

Minutes TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION February 13, 2022

Minutes of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission (TACC) meeting recorded at 6:00pm on February 13, 2022, held at the Tempe Public Library and via Teams.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Jacqueline Bernatt– Vice-chair
Maureen Kobierowski – Chair
Harper Lines
Haylee Mills
Lisa Roach
Randall Schmidt
Jennifer Song

City Staff Present:

Brendan Ross, Deputy Director – Arts & Culture Division
Joy Higgins, Management Assistant – Arts & Culture Division
Kara Osburn, Financial Analyst – Arts & Culture Division
Rebecca Blume Rothman, Manager – Tempe Public Art
Eileen May, General Manager – Tempe Center for the Arts
Brenda Abney, Manager – Tempe History Museum
Maja Aurora, Manager – Tempe Community Arts

(MEMBERS) Absent:

William Carr
Justin Stewart
Ginny Sylvester

Guest(s) Present:

Joel Stern – Chair, Neighborhood Commission

Call to Order

- **Maureen Kobierowski**, TACC Chair, called the TACC meeting to order at 6:11 pm.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

- None

Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the December 12, 2022 Commission Minutes

M. Kobierowski asked the commissioners to review an unapproved TACC minutes document dated December 12, 2022.

MOTION: Jacqueline moved to approve the December 12, 2022 Tempe Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes.

SECOND: Jennifer Song seconded

AYES: Jacqueline Bernatt, Maureen Kobierowski, Harper Lines, Haylee Mills, Lisa Roach, Jennifer Song, Randall Schmidt

ABSTAIN:

NAYS: None

RESULT: Motion passed with an 7-0 vote

ABSENT: William Carr, Justin Stewart, Ginny Sylvester

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of the January 30, 2023 Commission Minutes

M. Kobierowski asked the commissioners to review an unapproved TACC minutes document dated January 30, 2023.

MOTION: Harper moved to approve the January 30, 2023 Tempe Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes with edits.

SECOND: Randall Schmidt seconded

AYES: Jacqueline Bernatt, Maureen Kobierowski, Harper Lines, Haylee Mills, Lisa Roach, Jennifer Song, Randall Schmidt
ABSTAIN:
NAYS: None
RESULT: Motion passed with an 7-0 vote
ABSENT: William Carr, Justin Stewart, Ginny Sylvester

Agenda Item 4 – Update: Arts & Culture Division

- **Brendan Ross**, Deputy Director for Arts & Culture, introduced presentations by A+C staff.
 - Downtown Tempe Refresh**
 - Much Council-wide attention on Downtown Tempe for refresh.
 - Staff from the Arts & Culture Division are discussing how to work with Downtown Tempe Authority to create placemaking initiatives with investment from the Municipal Arts Fund.
 - Tempe currently helps fund some DTA events such as 2nd Sundays on Mill and Park After Dark.
 - Activations could utilize vacant and/or open spaces in the Downtown area.
 - Activations could be partnerships with other organizations, businesses, or artists.
 - Activations create a draw or unexpected point of interest.
 - Indigenous Design Principles**
 - Maja Aurora and B. Ross have also been meeting for partnership with representatives from ASU, particularly the School of Architecture, and a group of O’odham and Piipaash local creatives to explore the development of a set of principles for indigenous design in the built environment.
 - The set of Tempe principles would be driven by the local indigenous community, not by the City of Tempe.
 - B. Ross would like to invite indigenous representatives to a future TACC meeting to speak in more detail about the subject.
- **Kara Osburn**, A+C Financial Analyst
 - K. Osburn gave the Q2 update for the A+C Fund expenses and revenues.

Agenda Item 5 – Update: General Plan 2050

- **B. Ross** gave an update about General Plan 2050:
 - The committee is drawing close to discussing the Arts & Cultural Amenities section, there will be opportunities for comment and update.
 - Staff are supporting that some indigenous language be included in the plan on a policy level.

Agenda Item 6 – Update: Arts & Culture Awards

- **Joel Stern**, Chair of N’hood Commission invited TACC to attend the N’hood Awards on April 1, 2023.
 - Nominate Tempeans for Neighborhood Award categories
 - Any volunteer assistance is appreciated
- **Joy Higgins**, Management Assistant for Arts & Culture, gave an update on the Arts & Culture Awards project.
 - Nominations are needed, please nominate and spread the word
 - Joy will reach out to Randall, Lisa, and Justin to assemble a selection panel before the next TACC meeting.
 - Award selections will be up for approval by the full commission at the March meeting.
 - The Neighborhood Celebration is held on April 1st at Kiwanis Park.

Agenda Item 7 – Discussion: Retreat Follow up

- **M. Kobierowski** led a follow-up about items discussed at the January 30th TACC Retreat
 - Find each commissioner’s passion for being a member of TACC and deliver an arts or cultural activation based on that passion. This will get commissioners involved and talking with the community and promoting events and programs.
 - Please share photos of your activities as TACC members.
 - Share feedback about your experiences as TACC liaisons.

Agenda Item 8 – Official TACC Representation

- a.** Previous events
- Jacqueline Bernatt – Attended Indigenous panel at TCA, Gallery opening, WIW, as well as Desert Botanical Garden
 - Lisa Roach – Attended Clark Park Reopening
 - Randall Schmidt – 1996 (1st Superbowl in AZ), ASU Gallery did an exhibition on Superbowls.
 - Jennifer Song – Attended Library Artist Reception for Tempe Public Art; would have liked to hear the artists speak about themselves and their work at the event
 - Haylee Mills – Visited the expansion of the Electric Bat Arcade at Yucca Tap, walked around Danelle to take in the mural and installation art
 - Harper Lines – Visited ASU hockey arena
 - Maureen Kobierowski – Attended Clark Park Reopening, the garden will feature public art
- b.** Upcoming Events
- Lisa Roach – TCA Gallery Jury panel on February 24th
 - Harper Lines – LOUD event at Tempe History Museum Plaza on February 17th

Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda Items

- Flour Mill and art activations
- Indigenous representatives for principles of design
- Goal Activations
- Signature Event
- Downtown Tempe Refresh/DTA invite
- Tour de Fat
- Partnering with local businesses for events

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Prepared by: Joy Higgins