma Performances	\$ 1,000.00
Shakespeare in the Parking Lot Theatre Company	Shakespeare-a-thon: A 2-night, 8 play history cycle Shakespeare birthday festival	\$ 1,000.00
Tacoma Pierce County Sister Cities	Sister Cities International Film Festival	\$ 1,000.00
BQ Dance	Puppetry and Contemporary Dance	\$ -
Gold From Straw/Shunpike	DOUBT	\$ -
Normanna Male Chorus	Normanna Male Chorus Concerts	\$ -
Northwest Repertory Singers	NWRS at the Opera	\$ -
Pierce County AIDS Foundation	Art Engagement Activities	\$ -
Proctor District Association	Proctor Arts Fest	\$ -
Proctor District Association	Exterior Mural	\$ -
Stadium Historic District Business Association	Art and Wine Walk	\$ -
Temple Beth El	Seattle Jewish Film Festival in Tacoma	\$ -
The Puget Creek Restoration Society	Puget Creek Restoration Society Boardwalk	\$ -
Victory Music	Playground Express Summer Concert Series	\$ -
		Total Recommended
		\$ 45,000.00

Commissioners discussed the applications and selection criteria.

Chair Echtle asked, “Do we have a motion to approve the Arts Projects funding recommendations as presented?”

There was a motion: “So move.”

Motion: Mike Sweney

Second: Bill La Vergne

Motion: Passed

8. Reports

A. Art at Work

5:39 pm (38:35)

Naomi gave a wrap-up of the Arts Symposium and Art Slam. Commissioners gave feedback about the month.

B. Washington State Arts Alliance Meetings

5:50 pm (49:10)

The Washington State Arts Alliance has started holding monthly advocacy meetings in Tacoma.

They would like to have a meet & greet for Tacoma City Council; the Commission discussed ideas for hosting an informal gathering.

9. Good of the Order

6:00 pm (59:52)

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm