

Minutes TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION September 12, 2018

Minutes of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission (TACC) recorded at 5 pm on September 12, 2018, within the Tempe History Museum Board Room, 809 E Southern Ave, Tempe 85282.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Deborah Bair
Anthony Johnson
Kiyomi Kurooka
David Lucier – Chair
Peggy Moroney
Kelly Nelson
Aaron Thacker – Vice-chair
Jacque Tobias

City Staff Present:

Brenda Abney, Managing Director of Cultural Arts
Joy Higgins, Administrative Assistant
Rebecca Blume Rothman, Director of Public Art
Eileen May, Managing Director-Tempe Center for the Arts
Bonnie Richardson, Principal Planner

Guest(s) Present:

None

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Charlie Lee

Call to Order

- **David Lucier**, TMAC Chair, called the TMAC meeting to order at 5:02pm.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

- None

Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the May 9, 2018 Commission Minutes

- **David Lucier** asked the TMAC members to review an unapproved TMAC minutes document dated June 13, 2018.
- **MOTION:** Kelly Nelson moved to approve the June 13, 2018 Tempe Municipal Arts Commission Meeting Minutes as presented.
SECOND: Aaron Thacker seconded. Motion passed on an 8-0 vote.
AYES: Deborah Bair, Anthony Johnson, Kiyomi Kurooka, David Lucier, Peggy Moroney, Kelly Nelson, Aaron Thacker, Jacque Tobias
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Charlie Lee

Agenda Item 3 – Presentation: Rio Salado + Beach Park Masterplan – Bonnie Richardson

- **Bonnie Richardson**, Principal Planner for Public Works, presented information about the Tempe Beach Park and Rio Salado Masterplan. This is a conceptual 20-30-year plan to create a roadmap to guide planning individual areas in and around Tempe Beach Park and the Rio Salado. Information can be found at <https://www.tempe.gov/city-hall/community-services/parks/rio-salado-and-beach-park-masterplan>.
 - The Masterplan will be presented at the City Council work study session on September 20th, then will be added to a Council Agenda for approval in November.
 - Feel free to send any comments to B. Richardson at bonnie_richardson@tempe.gov.
- Comments from TACC members include:

- Accessibility should be a top priority
- Please balance the distribution of focus and funds to include parks and public areas in south Tempe. If accessibility is an issue because of numerous events at Tempe Beach Park, consider moving some of those events to south Tempe.

Agenda Item 5 – Presentation: Tempe Arts & Culture Tax - Informational

- **Brenda Abney**, Managing Director of Cultural Arts, presented updated information about the Arts & Culture Tax and the tax advocacy committee, Tempeans for Arts & Culture. Details include
 - The committee has started advocating for the tax and have raised about \$13,000 to date. They are seeking donations to attain their goal of \$35,000.
 - The committee has hired a consulting firm to help run the campaign.
 - The Arts & Culture Tax fund would accrue 1/10 of \$.01 of sales tax in perpetuity starting on January 1, 2021 and fund arts, culture, and historic preservation including expanded programming, education, and outreach opportunities.
 - Without the Arts & Culture Tax, the Tempe Center for the Arts would revert to a rental facility and any other program funding, including arts education and within Tempe History Museum, would remain stagnant.

Agenda Item 5 – Report: Arts & Culture Division Update – Informational

- A. Ordinance: B. Abney provided details about changes to the Tempe Arts & Culture Commission Ordinance. Details include:
 - The edits in caps have already gone to one hearing with City Council. Council Member Jennifer Adams raised concerns which may be addressed at the second hearing on September 27th.
 - The current changes would expand the commission to eleven members and add criteria for two members to have financial backgrounds.
 - The commission would be utilized to provide financial oversight for the Arts & Culture Fund through quarterly reviews and annual budgeting, and for tracking benchmarks and measurable outcomes. Result would be passed to City Council for final approval.
 - These changes would be implemented with the passage of the Arts & Culture Tax ballot measure in November.
- B. Consultant: Eileen May provided details about the RFP process underway to hire a consulting company to focus on developing and implementing a business plan and establishing measurable benchmarks for Tempe Center for the Arts. The consultant will assist with the process for two years.
 - With the potential advent of the Arts & Culture Tax, staff would like to put standards in place to measure success of the TCA and Arts & Culture.
 - At the end of the two-year process there will be measures in place for future success.
 - There is money set aside in the proposed Arts & Culture Tax budget for reevaluation of plans as necessary, including facility studies, marketing plans, arts & culture master plans, et al.
 - Review of RFPs takes place on Friday, September 14th.

Agenda Item 5 – Continuing Business: TACC Awards Planning

- **B. Abney** and Debbie Bair updated TACC members with details.
 - Thank you to the subcommittee, Debbie Bair, Kiyomi Kurooka, Anthony Johnson, and Charlie Lee.
 - Minutes for the TACC Awards Subcommittee meeting on September 6th, 2018 can be found here: <https://www.tempe.gov/Home/ShowDocument?id=69215>

Agenda Item - Public Art Deaccession: Two works in Tempe Public Art Collection

- **Rebecca Rothman**, Director of Public Art, discussed deaccessioning two projects from the collection:
 - Jeff Zischke's *ColorWave* (1991) at Kiwanis Recreation Center Pool (indoor facility)
 - Much degrading happening due to pool chemicals and humidity; staining, erosion, and fabric degradation
 - Meiny Vermaas-van der Hiede's *Earth Quilt* (2002) at 6th Street Park west of City Hall
 - The expanse of mosaic flagstone is lifting in many areas creating hazards to park patrons
 - Some areas of the park have already undergone replacement with brick in the same mosaic style as the original artist design. The artist has approved the replacement plan in the same manner.

- **David Lucier** asked the TMAC members to approve deaccession of *Earth Quilt* and *ColorWave* public art projects.
- **MOTION:** **Jacque Tobias moved to approve deaccession of the presented public art projects.**
- **SECOND:** **Peggy Moroney seconded. Motion passed on an 8-0 vote.**
- **AYES:** **Deborah Bair, Anthony Johnson, Kiyomi Kurooka, David Lucier, Peggy Moroney, Kelly Nelson, Aaron Thacker, Jacque Tobias**
- **NAYS:** **None**
- **ABSENT:** **Charlie Lee**

Agenda Item 6 – Program Reports: Written reports provided.

- **A. Public Art & Galleries** – Current events can be found in the written report and at www.tempe.gov/publicart and www.tempe.gov/tcagallery.
- **B. History Museum** – Current events can be found in the written report and at www.tempe.gov/museumevents.
- **C. Tempe Center for the Arts** – Current events can be found in the written report and at www.tempecenterforthearts.com.
- **D. Arts Engagement** - Current events can be found in the written report and at www.tempe.gov/arts and www.tempe.gov/ednaarts.

Agenda Item 7 – Commission Members' Announcements/Future Agenda Items

- **Aaron Thacker:**
 - Tempe Playlist is nearing its culminating event. Music has been chosen, scripts are written, and a partnership is secured with Spot 127 [for recording]. Project release should happen in October.
 - The Tempe Team may be awarded a second-year grant to expand the project.
- **Kiyomi Kurooka** shared news about Danelle Plaza:
 - Tempe Art-a-Goh-Goh will begin it's 2018-19 Final Friday programming on September 28th at 9pm through May.
 - Unity Through Community (non-profit business) will begin development of an art community and maker space.
- **Peggy Moroney** is on the Hayden's Ferry Days program committee and tasked with finding demonstrators and craft people for the festival on February 23rd, 1-5pm at the Tempe History Museum. Crafts that can involve children and adults are sought. Please spread the word!
- **Brenda Abney** reminded TACC that Ballet Under the Stars happens this night at 7pm at Tempe Sports Complex. Also, Performances at the Museum presents the band in/PLANES at 7pm inside the Tempe History Museum.
- **Rebecca Blume Rothman** reminded TACC that the opening for the exhibit Monster Stories in the Gallery at TCA happens on Friday September 14th from 6-9pm.
- **Anthony Johnson** encouraged TACC to look for art popping up around town in unusual places.
- **David Lucier** reminded TACC members to respond to emails requesting presence at meeting so that quorum can be determined.

Agenda Item 6 –Adjournment

- Next meeting: October 10th, 2018; location to be determined.
- **Meeting adjourned at 6:42pm.**

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