

Minutes TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION January 10, 2018

Minutes of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission (TACC) recorded at 6 pm on January 10, 2018, within the Carter Lounge at Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ, 85281.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Deborah Bair (departed at 6:47pm)
Anthony Johnson
David Lucier – Chair
Peggy Moroney
Kelly Nelson
Aaron Thacker – Vice-chair
Jacque Tobias

City Staff Present:

Brenda Abney, Tempe Arts & Culture Manager
Rebecca Blume Rothman, Public Art Administrator
Joy Higgins, Administrative Assistant
Christine Beatty, Public Art Assistant
Allison Porterfield, Public Art Assistant

Guest(s) Present:

None

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Hilary Harp
Kiyomi Kurooka
Charlie Lee

Call to Order

- **David Lucier**, TMAC Chair, called the TMAC meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

- None

Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the December 13, 2017 Commission Minutes

- **David Lucier** asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved TMAC minutes document dated December 13, 2017.**
- **MOTION:** **Kelly Nelson** moved to approve the **December 13, 2017 Tempe Municipal Arts Commission Meeting Minutes.**
SECOND: **Jacque Tobias** seconded.
DECISION: **Approved as presented.**

Agenda Item 3 – Presentation & Discussion

- **Rebecca Rothman**, Public Art Administrator, presented information and updates about public art commissioned through the Maryanne Corder Neighborhood Grant (MCNG) program. Details include:
 - The MCNG program is administered by Neighborhood Services and available to Home Owners' Associations (HOA) and Neighborhood Associations (NA). When a grant is awarded for a public art project, the HOA/NA works closely with Tempe Public Art from planning through installation.
 - In late 2016, City Council determined that all public art projects created through a MCNG should be maintained by Tempe Public Art staff, and therefore should be part of the Tempe Public Art collection if they are on city property.
 - Tempe Public Art has created a pre-qualified artist list through a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and jury process. Selected artists are highlighted in a publication shared with HOAs and NAs, but not guaranteed a project.

- The Maryanne Corder Neighborhood Grant 2018 Pre-Qualified Public Artists list addresses the challenge many HOAs and NAs have in reaching, selecting and hiring a qualified artist through simplification of the process, while maintaining a grassroots process. The list includes biographic and contact information for each artist, along with samples of completed projects.
- The artist list will be published on the web with links and other pertinent information.
www.tempe.gov/publicart
- Neighborhood Services will include a hotlink for the artist list in their MCNG marketing efforts.
- 29 artists applied to the RFQ, 27 artists were selected for inclusion on the list. The selection panel for the list included TACC liaison Aaron Thacker and members of the community familiar with public art or the MCNG process.
- Tempe Public Art would like the list to be live on or about January 22nd, 2018.
- The list will be presented to the public at the Maryanne Corder Neighborhood Grant workshop on January 24th at 6pm in Meeting Room A at Tempe Public Library.
- In the future, the publication could become an artist registry for all types of public art projects.
- TACC members provided initial suggestions for edits that will be considered by the Tempe Public Art staff. Additional suggestions for edits must be received by January 17, 2018.

Agenda Item 4 – Program Reports: Written reports provided.

- **A. Arts Engagement** – current events can be found in the written report
- **B. History Museum – B. Abney** presented the following updates:
 - A flyer was distributed for Black History Month events at Tempe History Museum
 - Peterson House Museum:
 - A THM pop-up shop sold about \$2,000 in merchandise over the six days Peterson House was open in December.
 - Hayden’s Ferry Questers Chapter #1245 is raising funds to assist with improvements to Peterson House, including a new, period accurate kitchen floor, to refinish the wood floors throughout, and to remove and perhaps replace the two aging exterior signs.
 - January through March Peterson House hosts Territorial Days tours for fourth graders.
 - current events can be found at www.tempe.gov/museumevents
- **C. Public Art – R. Rothman** presented the following updates:
 - Tempe Public Art is undergoing a complete assessment of the collection to determine a maintenance plan
 - Working with partners in IN FLUX to rethink the mission of the program to adapt to availability of vacant spaces
 - The opening of “Walk in My Shoes” at TCA Gallery happens January 19th, 2018. There will be a variety of upcoming arts programs related to the exhibit, including workshops and partnerships with high schools.
 - Current events can be found at www.tempe.gov/publicart and www.tempe.gov/tcagallery
- **D. Tempe Center for the Arts – B. Abney** presented the following updates:
 - Kathleen Dooner will serve as interim TCA General Manager until the position is filled.
 - Many qualified applications were submitted for the open GM position.
 - Ralph Remington and Joy Higgins will be relocating their offices from TCA to the Tempe Library complex after the GM position is filled.
 - Current events can be found at www.tempe.gov/tcaevents

Agenda Item 5 – Commission Members’ Announcements/Future Agenda Items

- Deborah Bair suggested following topics for future agenda items:
 - update on the Performing Arts CIP/operating budget process
 - progress with the Arts & Culture Tax planning
- Aaron Thacker suggested the following topics for future agenda items:
 - Ways to capture murals through social media for preservation
 - Ways to use vintage photos and videos of Tempe on social media to market the city
- Peggy Moroney informed that more docents are needed for the TCA Gallery and Tempe History Museum docent programs. She asked other TACC members to spread the word, prospective docents should contact Brenda Abney (brenda_abney@tempe.gov) or Michelle Dock (michelle_dock@tempe.gov).

- Kelly Nelson announced that she, J. Tobias, P. Moroney, and D. Lucier talked with and intercepted about 250 people as Tempe Public Art Docents at the Tempe Festival of the Arts on December 1-3, 2017. Public Art Walking Maps were distributed.
- Anthony Johnson informed that Spinelli's Pizzeria at Mill Avenue and 5th Street will host a Jazz Jam event featuring ASU students.
- D. Lucier explained that the next meeting will be the TACC retreat. The date may change to accommodate the longer meeting, a Doodle Poll will be sent out to gather availability from members.

Agenda Item 6 –Adjournment

- Next meeting: February Retreat date, time and location to be determined.
- **Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm**

Prepared By: Joy Higgins
Reviewed By: Brenda Abney