



**Minutes  
TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION  
August 8, 2012**

**Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) recorded at 6 p.m. on August 8, 2012, within the Tempe Public Library Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ, 85282.**

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Nancy Goren, Chair  
Susan Bendix  
Robert Moore  
Kelly Nelson  
Celeste Plumlee  
Kiyomi Kurooka  
Nikie Crawford  
Dave Kephart  
Patrick Fanning  
Shiela Schmidt

**City Staff Present:**

Maja Aurora, Arts Coordinator - Grants; Public Art/Art in Private Development  
Barbara Roberts, Deputy Director - Library and Cultural Services Division

**Guest(s) Present:**

Katharine Zeiders, Tempe Gardens Neighborhood Association  
Jason Griffiths, Artist

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Gail Natale  
Hotchy Kiene  
Frank Williams  
Hilary Harp  
Janis Webb

**Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order**

- Nancy Goren, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Chair, called the TMAC meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the May 9, 2012, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Meeting Minutes Document**

- Nancy Goren, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Chair, asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved TMAC minutes document** dated **May 9, 2012.**
- **MOTION:** Nikie Crawford moved to approve the **May 9, 2012, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Meeting Minutes Document as presented.**
- **SECOND:** Susan Bendix seconded.

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**DECISION: May 9, 2012, TMAC Meeting Minutes Document approved as presented.**

**Agenda Item 3 - Approval of the June 8, 2012, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Meeting Minutes Document**

- Nancy Goren, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Chair, asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved TMAC minutes document dated June 8, 2012.**
- **MOTION: Shiela Schmidt moved to approve the June 8, 2012, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Meeting Minutes Document as presented.**
- **SECOND: Susan Bendix seconded.**
- **DECISION: June 8, 2012, TMAC Meeting Minutes Document approved as presented.**

**Agenda Item 4 - Library and Cultural Services Deputy Director's Report**

- Barbara Roberts, Library and Cultural Services Deputy Director, provided background on the City of Tempe's recent Request for Proposals relating to the Tempe Center for the Arts. Discussion highlights included:
  - The City of Tempe is seeking proposals from qualified live entertainment/concert promoters and/or talent agencies. The Request for Proposal closes on August 30, 2012.
  - The City of Tempe is seeking proposals from qualified and experienced professional food and beverage service providers. The Request for Proposal closes on September 12, 2012.

**Agenda Item 5 - Chairperson's Report**

- Nancy Goren, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Chair, suggested that TMAC members begin discussing potential goals at the next TMAC meeting.

**Agenda Item 6 – Public Art/Art in Private Development (AIPD) Coordinator's Report**

- Katharine Zeiders, Tempe Gardens Neighborhood Association member, provided background on the neighborhood grant process. Presentation and discussion highlights included:
  - Tempe Gardens Neighborhood applied for and received a Maryanne Corder Neighborhood Grant through the city of Tempe Neighborhood Services Department
  - Tempe Gardens Neighborhood has 375 households and the major crossroads for the project are College Avenue and La Jolla Drive.
  - Neighborhood members have been involved in the grant application process and artist selection process.
- Jasen Griffiths, artist selected by Tempe Garden Neighborhood Association, provided information about the proposed artist-designed seating. Presentation and discussion highlights include:
  - Seating will provide residents a place to sit while waiting for public transportation (Jupiter Orbit) as well as a place for the community to meet and enjoy the new landscaping recently added by the City of Tempe traffic calming project.
  - Seating proposes four chairs placed one on each corner of the intersection between College Avenue and La Jolla Drive.

- The project explores the theme of postural morphology of a symbolic "chair" form. This morphology is carried out by altering the shape of each chair to imply body language and response to different site conditions.
- Each chair is made of perforated 1/4" steel sheets. The floor surface around the chair is decomposed granite.
- All chairs are finished with light green powder coated paint finish.
- Maja Aurora, Art Grants and Public Art/Art in Private Development Program Coordinator, announced that Crosscut Canal "Contours and Crossing" Bridges have been recognized as an outstanding public art project by Americans for the Arts' Public Art Network's Year in Review. Aurora additionally stated that the same project is an Art in Public Places category finalist for the Valley Forward Association's 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Environmental Excellence Awards which will take place on September 29, 2012.
- M. Aurora encouraged TMAC members to view the Tempe and Scottsdale IN FLUX installations before they are de-installed in late October, 2012.

**Agenda Item 7 - Arts Grants Coordinator's Report**

- Maja Aurora, Art Grants and Public Art/Art in Private Development Program Coordinator, explained that the Arts Grants will be reviewed by Tempe City Council on Thursday, August 9, 2012.
- M. Aurora encouraged TMAC members to join the city of Tempe's arts related email notification lists. [www.tempe.gov/index.aspx?page=1584](http://www.tempe.gov/index.aspx?page=1584)

**Agenda Item 8 - Friends of Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) Report**

- No appearances.

**Agenda Item 9 - Commission Members' Announcements**

- Susan Bendix explained that she took part in an improv camp located in New Mexico.
- Kelly Nelson explained that in July she was an artist in residence at the Cultural Center in New York Mills, Minnesota.

**Agenda Item 10 - Future Agenda Items**

- None.


**Agenda Item 11 - Public Appearances**

- No appearances.

**Agenda Item 12 - Adjournment**

- The next Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) meeting is scheduled to take place at 6 p.m. on September 12, 2012, location to be determined.
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.**

Prepared By: Maja Aurora  
Reviewed By: Barbara Roberts

  
Nancy Goren/Chair, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission