



INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Community Services & Safety Committee
CC: Thomas McLeod, City of Tukwila Mayor
FROM: Kris Kelly, Parks & Recreation Director
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DATE: April 8, 2025
SUBJECT: Tukwila Arts Commission 2025 Spring Update

BACKGROUND

The Tukwila Parks & Recreation Department, as the liaison department to the Tukwila Arts Commission, intends to update the Community Services and Safety Committee on the commission's current operations, work planning, projects, upcoming events and programming, as well as highlights of work done so far in Fiscal Year 2025.

The staff member assigned to the Tukwila Arts Commission as the city liaison is Michael May, the Tukwila Parks & Recreation Department's Communications Manager.

DISCUSSION

2025 highlights will be shared from across Parks & Recreation's operations as they pertain to Arts & Culture programming and offerings. Our department continues to be extremely proud of our staff's continuous and dedicated efforts in serving our community as well as the efforts made by the Tukwila Arts Commission members to advance arts and culture throughout our community.

Work continues throughout the organization and in concert with the Arts Commission to strategically determine the optimal arts and cultural programming offerings and investments that will best serve the Tukwila community.

Staff welcomes questions and discussion.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing only.

ATTACHMENTS

A --- Tukwila Arts Commission 2025 Spring Update Presentation (PDF)

2025 Tukwila Arts Commission Spring Update



In 2022 the Tukwila Arts Commission embarked on the creation of a new Strategic Arts Plan.

Three 2-hour community listening sessions form the heart of our plan.

By 2033, as a result of arts and culture, Tukwila...

... is a community where art is visible and all community members have access to safe, affordable, creative opportunities.

... is a place where the arts connect people to the natural environment and build a spirit of stewardship that honors our ecological diversity.

... is a place where artists and arts organizations thrive and their contributions are valued and supported.

... is a place where all peoples and cultures belong and their artistic spirit builds connections across our city.

... is an art- forward community that brings in new tourism and economic development.

... has sustainable funding streams and policies that ensure equitable arts access for all.



**In 3 years, as a result of
our work, we want to
see in place...**



imagine, create & express.

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ARTS VENUE PARTNERSHIPS

PUBLIC ART PROGRAM THAT HONORS THE RIVER

ANNUAL SIGNATURE ARTS EVENT

ARTS INTEGRATED INTO CITY SYSTEMS & PROCEDURES

ESTABLISHED & ONGOING PUBLIC ART PROGRAMS

PROCESSES & PROCEDURES FOR FUNDING & GRANTMAKING

ROBUST & ENGAGED COMMUNITY NETWORK

SUSTAINED SUPPORT FOR ARTS IN SCHOOLS



In the 1.5 years we have accomplished the following...



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ARTS VENUE PARTNERSHIPS

Commission members have held discussions with Westfield Southcenter about activating vacant space and creating art pop-ups.



ANNUAL SIGNATURE ARTS EVENT

Conceptual plan underway for event on Baker Boulevard and Andover Park East. First event to be held in 2026.



ESTABLISHED & ONGOING PUBLIC ART PROGRAMS

Portrait Honoring Project pilot launched. Portraits of Tukwila residents of consequence will be nominated. The Rev. Jan Bolerjack is the first portrait.



PROCESSES & PROCEDURES FOR FUNDING & GRANTMAKING

Concept for grant program developed. Execution will require city support.



SUSTAINED SUPPORT FOR ARTS IN SCHOOLS

Teen Art Collective will launch in Fall 2025. Ten Tukwila Teens will spend the year together on an agreed upon art project that will culminate in a spring showing of their art.