



INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Community Services & Safety Committee
CC: Thomas McLeod, City of Tukwila Mayor
FROM: Pete Mayer, Parks & Recreation Director
BY: David Rosen, Parks & Recreation Analyst
DATE: November 4, 2025
SUBJECT: Tukwila Arts Commission 2025 Fall 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 programming, outreach, upcoming projects, and future planning efforts. 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 our commissioners to advance the goals of art installations and programming being made available for all throughout our community.

Work continues throughout the organization and in concert with the Arts Commission to strategically determine project(s) and programming prioritization both in terms of maintaining our current portfolio of public art installations and/or programming as well as planning improvements such as new installations as part of potential and planned capital projects.

Staff welcomes questions and discussion.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing only.

ATTACHMENTS

A --- Tukwila Arts Commission Fall Update PowerPoint Presentation

Tukwila's Public Art Program Will

Create Community

Develop Tukwila's Unique Identity

Celebrate Tukwila's Diversity

TUKWILA
PARKS & RECREATION
GOOD HEALTHY FUN

Tukwila Strategic Arts Plan



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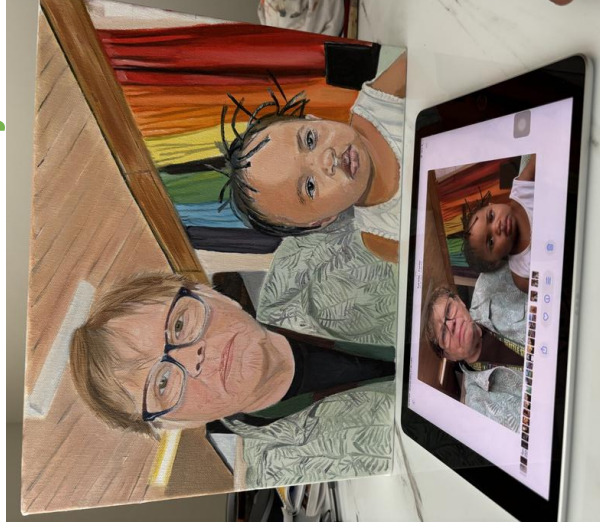
By 2027, as a result of our work, we want to see in place sustained support for arts in schools.

- The Tukwila Teen Art Collective was successfully launched.
- 10 Foster High School Students have been recruited for the first cohort.
- The teens will meet twice a month during the school year at the Tukwila Community Center Art Studio.
- The collective's mission is to encourage creative youth both in their artistic and community leadership development.
- The collective's projects will engage with the Tukwila community further cementing the importance of art in our community.



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Tukwila Portrait Project



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- The Tukwila Portrait Project saw its first commissioned portrait completed.
- The Tukwila Portrait Project aims to honor residents who have made a positive impact on their community.
- Honorees are selected by the community.
- The Reverend Jan Bolerjack was selected for her work with housing refugees at her church.
- The artist, Gloira Alberto, is an Angolan refugee who once called Jan's church his home.
- The long-term goal is to have the portraits travel around the city. Accompanying QR codes will give viewers more insight into the honoree and the artist.



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Tukwila Farmers Market Art-making Pop-ups



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- In its inaugural year, the Tukwila Farmers Market hosted five art-making pop-ups at its five market days. (July 20, August 3, 17, 31, and September 7.
- Art activities were developed for all ages to participate and allowed participants to drop in at will.
- Activities ranged from collage making to print making.
- The market has seven market days planned for 2026. Each will feature an art-making activity.



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Tukwila Village Farmers Market & Rainier Symphony Partnership



By 2027, as a result of our work, we want to see:

- **An established a robust and engaged community network.**
- **Processes and procedures for funding and grantmaking**

- The Tukwila Arts Commission extended a grant to the Rainier Symphony for \$2000 this summer.
- The grant ensures that the symphony retains its ability to continue offering performances at the Foster High School Performing Arts Center.
- The grant was offered to the symphony under the condition that it would provide two performances (August 6 and September 24) at the Tukwila Village Farmers Market.
- Without the grant stipulations, the Tukwila Village Farmers Market would not have been able to provide an live music at its market days.



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2025 State of the City Report Cover



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- Sheila Coppola, Vice Chair of the Tukwila Arts Commission, has offered to develop the cover for the 2025 State of the City Report.
- Mayor McLeod had requested the commission's support. The commission overwhelmingly endorsed the project at its September meeting.
- By taking on this important project, the commission will further awareness of the arts in Tukwila.



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CITY OF TUKWILA PUBLIC ART PROGRAM



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.



PUBLIC ART PROGRAM THAT HONORS THE RIVER

The Teen Art Collective is in discussion with Timothy White Eagle, the Green-Duwamish Urban Waters Partnership's Artist-in-Residence



PROCESSES & PROCEDURES FOR FUNDING & GRANTMAKING

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