



Minutes
TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION
August 13, 2014

Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) recorded at 6 p.m. on August 13, 2014, within the Tempe Public Library Meeting Room B, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Susan Bendix
Celina Chiarello
Christine Cirillo-Ching
Hilary Harp
Dave Kephart – Vice Chair
Pat Konomos
Kiyomi Kurooka
Robert Moore
Kelly Nelson – Chair
Celeste Plumlee
David Lucier
Gail Natale

City Staff Present:

Maja Aurora, Arts Coordinator – Arts Grants, Public Art, Art in Private Development
Joy Higgins, Public Art Assistant

Guest(s) Present:

Laurie Lundquist, Artist – Broadway Road Streetscape
Rebecca Ross, Artist – Broadway Road Streetscape

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order

- Kelly Nelson, TMAC Chair, called the TMAC meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the May 14, 2014, Commission Minutes

- Kelly Nelson asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved TMAC minutes document** dated **May 14, 2014**.
- **MOTION:** Gail Natale moved to approve the May 14, 2014, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission Meeting Minutes document as presented.
- **SECOND:** David Lucier seconded.
- **DECISION:** Approved as presented.

Agenda Item 3 – Chairperson’s Announcements

- **Kelly Nelson**, TMAC Chair, made the following announcements:
 - welcomed **Pat Konomos**, recently appointed Tempe Municipal Arts Commission member
 - Tempe City Council has approved reducing TMAC from 15 members to 13. TMAC currently has 12 members, the 13th will be appointed in the coming months.
 - invited TMAC members to attend a bronze casting demonstration arranged by Michelle Dock, Gallery Coordinator, at nationally known Bollinger Atelier Studio on Thursday October 16th from 3-4:30pm, 227 S Rockford Dr. Tempe. <http://www.bollingeratelier.com/>
 - encouraged TMAC members to vote by August 26, 2014 for the three City Council seats open in the current Primary Election. <http://www.tempe.gov/city-hall/city-clerk-s-office/election-information/2014-city-council-candidate-elections>
 - the City of Tempe wants to honor those who have died protecting our community with a new Public Safety Memorial at the entrance of Tempe Beach Park at Tempe Town Lake. The memorial will honor the Tempe firefighters, police officers and canines who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Once sufficient funds are raised, a call for artists will be released in the summer of 2015. www.tempe.gov/publicsafetymemorial

Agenda Item 4 – Broadway Road Streetscape, Public Art – Laurie Lundquist and Rebecca Ross

- **Laurie Lundquist and Rebecca Ross**, artists, presented their design concepts for the Broadway Road Streetscape Public Art project, titled “Hedgerow”. The wall sections that are adjunct to the road will include Morse code messages paying homage to orange trees that historically grew along Broadway Road and in the neighborhood. In areas of the wall that are set back from Broadway Road, the artists propose to install a series of steel “tree profiles” and square “pixels” in various hues of green and orange.
- **MOTION:** **Susan Bendix moved to recommend the Broadway Road Streetscape Public Art proposal as presented.**
SECOND: **Christine Cirillo-Ching seconded.**
DECISION: **Recommended as presented, with an abstention from Gail Natale.**

Agenda Item 5 – IN FLUX Initiative

- **Maja Aurora**, COT Arts Coordinator, presented IN FLUX Initiative Cycle 5. Discussion highlights included:
 - Cycle 5 for 2014-2015 includes ten cities and 20 artist opportunities. Application deadline is September 15; installations projected for December, 2014.
 - Tempe’s IN FLUX possible spaces include Tempe Marketplace, Mill Avenue District, and south Tempe as well as along Scottsdale Road.
 - Budget of \$4,000 per location and up to five spaces
 - asked TMAC members to forward location and contact information if other promising locations are found
 - www.influxaz.com
- **MOTION:** **Susan Bendix moved to recommend the continuation of IN FLUX Cycle 5 as presented.**
SECOND: **David Kephart seconded.**
DECISION: **IN FLUX Cycle 5 recommended as presented.**

Agenda Item 6 – Public Art Updates

- **Maja Aurora** provided updates on current public art projects:
 - BIKEiT** – final designs by artist Isaac Caruso were presented
 - platFORM** – artists Dale Andress and Shelby Larson are currently fabricating their sculptures, to be installed late September in front of Hayden Flour Mill.
www.tempe.gov/platFORM
 - University Drive Streetscape** – presented Jason Griffiths’ models of the “Median House” sculptures that will be installed in September within new medians on University Drive: one just east of Priest Drive, the other between Farmer and Wilson.
www.tempe.gov/universitydrive
 - Hardy Drive Streetscape** – Melissa Martinez’s tree sculpture will be installed in late December-early January, following the construction of the medians.
www.tempe.gov/hardydrive

Agenda Item 7 – Future Agenda Items

- Information about the Arts Tax that supports the Tempe Center for the Arts
- Future possible expansion of platFORM temporary public art project
- Invite someone from the City of Mesa’s SPARK! Festival to a TMAC meeting
- Public Art funding opportunities
- Solar lighting in public art projects/installations
- Opportunities for collaborating with Arizona State University

Agenda Item 8 – Commission Member’s Announcements

- None.

Agenda Item 9 – Public Appearances

- No appearances.

Agenda Item 10 - Adjournment

- The next Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) meeting will be held at 6pm on September 10, 2014 at Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ, 85282.
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.**

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