

**ARTS & HERITAGE ADVISORY COUNCIL Minutes**  
**Wednesday, April 17, 2019**  
**Metro Parks HQ**  
**4702 S. 19<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Tacoma, WA 98405**

In Attendance (Advisory council members): Carol Goforth, Peter Stanley, Maria Pascualy, Zach Powers, Britt Board, Katy Evans, Andrea Michelbach

Staff: Claire Keller-Scholz, Mary Tuttle, Rebecca Solverson, Commissioner Andrea Smith

- I. 5:34 pm Welcome and call to order**
- II. Indigenous Land Statement – read by Katy**
- III. March 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes**
  - a. **Approved as corrected – moved by Carol**
- IV. 5:35 pm Public Art Update – Claire and Rebecca**
  - a. NW Trek Foundation Piece - foundation funded, but going through public arts process
    - Bronze eagle plus donor feathers , represents success in eagle conservation, within donor recognition area
    - Direct artist selection, Ed Kroupa (qualified, listed on WA state public art register)
    - Timeline April – July 2019
    - Proposal review coming soon
    - Andrea: when do foundation funded projects come before us?
      1. Claire: not codified, council has less input when donors give artwork, rather than money
  - b. Aquarium artwork by Maria Jost, celebration at 11 and 1 Friday, April 19
  - c. Youth Memorial Project, Dionne Bonner – more engagement to come next Friday, Boys and Girls club event with Meals and Murals group
  - d. Dickman Mill event to be held at Downtown to Defiance in September
- V. 5:46 Advisory Council Business**
  - a. Members' experiences in parks
    - Carol – Ft Nisqually on a weekday was inviting, good even without events
    - Katy – lighted Conservatory event, bathrooms are available, currently recruiting board members
    - Zach – Beloved nature center not open Sundays, youth concerned [his daughter wants to go to TNC on Sundays]
    - Rebecca – Gordon Huether Art+Sci talk, Kittredge Gallery, interesting to hear how scientists responded to artwork
- VI. 5:50 2019-2020 MPT Public Art Work Plan – Rebecca and Claire**
  - a. Rebecca reviewed the projects in the 2019-2020 work plan, going the approved list that's included in the MPT biennium budget.

- b. Criteria to prioritize projects in plan especially: excitement, timing, district needs, AH Advisory Council input
- c. Current projects, with focus on a few that need extra feedback
  - Several significant Eastside projects
  - Dune peninsula sail mound B
    - Andrea: sail mound timeline question
      - Staff: completion date set for summer 2019, certainly in time for grand opening (Downtown to Defiance), Sept. 7
  - Dickman Mill
- d. Future projects, more than are achievable in biennium
  - Melanie's/Central - park approx. 13<sup>th</sup> and waterway
  - Waterway Park - human powered watercraft focused park on port side of Thea Foss, early planning stage
  - Community impact projects – multiple neighborhood parks
    - Possibility for subcommittee to focus on locations made up of AH advisory council members and staff
    - In depth training opportunity for emerging artists. Similar structure to 'public art in depth' program
    - Locations will be focused on but not limited to neighborhood parks that are getting capital investment
      - Will improve geographic distribution of MPT and City owned artwork
    - Katy: potential for Tacoma Creates connection
      - Timing and regulation make this difficult
    - Zach: moving deliberation to subcommittee could make space in council meetings for projects beyond public art.
    - Claire: Heritage can be part of these projects, with the goal of closer alignment with mission led comp plan
  - Waterfront and Swan Creek
    - Artists in planning processes
    - Swan creek master plan update, potential subcommittee topic
  - Norpoint Portable works – requested by members, overdue
  - NW Trek Art Plan – master plan will be updated, opportunity to add art brief
  - Puyallup Tribe collaboration – so far unplanned, location and timing need to be found. Could be a component of many projects
    - Andrea: does MPT have relationships with tribe?
      - Rebecca: Yes. Tribe's Historic Preservation group was very generous with time and expertise on City project, other connections.
  - Athletic complexes – diverse history of baseball in Tacoma, opportunity for great stories
  - Additional future projects listed in plan
  - Katy: do we have outdoor spaces or other programmable spaces? Physical space that supports performing arts, Tacoma Creates will increase demand for spaces, especially in underserved areas

- Currently, Peoples, Dune, not much else
- Lack of outdoor amphitheater/stage spaces

## VII. 6:28 DEI work

- a. Response to and takeaways from Last month's DEI discussion
  - Britt – memo received was just start doing the work
  - Mary – tools still coming from Colemon and Associates
  - Andrea – go to neighborhood councils for recruitment efforts
  - Britt – name what we want
  - Andrea – we don't need perfect survey results before making change
- b. Survey Results
  - First glance group analysis of results
    - Group needs more of:
      - Black people
      - Diverse geography (SW, SE, NE)
    - Group has lots of:
      - age 31-40
      - art expertise
  - Results are incomplete
  - Maximum 12 AH council members, 9 current members (after Laura leaves)
  - Andrea proposes subcommittee to report back to AH council in next month or two to create recruitment strategy
    - Mary – AH council is pilot project, MPT does not have to approve our strategy
    - Change readiness should be happening at same time as recruitment
    - Mary – MPT is launching community center youth councils this year
- c. Katy - recruitment is relatively clear, meeting procedures and other self-examination needs to be iterative
  - Maria – meeting locations are a place to start
  - Claire – time and day options
  - Andrea – let's use assessment tools to try making first meeting format changes
  - Mary – WRPA reportback – institutional systems can reinforce white supremacy
  - Maria – stipend to compensate for AH council members time
  - Katy – self-reflection is important. Building trust important.
- d. May meeting discussion to avoid barriers, build subcommittee
  - Katy – focus on our own barriers to avoid assumptions about others
  - Claire – why are we individually here, what are we trying to achieve
  - Katy – Plus, why do we care about equity
  - More diversity on council will drive heritage focus on projects
- e. Zach – MPT is getting less from Advisory councils because the councils are not diverse/representative, we should ask MPT for help – responsibility to improve shouldn't be on council alone

- Katy – What about civic engagement programs?
- Claire – MPT has an Equity team, could be a resource
- Mary – seems possible, Equity team are staff working on this,
- Andrea – as pilot, we can make a process that uses MPT resources
- Zach – We’ve been slowly working on this for years, progress is slow.
- Mary – AH council has turned down candidate who applied, because the Council expressed wanting to ensure equity. Council recommended MPT to stop recruiting until the Council could identify how they wished to proceed.
- MPT has stopped active recruitment. Help is difficult in chicken/egg problem
- Britt and Andrea – should we use whole next meeting to talk DEI?
- Katy and Claire – we should do check in and check out, make it a safe space, name assumptions, etc.
- Location of next meeting TBD

**VIII. 7:14 pm Board and Staff**

- f. Andrea – board will meet at STAR Center next meeting
- g. Claire – summer camps, Spring fling events at community centers, Klahowya event at Fort Nisqually, June 1 naming ceremony for Judge Jack Tanner Park, lots more good stuff
- h. Mary – MPT will host 2020 WRPA planning team at convention center April 21-23, CAPRA reaccreditation visit in June

**IX. 7:18 pm Motion to adjourn - Katy**

**Next meeting:** May 15, 2019 – Location TBD