

Minutes TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION August 18, 2020

6:00pm on August 18, 2020 held in a virtual meeting via Webex.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Jeff Davis
Maureen Kobierowski-arrived 6:36pm
Kiyomi Kurooka
Peggy Moroney
Jennifer Song
Justin Stewart – Chair
Ginny Sylvester

City Staff Present:

Brenda Abney, Manager-Visual Arts & Culture
Joy Higgins, Management Assistant-Arts & Culture Division
Eileen May, Managing Director-Tempe Center for the Arts
Ralph Remington, Deputy Director-Arts & Culture Division
Keith Burke, Director – Community Services
Maja Aurora, Arts Engagement Director

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Michael Bennett
Lisa Hobson
Michael Rohd

Guest(s) Present:

Call to Order

- **Justin Stewart**, TACC Chair, called the TACC meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

- None

Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the July 21, 2020 Commission Minutes

J. Stewart asked the commissioners to review an unapproved TACC minutes document dated July 21, 2020.

MOTION: Ginny Sylvester moved to approve the July 21, 2020 Tempe Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes with amendments.

SECOND: Peggy Moroney seconded

AYES: Jeff Davis, Kiyomi Kurooka, Peggy Moroney, Jennifer Song, Justin Stewart, Ginny Sylvester

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

RESULT: Motion passed with an 7-0 vote

ABSENT: Michael Bennett, Lisa Hobson, Maureen Kobierowski, Michael Rohd

Agenda Item 3 – Discussion: Community Center Master Plan

- Kiyomi Kurooka, Architect with DWL Architects, gave details about a Master Plan of the Community Center Campus that will focus on its purpose for the next 30 years. Recommendations will be presented to Tempe Arts and Culture Commission and Tempe City Council in early 2021. The plan will focus on the following:
 - Improvement to the campus experience
 - Increased connectivity between facilities, between interior and exterior spaces, and between the campus and the streets.
 - Planning of a new Human Services Department facility

- Optimize use and functionality of the campus buildings
- Sustainable design throughout the campus
- The City of Tempe and DWL Architects wish to receive comments on what the public and stakeholders think will improve the campus and ideas on placement of the Human Services facility.
- Arts and Culture Commission comments:
 - A new visual arts space is needed in Tempe. Perhaps a small contemporary art museum or gallery.
 - What is the timeframe for the master plan?
 - There is no funding to move forward on a new campus facility within the current five-year program. Despite this, there is potential to add a facility within the full ten years of the next five-year bond program depending on finances and budget dollars.
 - The expanded plaza area would be great. It would make sense to move the Human Services Department to a new facility in Lot 3.
 - There are many areas around the campus that were once utilized but are no longer.
 - The plaza space is limited making it difficult to maintain visibility of family.
 - People with disabilities have a limited number of parking spots. Moving the bus farther away would not be convenient. The addition of covered, multi-level parking would help with this issue.
 - Please add more public art to the campus.
- Send any additional ideas to Joy at joy_higgins@tempe.gov. Info will be forwarded to Kiyomi.

Agenda Item 4 – Update: Arts & Culture Division

- Ralph Remington reminded everyone that Thursday's City Council Work Study Session will feature the AMS presentation that TACC saw during the July meeting.
- Eileen May, Managing Director of Tempe Center for the Arts, discussed the following:
 - Mandatory budget reductions: E. May discussed the strategy to meet the \$1 million reduction goal. Items that would have the least effect on staffing and programs were cut.
 - Current programming:
 - TCA Presents to start programming in January.
 - SHFT virtual programming is a way to support the artistic community and engage local artists and expand platform. Thanks to Justin Stewart for DJing and helping staff with networking in the local music scene.
 - Using this time of COVID to dive into social justice issues, engage the community, and create opportunities to propel a brighter future for local artists.
 - The Gallery at TCA will begin highlighting artists in spring.
- Brenda: Museum, Manager of Visual Arts & Culture, discussed the following:
 - Tempe Public Art, funded through the Municipal Arts Fund, is busy with Art in Private Development projects and CIP projects in the community.
 - Public Art Insights is a series of virtual programs to help artists learn how to discover and apply for public art opportunities.
 - The Tempe Public Art Pre-Qualified Artist List will be a tool for entities wishing to hire a local artist.
 - Mandatory budget reductions: B. Abney discussed the strategy to meet the \$139,000 reduction goal for Tempe History Museum and Edna Vihel Arts Center. Costs for exhibits, collections, programming and education were cut to avoid cuts to staff.
 - Arts Engagement:
 - Much effort has been made to create equitable and accessible processes for the application and selection of Arts Grants.
 - Though the budget for Arts in the Parks is being reduced, the program will continue in the coming year.
 - Sunset Series is a new grant funded program launching in the fall.
 - Arts Classes at Edna Arts just finished its first session of virtual classes with great success.
 - History Museum:
 - Performances at the Museum will continue for fall, winter, and spring in a virtual format.

Agenda Item 5 – Program Reports

- **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 6 – Commission Members' Announcements

- Some commissioners served on Arts Grants panels. They were impressed and encouraged by the extensive diversity of applicants.
- Commissioners are enjoying SHFT virtual programs from home as an alternative to EDGE programs held at Tempe Center for the Arts.

Agenda Item 7 – Future Agenda Items

- Budget updates and developments
- Hayden's Ferry Days
- Sesquicentennial
- Danelle Plaza
- AMS recommendations for Arts & Culture

Agenda Item 8 – Adjournment

- **Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm**

Prepared by: Joy Higgins

Reviewed by: Brenda Abney