

## Minutes TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION April 12, 2021

Minutes of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission (TACC) recorded at 6:00pm on April 12, 2021 and held in a virtual meeting via Webex.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Jeff Davis – Vice-chair  
Harper Lines  
Haylee Mills  
Peggy Moroney  
Randall Schmidt  
Justin Stewart – Chair  
Ginny Sylvester

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Jacqueline Bernatt  
Maureen Kobierowski  
Jennifer Song  
Andrew Wallace

**City Staff Present:**

Brenda Abney, Interim Deputy Director – Arts & Culture  
Eileen May, General Manager – Tempe Center for the Arts  
Joy Higgins, Management Assistant -Arts & Culture Division  
Keith Burke, Community Services Director  
Tanya Chavez, Sr Management Assistant-Community Services  
Maja Aurora, Community Arts Administrator  
Rebecca Rothman – Director of Public Art  
Kara Osburn, Financial Analyst – Arts & Culture

**Guest(s) Present:**

Isaac Caruso - Artist  
Chantez Adams – Tempe Leadership  
Jill Howard Allen – Tempe Leadership  
Roxy Helman – Tempe Leadership  
Tammy Zeller – Tempe Leadership

**Call to Order**

- **Justin Stewart**, TACC Chair, called the TACC meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

- None

**Agenda Item 2 – Presentation: Tempe Leadership Class XXXVI Project**

- **Jill Howard Allen**, Tempe Leadership, introduced the Class XXXIV Tempe Leadership project:
  - Muralist Isaac Caruso was selected to complete the Unity Mural on the Lumen building at 5<sup>th</sup> Street near Mill Avenue.
- **Isaac Caruso**, Muralist, described the project:
  - Three panels will celebrate Tempe's sesquicentennial and feature images of important people in Tempe's history: an Akimel O'odham woman (the area's earliest known settlers), Hachiro Onuki (founder of APS), Alcaria Montano Jones (prominent Tempe midwife and pioneer), Love Hatten Jordan (first African American female to graduate from ASU in 1928), Carl Trumbull Hayden (Arizona Representative and Senator born in Tempe in 1877), Bill Kajikawa (legendary ASU football, basketball, and baseball coach), Neil Giuliano (first openly gay mayor directly elected in the US), and a young girl representing the future.
  - It was important to show the diversity of Tempe. Jared Smith, Sr. Curator at Tempe History Museum, provided much information about Tempe's history.
  - Each image will include a QR code for public interactivity with Tempe's history.
  - A paint-by-number system will allow public participation in the painting process.
  - The mural will be exhibited for five years contractually.

- Information accessed through the QR code by the young girl will be updated annually with new and important local happenings.
- **Roxy Helman and Chantez Adams**, Tempe Leadership, explained fundraising for the project:
  - All fundraising was done virtually over nine months including a trivia night, raffles, March Madness brackets, silent auction, Caruso designed t-shirt sales, and corporate sponsorships.
  - Virtual auction can be found through [TempeLeadership.org](http://TempeLeadership.org).

### **Agenda Item 3 – New Commissioner Welcome and Introductions**

- Tempe staff and Arts & Culture Commissioners introduced themselves and welcomed Haylee Mills to the commission.

### **Agenda Item 4 - Approval of the March 8, 2021 Commission Minutes**

**J. Stewart asked the commissioners to review an unapproved TACC minutes document dated March 8, 2021.**

**MOTION:** Randall Schmidt moved to approve the March 8, 2021 Tempe Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes.

**SECOND:** Ginny Sylvester seconded

**AYES:** Jeff Davis, Harper Lines, Haylee Mills, Peggy Moroney, Randall Schmidt, Justin Stewart, Ginny Sylvester

**ABSTAIN:** None

**NAYS:** None

**RESULT:** Motion passed with an 7-0 vote

**ABSENT:** Jacqueline Bernatt, Maureen Kobierowski, Jennifer Song, Andrew Wallace

### **Agenda Item 5 – Update: Arts & Culture Division**

- **Kara Osburn**, Financial Analyst – Arts & Culture, provided a financial update:
  - A spreadsheet of budget data through February was shared, showing that the Arts & Culture Division is currently at 47% of budget spent for FY21. Spending is down due to fewer programs and events held as a result of the pandemic.
  - Any funds unused this fiscal year are rolled back into the Arts and Culture Tax fund.
  - TACC requests that revenue information be included in the report in future.
- **Maja Aurora**, Community Arts Administrator
  - View Arts in the Parks self-guided tours at Daley Park, Selleh Park, Harrelson Park.
- **Eileen May**, General Manager of Tempe Center for the Arts
  - Gallery at TCA is open, over 50 visitors last week. Many interactive pieces in the current exhibition, *Explore*. A satellite exhibition is featured at the Mill Avenue Post Office in Downtown Tempe.
  - 3 final SHFT performances: AfroFuturism Film Festival, Conder Dance – Tiny Dances Series; Joe Willey Smith.
- **Rebecca Blume Rothman**, Director of Public Art
  - Completion of Westside Multi-generational Center mural, unveiling on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am with artist Clyde and Mayor.
  - Shela Yu holding a workshop on May 1st for teens and tweens to create a book cover for the Tempe Youth Library project.
- **Brenda Abney**, Interim Deputy Director of Arts & Culture
  - Tempe History Museum welcomed visitors upon reopening last Tuesday
  - The current exhibition, *Video Invaders*, features a history of video games and the ability to play classic video game systems and pinball machines. *Video Invaders* runs through October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Such Styles and Champ Styles currently have an exhibition in the Community Room through October 3<sup>rd</sup>, *Two Players, Two Quarters*.
  - The first Monday of every month at 4:30pm there is a community meeting for people, organizations, and business who want to explore ways of connecting with the Tempe 150 celebration.

- **Keith Burke**, Community Services Director
  - Still working through mitigation strategies and protocols in anticipation of reopening
  - Thursday's Council Meeting will feature an updated city-wide budget by Ken Jones

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Program Reports**

- **A. Community Arts** - Current events can be found in the written report and at [www.tempe.gov/arts](http://www.tempe.gov/arts) and [www.tempe.gov/ednaarts](http://www.tempe.gov/ednaarts).
- **B. Tempe Center for the Arts** – Current events can be found in the written report and at [www.tempecenterforthearts.com](http://www.tempecenterforthearts.com).
- **C. History Museum** – Current events can be found in the written report and at [www.tempe.gov/museumevents](http://www.tempe.gov/museumevents).
- **D. Tempe Public Art** – Current events can be found in the written report and at [www.tempe.gov/publicart](http://www.tempe.gov/publicart).

#### **Agenda Item 7 – Commission Member Announcements**

- Ginny Sylvester
  - Served on AIPD selection panel for hotel on Farmer.
  - Impressed by all that Tempe Arts & Culture has been able to do during the pandemic.
- Harper Lines
  - Looking forward to seeing new exterior art by Corinne Wasson at Edna Vihel Arts Center.
  - Campaigning to run for Tempe City Council
- Jeff Davis
  - Served on artist selection panel for Country Club Way project, selected local artist Bobby Zokaites.
- Peggy Moroney
  - Visited the canal scavenger hunts and enjoyed the history, scenery, and how well-written the clues are.
- Randall Schmidt
  - Has been talking with Josh Roffler in the Museum about donating some tinwork tiles from the Old Main Building at ASU, as well as other historical items from Tempe.
  - Tovrea Castle is now open to the public, it's a unique place with a great story.
- Haylee Mills
  - Visited Desert X in the Palm Springs area , a large public art festival.
- Justin Stewart
  - Shot a video for Arts & Culture Awards, was happy to be in TCA after more than a year.
  - Tempe 150 community committee meeting: talked with Tempe Bicycle Action Group and liaison for Tour de Fat for possible partnerships.
  - There is a call to artists out for [Tempe Playlist](#), please inform your creative network.

#### **Agenda Item 8 – Future Agenda Items**

- Future of Danelle Plaza, Danelle Plaza website (Rob Moore)
- Art and Culture Tax info/history
- Desert X

#### **Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment**

- **Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm**

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