

Minutes
TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION
December 14, 2016

Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) recorded at 6 p.m. on December 14, 2016, within the Tempe Library Board Room, 3500 S Rural Road, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Deborah Bair
Susan Bendix
Christine Cirillo-Ching
Celina Coleman – Chair
Hilary Harp – Vice Chair
Anthony Johnson
Kiyomi Kurooka
Charlie Lee
David Lucier
Robert Moore
Kelly Nelson
Celeste Plumlee (called in at 6:43pm)
Aaron Thacker

City Staff Present:

Maja Aurora, Arts Engagement Administrator
Joy Higgins, Administrative Assistant
Ralph Remington, Deputy Director of Arts & Culture

Guest(s) Present:

None

(MEMBERS) Absent:

None

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order

- **Celina Coleman**, TMAC Chair, called the TMAC meeting to order at 6:07pm.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

- None

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of the November 9, 2016 Commission Minutes

- **Hilary Harp** asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved TMAC minutes document dated November 9, 2016.**
- **MOTION:** **David Lucier** moved to approve the **November 9, 2016 Tempe Municipal Arts Commission Meeting Minutes** as presented.
SECOND: **Charlie Lee** seconded.
DECISION: **Approved as presented, with one abstention by Christine Cirillo-Ching.**

Agenda Item 4 – Chairperson’s Report

- **Celina Coleman** update TMAC with the following:
 - TMAC Annual Report was sent to the Clerk’s Office
 - The final draft of the Code changes will go to City Council on January 12, 2017
 - A Doodle Poll will be sent requesting best dates in February for a daytime TMAC Retreat

- Elections for TMAC chair and vice-chair happen at the January TMAC meeting
- Members Anthony Johnson, Charlie Lee, and Kelly Nelson have been reappointed for another TMAC term starting in January 2017
- TMAC says “goodbye” to Susan Bendix, Robert Moore, Celeste Plumlee and Christine Cirillo-Ching. Thank you for your service!

Agenda Item 5 – Arts and Culture Deputy Director’s Report

- **Ralph Remington**, Deputy Director of Arts & Culture, updated TMAC with the following:
 - **Maja Aurora** has been promoted to Director of Arts Engagement
 - **Rebecca Blume Rothman** has been hired as the Director of Public Art and her first day is January 9, 2017. She previously worked at Phoenix Office of Arts & Culture as a Public Art Project Manager.
 - January: TCA Gallery presents “Western POP: Facts and Fiction of the American West” January 13-May 6. The exhibit looks at the Western genre through a contemporary lens.
 - February: In conjunction with the TCA Gallery, TCA presents “Western POP Film Festival” February 1-3 @ 7pm, showing three iconic Western films followed by post-discussions covering topics such as racism and sexism in the “old west.” www.tempe.gov/tcaevents
 - Feb. 1st: *The Searchers*, 1956; discussion by Peter Lehman, Ph.D., ASU
 - Feb. 2nd: *Unforgiven*, 1992; discussion by Jason Scott, Ph.D., ASU
 - Feb. 3rd: *Django Unchained*; discussion by Ralph Remington, Artistic Director, TCA
 - EDGE Happy Hour @ TCA: Melanie Holm, Arts Programming Assistant, is scheduling music groups of all genres in the lobby of TCA for the new EDGE Happy Hour. EDGE runs Thursday-Saturday from 5-8pm and features musical artists, food and drinks.
 - TCA will feature the first in-house production by TCA Theatre Company: “Some Velvet Morning,” a play by Neil LaBute, will open March 10th with a preview night on March 9th.
 - Disrupt Fest at TCA on March 18th will feature the LaBute play, musical group Totsy, and musical group Ensemble Mik Nawooj. Disrupt Fest will become a two weekend annual event in future years. www.tempe.gov/tcaevents
 - 10th Anniversary Gala: TCA will host the Gala September 9-10, 2017, and feature Al Jarreau as the headlining act. Planning committees may reach out to TMAC for assistance.

Agenda Item 6 – Continued Discussion about Danelle Plaza

- **Robert Moore** updated TMAC with the following about Danelle Plaza:
 - R. Moore and Evan Lingens (coordinator of Tempe Arts-a-Go-Go) met with Ralph Remington and Maja Aurora to discuss opportunities for event partnerships
 - An RFQ for the development of the city owned vacant lot adjacent to Danelle Plaza went to council in December. City Council Member Lauren Kuby invited TMAC to engage with the developer once they are selected.
 - The owner of Yucca Tap Room met with Hillary Harp to discuss ideas for activating space in conjunction with ASU.
 - Owners of Yucca Tap Room and Rocket-a-Go-Go are working on starting mural projects around the plaza
 - Hillary Harp and Aaron Thacker volunteered to continue efforts with Danelle Plaza, since R. Moore’s last term is ending.

Agenda Item 7 – Liaison Opportunities and Reports

- **Kelly Nelson** updated TMAC on the following:
 - Requested service hours information from all members for annual reporting
 - Public Art Docents: Rob, Kiyomi, Celina, David, Debbie and Kelly volunteered at the December Tempe Festival of the Arts where they handed out “Public Art Walking Tour” maps. A record 230 people were contacted at the event.

- A Downtown Tempe Authority map of “Tempe Tales: a Public Art Scavenger Hunt” for 14 bronze rabbits hiding around Downtown Tempe is now available.
- Requested ideas for other public art events the Public Art Docents could attend in the future. Past events have been Tempe Festival of the Arts and the Tempe Tree Expo. One suggestion was the Neighborhood Beautification Awards.
- Hillary Harp volunteered to serve on the upcoming TCA Gallery jury panel on Friday January 27th from 9a-1p.

Agenda Item 8 – Update: Public Art

- **Maja Aurora** presented updates about Tempe Public Art:
 - Public Safety Memorial has been installed at Tempe Beach Park
 - Tempe Streetcar Public Art Meet & Greet: Hillary Harp, Celina Coleman, Kelly Nelson, Rob Moore, and Debbie Bair attended the event to share ideas and concerns with artists prior to starting the design process. The artists will take the feedback and work with the architects to formulate design concepts for Streetcar stop locations.

Agenda Item 9 – Commission Members’ Announcements

- **Hilary Harp** announced that Practical Art in Phoenix will be hosting a pie fundraising event for the Art Resource Center on December 16th at 7pm. Art Resource Center provides recycled art supplies for non-profit art institutions and schools in the valley. <http://www.artresourcecenter.org/>
<http://practical-art.com/>

Agenda Item 10 - Adjournment

- The next Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) meeting will be held at 6pm on January 11, 2017 at Tempe Public Library Board Room, 3500 S Rural Road, Tempe, AZ 85282
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.**

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