



Minutes
TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION
February 12, 2014

Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) recorded at 6 p.m. on February 14, 2014, within the Tempe Public Library Meeting Room B, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Susan Bendix
Christine Cirillo-Ching
Hilary Harp
Dave Kephart – Vice Chair
Kiyomi Kurooka
Robert Moore
Gail Natale
Kelly Nelson - Chair
Janis Webb
Celeste Plumlee

City Staff Present:

Maja Aurora, Arts Coordinator - Grants; Public Art/Art in Private Development
Joy Higgins, Public Art Assistant

Guest(s) Present:

Mary Abeyta & Holly Bowers – Jen Tilly Terrace Neighborhood Association
Joan Baron & Kris Kollasch, Artists – Jen Tilly Terrace NA
Roger Socha, RSP Architects – Liberty Center
Kevin Berry, Artist – Liberty Center

(MEMBERS) Absent:

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David Lucier

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order

- Kelly Nelson, TMAC Chair, called the TMAC meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the January 8, 2014, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Meeting Minutes Document

- Kelly Nelson asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved TMAC minutes document** dated **January 8, 2014**.
- **MOTION:** Hilary Harp moved to approve the January 8, 2014, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Meeting Minutes Document as presented.
- **SECOND:** Susan Bendix seconded.
- **DECISION:** Approved as presented.

Agenda Item 3 – Chairperson’s Announcements

- Kelly Nelson, TMAC Chair, made the following announcements:
 - Tempe City Council adopted *General Plan 2040* on December 12, 2013. The public vote to legally ratify *General Plan 2040* will occur in the Tempe Special Election on **May 20, 2014**. For addition election information please visit the City Clerk's [Election Information](#).
 - Tempe City Council asked for community input regarding the size and structure of some boards and commissions. The proposed changes and public comments were detailed on the city's website The Tempe Municipal Arts Commission was recommended to go from 15 to 13 members. TMAC currently has 12 members, the 13th will be chosen by City Council soon.

Agenda Item 4 – Jen Tilly Terrace NA, Neighborhood Grant

- Mary Abeyta & Holly Bowers, Jen Tilly Terrace Neighborhood Association members, described the focus of the Maryanne Corder Neighborhood Grant project currently underway. The project is located along an Orbit route at the NW corner of Spence Avenue and Terrace Road, which includes two standpipes (one square, one cylindrical).
- Artists Joan Baron and Kris Kollasch described their approach to the Jen Tilly Terrace Neighborhood Grant project:
 - theme for project: the story of peace expressed in multiple languages/cultures
 - a low, curved barrier wall will separate public from private space (though the improvements will include part of the private property adjacent to the corner, with owner's permission)
 - the design will incorporate signage to identify the community, and include materials such as tile, mosaic, and metal
 - both artists have a strong commitment to community involvement
 - workshops will be held at New School for the Arts and are open to all who want to participate

Agenda Item 5 – Liberty Center, Art in Private Development

- Roger Socha, Landscape Architect for RSP Architects, described the exterior design focus of Liberty Center, now under construction:
 - the 75 acre site sits on the NW corner of Rio Salado Parkway and Priest Drive
 - landscaping features include gabion walls constructed with reclaimed rock, rusted steel accents, green areas and desert landscaping <http://www.rsparch.com/>
- Artist Kevin Berry presented his proposal for sculptural elements to be incorporated in the Liberty Center facility in accordance with the City of Tempe Art in Private Development Ordinance. Highlights include:
 - the sculptural artwork celebrates the Rio Salado and early cultures with the use of blue glass (water), basket designs in rebar (Pima peoples), and precast tiles (wet/dry seasons)
 - the Statue of Liberty's torch inspired Berry to design torch-like sculptures as entry-way elements featuring agave inspired flames atop glass-filled rebar bodies, and ranging in overall height from 13'-17'. Small scale versions will be incorporated into gabion walls
 - the AIPD requirements for buildings one and two will include three large-scale and three-small scale sculptures with lighting
- **MOTION: Janis Webb moved to recommend the Liberty Center Sculpture proposal by Kevin Berry as presented.**

SECOND: Sudan Bendix seconded.
DECISION: Recommended as presented.

Agenda Item 6 – platFORM, Public Art

- Maja Aurora provided information about the platFORM Project for 2014. Discussion highlights included:
 - In 2013 public art programs from Tempe, Scottsdale, and Chandler successfully joined forces to create platFORM, an initiative to create opportunities for student artists/artist teams to propose sculptures for placement in public places. www.tempe.gov/platform
 - Sculpture pads are located in Tempe Hayden Flour Mill site, along the southern stretch of Scottsdale Road, and in Chandler’s historic downtown square.
 - Students currently enrolled in an arts program at any university, community, or private colleges within the state of Arizona are eligible.
 - University and College art programs have the opportunity to invite project staff to provide Public Art Educational Forums as well as Q & A sessions in the classroom to support this Call to Artists.
 - Artists will be selected through a public process conducted by all three partnering agencies. The selection panel will select one artist and one alternate per available opportunity.
 - Budget between \$2000 - \$3000 for each placement.
- **MOTION:** Janis Webb moved to recommend the platFORM Public Art Project and corresponding project budget.
SECOND: Kiyomi Kurooka seconded.
DECISION: Recommended as presented.

Agenda Item 7 – University Dr. Streetscape and El Paso Gas Line Multi-use Path, Public Art

- Maja Aurora provided information about transferring Chris Trumble’s *Pedestrian Tracings* design from University Drive Streetscape to the El Paso Gas Line Multi-use Path:
 - the Path project will allow Trumble to permanently imprint his tracings into the new paving
 - Trumble will be asked to update his design to reflect the new location:
<http://www.tempe.gov/index.aspx?page=2820>
 - the path will link residential areas with schools and parks, and experience high foot/bicycle traffic by a wide range of ages, making this an ideal location for Trumble’s pedestrian focused design.As a result, the alternate artist selected by the Artist Selection Panel for University Drive Streetscape, Jason Griffiths, will be commissioned to design and install artwork on University Drive: www.tempe.gov/universitydrive
 - each project has a budget of \$24,000.
- **MOTION:** David Kephart moved to recommend transferring Chris Trumble’s design to El Paso Gas Line Multi-Use Path, and commissioning Jason Griffiths for the University Drive Streetscape Project.
SECOND: Gail Natale seconded.
DECISION: Recommended as presented.

Agenda Item 8 – 2014-2015 Maryanne Corder Neighborhood Grant Program

- Kelly Nelson initiated a conversation about the Maryanne Corder Neighborhood Grant Program and efforts to encourage neighborhoods associations and home owners associations to apply, especially in South Tempe. Highlights of her discussion include:
 - all Home Owners Associations and Neighborhood Associations are eligible to apply for the Maryanne Corder Neighborhood Grant Program for public art improvements, deadline for 2014 is May 5th.
 - as art advocates, TMAC members should attempt to elevate interest by networking with residents in south Tempe neighborhoods
 - Celeste Plumlee and Robert Moore stated an interest in planning a mentorship program to recruit mentors who have undergone the grant process, and who can help inexperienced neighborhoods navigate the planning and application process. They will report their progress at future TMAC meetings.
 - Christine Cirillo-Ching suggested compiling contact and mailing information for HOAs/NAs in southern zip-codes to begin contacting efforts
 - David Kephart is willing to connect with HOAs located between Elliot and Warner Roads

Agenda Item 9 – Municipal Arts Fund

- Kelly Nelson expressed concern that TMAC members are not fully conversant in how the Municipal Arts Fund is managed. Maja Aurora reviewed Resolution 95.43 with TMAC members, explained how the Fund is subsidized, what expenses are currently in the budget, and income/expense trends in previous years.

Agenda Item 10 – Commission Members' Announcements

- None

Agenda Item 11 – Public Appearances

- No appearances.

Agenda Item 12 - Adjournment

- The next Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) meeting will be held on March 12, 2014 at the District in Tempe Marketplace, 2000 E Rio Salado Pkwy, Tempe, AZ 85281.
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.**

Prepared By: Joy Higgins

Reviewed By: Maja Aurora and Barbara Roberts