



ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

January 16, 2019 5:00 p.m. Tukwila Community Center

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Cynthia Chesak called the meeting to order at 5:08 pm
2. **Attendance:**

Commissioners: Cynthia Chesak, Trisha Gilmore, Noe Rodriguez, Sheila Coppola, Yuriko Rollins, Helen Enguerra,
Absent: Alex Villella
Guests: Cary Simmons, Trust for Public Lands; Olisa Enrico, Artist in Residence – Tukwila International Boulevard
Staff Liaison: Tracy Gallaway, Parks & Recreation Manager; Abbey Messmer, Parks & Recreation Outreach Assistant
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Helen Enguerra moved to accept the agenda. Sheila Coppola seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Sheila Coppola moved to accept the minutes for the 10.17.18 and 11.14.2018 meetings. Helen Enguerra seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
5. **Introduction of Guests:** Cary Simmons, Trust for Public Lands – Cary was invited to share information regarding the National Endowment of the Arts grant that the Trust for Public Lands applied for on behalf of Tukwila. A one sheet summary for the grant scope was attached to the agenda packet. Cary shared a power point slideshow (<http://records.tukwilawa.gov/WebLink/1/edoc/312906/page1.aspx>) for a park project that TPL did in Wenatchee as an example of authentic community engagement. The arts commission was very interested in how the project was developed in Wenatchee and look forward to the opportunity to use a similar model in Tukwila for future development of parks projects and recreation programming.
6. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Creative Consultancy Update – 4Culture matched Tukwila with artist Beth Gahan. A meeting was convened to discuss ideas and parameters for the project. Tracy will be meeting with Beth in January to discuss the project proposal and a meeting will be held with the larger stakeholder group in February to review the proposal before it is submitted to 4Culture for funding consideration.
 - b. AiRs Update – Olisa gave a brief overview of some of the activities she has proposed for programming in the coming months at the Sullivan Center including:
 - Arts Hang Out on TSD Early Release Days (1/16, 2/13, 3/13) and one on a non-early release day that AiR Sarah Kavage will lead (3/29).
 - Story Time: In Honor of National Read Across America Day, in partnership with KCLS, on Saturday, March 2nd.

- A Healing Space in Honor of Women’s History Month on Saturday, March 23rd – Hosted by women of color with a focus on relieving the pressures that come from the intersectionality of race and gender.
- Confluence Tukwila River Themed storytelling event with AiR Sarah Kavage and in partnership with Action Tukwila. Speakers will be invited to reflect on rivers in their home countries, as well as our very own “home” river in Tukwila, the Duwamish.

c. 2019 Budget & Workplan Development – Moved to Arts Commission Retreat February 9th.

7. New Business – No items were brought up as new business.

8. Sub-Committee Reports

a. Visual Arts:

- TCC Art Wall – The Art Wall brochure has been redeveloped. A version of the document will be developed for the website. Trisha and Sheila are working on the display schedule for 2019. An artist has been secured for February and March.
- TCC Bench Project - Tracy also received and is formatting display information for the TCC bench project by artist Simon Still. His bio and project information will be displayed in the Nook Art Wall near the main lobby at TCC.

b. Performing Arts:

- Rainier Symphony – Attendance for the December Rainier Symphony performances has seemed good. The next performance is scheduled for February 9th & 10th, 2019.
- Cynthia Chesak reported that she did not have any further conversations with TSD regarding the needed improvements for the Foster Performing Arts Center. She anticipates that the improvements could be significant.

c. Outreach: No report.

d. Staff Report:

- Alex Villella has resigned from his position on the Arts Commission effective 1.16.19.
- Staff will be updating the Arts in Tukwila pages of the City website in February.
- Staff suggested adjusting the regular meeting time and day to reduce barriers for potential new Arts Commissioners. The suggested time adjustment would be from 6-7:30pm; a consideration should also be made to adjust the meeting day if that is a roadblock to participation for any potential new Arts Commissioners. This will be discussed and decided upon at the Arts Commission retreat in February.

9. Agenda for Next/Future Meetings:

- 2019 Workplan and Budget
- Art Commission Vacancy – Recruitment Plan
- Rainier Symphony Report

10. Adjournment: Helen Enguerra motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35pm, Noe Rodriguez seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.