



Minutes TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION March 11, 2015

Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) recorded at 6 p.m. on March 11, 2015, within the Tempe Public Library Board Room, 3500 S Rural Road, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Celina Chiarello – Vice Chair
Christine Cirillo-Ching
Pat Konomos
Kiyomi Kurooka
Charlie Lee
David Lucier
Robert Moore
Kelly Nelson – Chair
Celeste Plumlee

City Staff Present:

Maja Aurora, Arts Coordinator – Arts Grants, Public Art, Art in
Private Development
Joy Higgins, Public Art Assistant
Shelley Hearn, Director – Community Services

Guest(s) Present:

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Susan Bendix
Hilary Harp
Gail Natale

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order

- **Kelly Nelson**, TMAC Chair, called the TMAC meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

- None

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of the February 11, 2015 Commission Minutes

- **K. Nelson** asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved TMAC minutes document** dated **February 11, 2015**.
- **MOTION:** **David Lucier** moved to approve the **February 11, 2015 Tempe Municipal Arts Commission Meeting Minutes** document as presented.
- **SECOND:** **Robert Moore** seconded.
- **DECISION:** **Approved as presented, with an abstention by Christine Cirillo-Ching**

Agenda Item 4 – Chairperson’s Announcements

- **K. Nelson** presented several announcements:
 - ASU Alumni Magazine included an article about public art on their Tempe and West campuses. Maja Aurora, Tempe Arts Coordinator, was featured as the Tempe Public Art Coordinator and ASU Alumna.
 - 2015 State of the Neighborhoods Awards and Workshops, hosted by Mayor Mark Mitchell. The event will include a light breakfast and a choice of four workshops. Saturday, April 18th, 8am-11:15am, Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave. Register by Tuesday, April 14: www.tempe.gov/stateoftheneighborhoods
 - The Northern Trust Company, a tenant in the Discovery Business Campus, will soon enter into a naming agreement with the City of Tempe through a 20-year GPLET lease agreement. The savings TNTC will realize from the GPLET will be placed in a future endowment fund that will provide approximately \$7.3 million to the TCA over a 20-year period. The TCA will be renamed “Tempe Center for the Arts, sponsored by Northern Trust”. <http://www.tempe.gov/Home/Components/News/News/3723/>
 - Fountain Hills Docents will be providing special public art tours for TMAC members on April 4th and/or April 18 at 11am. Contact Maja if you are interested in attending.

Agenda Item 5 – “Building Memories” by Jim Campbell, Public Art Deaccession

- **M. Aurora** presented TMAC members with the draft letter deaccession for Jim Campbell’s 2001 public art installation at the Westside Multi-Generational Center.
 - the piece titled, “Building Memoires” was installed in 2001
 - the interactive video art including projection and computer equipment has become unreliable and in some cases completely non-functioning
 - the artwork is site-specific; relocation of the artwork is not an option
 - the City of Tempe will provide Jim Campbell with 60 days to respond to the letter

MOTION: **Christine Cirillo-Ching moved to recommend deaccessioning “Building Memories” by Jim Campbell**

SECOND: **David Lucier seconded.**

DECISION: **Recommended as presented.**

Agenda Item 6 – Updates; Public Art

- **M. Aurora** presented updates to current Tempe Public Art projects:
 - University Drive and Hardy Drive Streetscape projects**
 - Bill Timmerman will be photographing both projects on Friday, March 13th
 - models are needed at the morning session 7-9:30am, and evening session 4-7pm. Contact Maja if you want to participate.
 - platFORM**
 - a boosted Facebook post for the Call to Artists/Request for Proposals on the COT page received 85+ “likes” and 18 shares to date <http://www.platform-az.org/>
 - Jaycee Park Mural**
 - the artist selection panel chose four finalists to create proposals, for which they will receive a stipend
 - April 1st the artists will present proposals and the panel will choose the winning design
 - mural to be painted between April-May of this year
 - Daley Park Mural**
 - the first artist selection panel will be held in April, and the mural will be painted in the fall

Agenda Item 7 – Tempe Arts Plan

- No current updates

Agenda Item 8 – Public Art Docent Program

- **K. Nelson** gave updates on the Public Art Docent Program:
 - the Tempe Festival of the Arts spring brochure announces the TMAC Arts Docents
 - sign-up sheet for preferred time and location was distributed
 - TMAC members decided on white TMAC lettering on a blue shirt which will be ordered in time for TMAC art docents to wear for the Festival of the Arts in March
 - Rob Moore is compiling photos and information for creating a Downtown Tempe Public Art Map, which will be a useful tool for docents stationed at events

Agenda Item 9 – Art in Private Development Ordinance

- **C. Cirillo-Ching** initiated a conversation about the relationship of art and architecture within AIPD, the assertiveness of the ordinance, and in-lieu contributions by developers. TMAC comments include:
 - employing the artist at the beginning of the architectural design stage could produce well integrated art and/or a building that is more artistically interesting than having a standalone sculpture
 - the verbiage of the ordinance could assume higher expectations of the artist and developer with more assertive art requirements, in an effort to discourage plop art
 - TMAC should wield more influence in dictating the direction of the art, and determining the artistic caliber of proposals
 - in-lieu contributions could be earmarked for larger monumental municipal arts projects
 - broader definitions in the ordinance could include renovations of developments

Agenda Item 10 – Commission Members' Announcements

- **Pat Konomos** invited TMAC members to the dedication of Melissa Martinez's Neighborhood Grant project *Take Flight* on Saturday, March 21st at 10am, 13th Street east of Hardy Drive
- **Celina Chiarello** announced that the Musical Instrument Museum is seeking teaching artists of all mediums for 2015 summer camp. <http://phoenix.jobing.com/teaching-artist-temporary-position/job/5161665>
- **Kelly Nelson** invited TMAC members to experience Poetry & Prose at the Phoenix Art Museum scheduled for Saturday, April 4th from 4-6pm. Poets will be reading their ekphrastic work while standing near the subject artwork. www.fourchamberspress.com

Agenda Item 13 - Adjournment

- The next Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) meeting will be held at 6pm on April 20, 2015 at Tempe Public Library Board Room, 3500 S Rural Road, Tempe, AZ 85282
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**