

Are You Passionate about Arts, Heritage, and Community?

Apply to serve on Metro Park Tacoma's Arts & Heritage Advisory Council

Metro Parks Tacoma is seeking community members to fill open positions on the volunteer Arts & Heritage Advisory Council. Priority will be given to applications received by Sept. 30, 2019.

WHY GET INVOLVED

- You have a passion for arts and heritage
- You want to give back to the community through arts and heritage-related service
- You want to influence arts and heritage plans and priorities on behalf of the Tacoma community
- You want to gain inside knowledge about Metro Parks Tacoma (MPT) plans and projects
- Receive an annual familiarization pass – council members get free access to many paid MPT services

WHO WE ARE SEEKING

New members are sought with one or more of the following characteristics. People who:

- Care about arts and heritage in a community context
- Are connected to communities served by MPT and can identify their needs, particularly in the areas of South, East, and West Tacoma
- Are committed to equitable access to arts and heritage for Tacoma residents
- Are willing to serve as a community champion and representative to and for MPT for a three-year term



Members of racial and ethnic minorities, persons of disability and/or persons age 29 or less and age 40 and over are encouraged to apply

WHAT YOU'LL DO

In partnership with other members of the council, you will:

- **Attend and participate in monthly in-person council meetings** (1.5 hrs/mtg) at Metro Parks Tacoma (MPT) locations across Tacoma. We have 12 meetings per year (up to 3 absences per year allowed). Council members serve for three-year terms.
- **Support arts and heritage efforts within Metro Parks Tacoma.** To do this, you will:
 - Serve on artist and artwork selection panels for public art within MPT (8-16 hrs/panel estimated, 0-2/yr)
 - Provide feedback to MPT staff and Park Commissioners on community needs and resources related to arts, heritage, and their place within district-wide plans
 - Help identify community needs
 - Promote park efforts to the community
- **2019 council project** (likely to extend into 2020): Pilot recruitment plan to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion among council members, artists, and artwork selection panel members

CHALLENGES & POTENTIAL BARRIERS

The council has identified and is working to address barriers to people's engagement in public process. Such barriers may include meeting times and location, accessibility issues, and child care needs. The council is committed to working with candidates who may need accommodations to enable participation and overcome existing barriers.

HOW TO APPLY

Go to www.metroparkstacoma.org/advisory-councils/ & click on "Application" under the Arts and Heritage council.

For questions and additional information, please contact Council members Carol Goforth: carolgoforth@cbbain.com; Maria Pascualy: yellowknife@comcast.net; or staff liaison Claire Keller-Scholz (253) 305-1003.