

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA



TEMPE ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION

September 13, 2021

6 p.m.

Meeting to be held via Cisco Webex Events

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AGENDA

Call to Order

1. **Public Appearances:** The Arts & Culture Commission welcomes public comment for items listed on this agenda. There is a three-minute time limit per individual. Anyone wishing to agendize an item for an upcoming meeting should utilize the Public Appearances for consideration.
2. **New Commissioner Welcome and Introduction** – Robert Nichols
3. **Discussion:** Shady Park, arts and live music in Tempe – Mayor Woods
4. **Deputy Director Introduction** – Brendan Ross
5. **Approval:** June 14, 2021 Tempe Arts & Culture Commission Minutes **ACTION**
6. **Discussion:** Tempe 150 – Commission participation
7. **Updates: Arts & Culture Division**
 - a. CS Director's Report – Keith Burke, Community Services Director
 - b. Deputy Director's Report – Brendan Ross
 - c. Arts & Culture Budget – Kara Osburn, Arts & Culture Financial Analyst
8. **Program Reports:** Written reports provided
 - a. Tempe Public Art
 - b. Community Arts
 - c. Tempe Center for the Arts
 - d. Tempe History Museum
9. **Commission Member Announcements**
10. **Future Agenda Items**
11. **Adjournment**

Next Meeting: October 11, 2021 via Webex

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Minutes TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION June 14, 2021

Minutes of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission (TACC) recorded at 6:00pm on June 14, 2021 and held in a virtual meeting via Webex.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Jeff Davis – Vice-chair
Maureen Kobierowski
Harper Lines
Haylee Mills
Peggy Moroney
Jennifer Song
Justin Stewart – Chair
Ginny Sylvester

City Staff Present:

Brenda Abney, Museum Manager – Tempe History Museum
Joy Higgins, Management Assistant -Arts & Culture Division
Maja Aurora, Community Arts Administrator
Kara Osburn, Financial Analyst – Arts & Culture

Guest(s) Present:

Ambika Adhikari, Principal Planner – Community Development

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Jacqueline Bernatt
Randall Schmidt

Call to Order

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

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

- None

Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the May 10, 2021 Commission Minutes

J. Stewart asked the commissioners to review an unapproved TACC minutes document dated May 10, 2021.

MOTION: Ginny Sylvester moved to approve the May 10, 2021 Tempe Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes.

SECOND: Jeff Davis seconded

AYES: Jeff Davis, Maureen Kobierowski, Harper Lines, Haylee Mills, Peggy Moroney, Jennifer Song, Justin Stewart, Ginny Sylvester

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

RESULT: Motion passed with an 8-0 vote

ABSENT: Jacqueline Bernatt, Randall Schmidt

Agenda Item 3 – Presentation & Discussion: Character Area 1 – Papago/North Tempe Planning

- **Ambika Adhikari**, Principal Planner for Community Development, presented an overview of planning for Character Area 1 – Papago/North Tempe. Details about this Character Area can be found at <https://characterareas.tempe.gov/pages/area1>.

Agenda Item 4 – Update: Arts & Culture Division

- **Maja Aurora**, Community Arts Administrator, shared some Community Arts highlights from the past year.
 - **Arts in the Parks** engaged community through installation type projects at Daley, Harrelson, Sella, and Hudson Parks. Some parks included videos that could be accessed via a QR code posted on the site.
 - **Arts Career Day** focuses on the dance discipline and partners with the dance departments of the six Tempe district high schools. 120 students are bussed to Tempe Center for the Arts for a day of dance focused activities and conversations. During the pandemic, five contracted dance artists created customized dance residencies within each of the high schools.
 - **Edna Vihel Arts Center** virtual workshops were highly successful at continuing the arts instruction typically held in the facility, including Free Art Friday, a once monthly program for children 5 and under and their care giver.
 - **Tempe Playlist Jam** happens June 25th from 8-11 pm at the Tempe Sports Complex and features live music from bands involved in the Tempe Playlist program.
- **Kara Osburn**, Arts & Culture Financial Analyst
 - **FY22 Total Revenue Budget Projection: \$10.35 million (tax + other revenues)**
 - **FY22 Expense Budget Projection: \$11.8 million**
 - Salary and wage savings from FY21 and built in contingency will help cover the difference between revenue and expense projections.
 - Detailed budget reports can be requested from Arts & Culture staff.

Agenda Item 6 – Program Reports

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

Agenda Item 7 – Commission Member Announcements

- Jeff Davis:
 - Exhibited digital artwork in Sotheby's in NYC, Tokyo, and London
 - Upcoming exhibition of works in LA
- Peggy Moroney:
 - Tempe Leadership class project has completed a mural on 5th Street and Mill in coordination with artist Isaac Caruso.
- Maureen Kobierowski:
 - Thanks to Peggy for info about the Gallery at TCA
- Justin Stewart:
 - Participated in selection panels for Tempe Arts & Culture
 - Participated in the selection panels for the Danella Plaza development

Agenda Item 8 – Future Agenda Items

- Meet and greet with new Deputy Director, Brendan Ross

Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment

- **Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm**

Tempe Public Art

September 2021

Tempe Town Lake Temporary Art

Artist Kris Manzanaras will install her temporary piece, *Lanterns for 2021*, on September 8th. The artwork is located on the north side of the lake across from the TCA to the east. Kris made each lantern element using textiles donated by Tempe residents and found in local thrift stores. The piece will be attached to the light poles allowing for a glow at night along the path.

Kris will be one of two artists to join the Public Art booth at the Tempe 150 event on November 7th. Her piece will be celebrated the Friday before with a dance performance by Condor Dance as a collaborative effort between the TCA and Public Art.



Details from Kris Manzanaras' studio

Rendering of the artwork installed

Country Club Way Public Art

Artist Bobby Zokaites has been working all summer with the design team to integrate art elements into the shade nodes along the Country Club Way path in south Tempe. The project includes shaded seating nodes where the artist has incorporated sculptural elements that allow the seating to become sundials. Each node includes a terrazzo ground plane, overhead shade with cut metal elements, and color to provide an experience for users. The team is expected to get to a 100% design milestone by the late fall with construction bidding to follow in spring. It is expected that construction will begin in 2022.



Rendering of a shade node. Color selections have not been defined yet and are only placeholders in this view.

Play Areas/Rubberized Surface

Artist Christopher Jagmin's design for the rubber surface at Hollis Park Play Area and Indian Bend is now complete and open to the public. Corbel Park is the final in the trio of his designs and will be open to the public as of September 17th. Please come by the park at 7pm to experience the new play area and see the artist designed surface!



Hollis Park



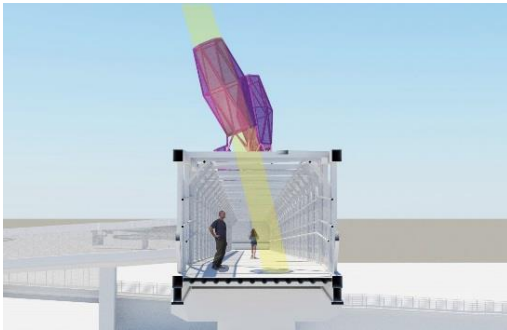
Indian Bend Park



Corbel Park

ADOT Pedestrian Bridge Project

Artist: *coLab Studio*



After a competitive selection process complete with artist interviews, *coLab Studio* / Matthew and Maria Salenger have been commissioned to work on this project.

The bridges will cross the I-10 at Alameda Road and Western Canal, joining the east and west side of Tempe for cyclist and pedestrian use. Bridge and landing design concepts are underway. The artist team is working with ADOT and the city to ensure that the design of the artwork is incorporated into the structures of both bridges. Construction along the I-10 has begun but the bridge work will not be evident to the public until the fall of 2022 at the earliest.

Tempe Streetcar update

Artist Bobby Zokaites (Zone 4), artist Mary Lucking (Zone 3), and artists Simon Donovan and Ben Olsted installed their artworks last spring. Artist Koryn Rolstad (Zone 1 / Rio Salado) is no longer working with Metro on this project. Metro is now working with the selected alternate artist Barbara Grygutis of Tucson, AZ to create a design proposal and artwork for zone 1. Metro has reached out to the community and will be sharing design concepts shortly. They intend to present this change to TACC in the early fall.

Neighborhood Grants (Arts)

www.tempe.gov/neighborhoodgrants

Four neighborhood associations have been awarded Public Art related grants through the Mary Anne Corder Grant program for the FY20-21 cycle. Three of these are still being installed and were delayed due to pandemic related issues. This past cycle, FY21-22, saw a new project awarded to Alegre neighborhood with artists Oliverio Balcells! Updates include:

1. Daley Park – Artist: Daniel Hornung. Entrance wall at Rural. Daniel is currently in fabrication with this artwork. Install is expected by October 2021.
2. Optimist Park NE, SE, NW, SW (4 associations)– Artist John Randall Nelson completed the installation in August. He will provide stencils for the neighborhood to use on their alley fences to create mural elements shortly.
3. Rural Geneva – Artist: Joan Baron. Standpipe in Meyer Park. The artwork is installed and we anticipate a neighborhood celebration this fall when the weather cools.
4. University Heights – Artist Jennyfer Stratman. Sculpture at Lemon and Dorsey. Artist Jennyfer Stratman has been working from afar, having been stuck in Australia throughout the pandemic, to complete the sculpture that was awarded per the University Heights grant application. We assisted in working through some unexpected issues related to irrigation lines, transportation visibility, and engineering but are now on track. Installation is scheduled for September 13th.
5. Alegre Park- Artist Oliverio Balcells is working with residents to create a tile mosaic standpipe that will include workshops for residents. He will also work with parks and arts to create a new rubber surface design for Alegre Park, linking the standpipe to the park with color and vibrant patterns.



Artist John Randall Nelson's trail marker at Optimist Park/ El Paso Trail. There are three markers at each entrance to the newly designed path.

www.tempe.gov/neighborhoodgrants

Community Galleries and Portable Works

The 2nd floor of the library has a new exhibit of work by the MARS Arts Collective, a group of prominent Chicano artists who create a collective print exchange in the Valley. These works have been part of the portable works collection for many years and it's fantastic to be able to highlight the group as a whole.

Currently staff is assessing the portable works collection to address conservation issues before displaying more work throughout city facilities. In the meantime, please visit the Connections Café for an exhibit of Clyde's work related to the Westside Multigenerational Center.

www.tempe.gov/publicart

Upcoming:

- IN FLUX Cycle 10 kicks off this fall! Tempe is partnered with Scottsdale Public Art, Chandler Public Art, Phoenix Public Art, Avondale Arts, Peoria Arts, Glendale Public Art and Artlink to present opportunities for temporary commissions. This opportunity will launch at the end of September or early October so look for the social media blasts!
- Utility Boxes – in partnership with the DTA, Tempe Public Art is seeking artists to paint the utility boxes along Mill and Ash in the DTA. These were painted in 2012 and 2014 so this RFQ will bring new talent in to refresh the boxes just in time for the Streetcar to open for service.

Conservation / Maintenance

Public Art works that have been recently refurbished or will be currently in process include:

1. The Cyclist's Feat (and artwork on Farmer street)– this project is placed in a chicane on Farmer Street and has been subjected to several vehicular accidents over the past 5 years. We are currently looking at new locations within the area to relocate the artwork. Staff is working with residents, property owners, and city staff to find appropriate locations for the artwork within the neighborhood boundaries. We anticipate that these works will be relocated sometime in the fall of 2021.
2. Extraordinarily Common – One of the four sculptures in Evelyn Hallman Park was cut from its plinth and taken several months ago. We are working with the police, parks, and the artist to repair the artwork. There has been a police report filed however there are no suspects at this time. The artist and his fabricator have begun the repair work and will have the replacement installed within the coming month.

Art in Private Development

www.tempe.gov/AIPD

These projects are in various stages of design and completion. Those listed do not include developments that have opted to pay in lieu of developing an artwork on their site:

1. Discovery Business Campus –Phase II is in the works, at an early design phase level. Artist is unknown at this time.
2. The Grand at Papago Park Center – Artist: Mary Lucking, artwork is complete. The owner is waiting to create a press release for the opening post pandemic. Currently, all buildings are vacated while the tenants work remotely therefore the artwork is not publicly accessible.
3. IDEA campus – Artist Matthew Moore and Jay Atherton of Ryne Studio were commissioned and are working with Boyer now. The artwork has been installed. The artist has completed the interpretive signage per TACC recommendation.
4. 100 Mill Ave (+ Rio Salado) – Art submittal was reviewed and approved by the committee. TACC reviewed in July.
5. Tempe Market Station – early stage, no artist selected yet
6. 206 S Farmer – early stage, no artist selected yet
7. University Business Campus – Artist: Daniel Moore, artwork was installed last month. It looks great!!!
8. 6th street Hotel – early stage, no artist selected yet
9. U-Haul Storage – The owner has opted to pay in lieu of adding art to this site
10. The Beam – We have been notified that the owner is no longer working with coLab studio on this project. They are looking at other artists and will return to present this change to TACC once they have determined the best way forward for the site.
11. The Vib – Artist: Laurie Lundquist, in design now
12. Tempe Depot – new project, no artist selected yet
13. South Pier – new project, no artist selected yet
14. Carvana - new project, no artist selected yet
15. South Harl (former Insight building)- this site has been purchased by a new owner who intends to keep the existing artwork by artists Mark McDowell and David Venesky. The owner will work with the artist to relocate it to a better location within the campus. In addition, the owner will commission more art pieces for the site.

Community Arts

September 2021

RECAP

Tempe Playlist Jam – June 25th



To celebrate the launch of the Tempe Playlist we showcased 6 music groups featured on the Tempe Playlist; Remi Goode, Grupo BombAZo, Rozotadi, The Chicharras, Banana Gun and Chrome Rhino. The event had 600 people in attendance with food trucks and a beer garden hosted by the Tempe Diablos. The Edna Arts team led a tie dye activity where attendees got a free t-shirt with a Tempe Playlist astronaut design created by artist, Drew Hernandez.

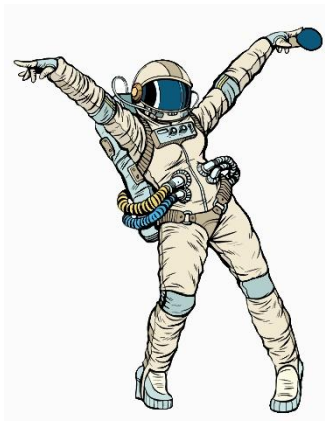
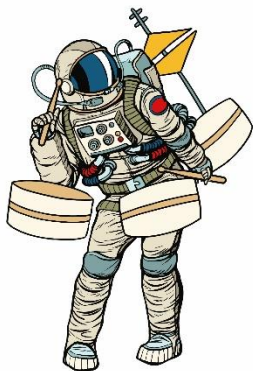
www.tempe.gov/TempePlaylist



LISTEN

Tempe Playlist on Spotify

All 52 songs are up: <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/5qxdKBbHdkQ9fgBxkLNbCE>



ARTS GRANTS



Tempe's commitment to the arts is on full display with the recent approval of \$161,500 in arts grants. This money will provide funding to 32 non-profit organizations and artists collectives to provide inclusive arts and culture programming throughout the city. Projects range from school residency programs to festivals to theater and music performances.

The competitive review process was conducted by five independent and objective community review panels comprised of representatives from the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission, African American Advisory Committee, Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission, Tempe Tourism, Tempe residents, arts educators, students, and practicing artists from various disciplines. View this year's recipients at www.tempe.gov/ArtsGrants

School Arts Grants are due September 9th and are available to teachers in Tempe schools to expand and enhance the arts services already provided by school curriculum, programs and clubs. Funding can support guest artists, master classes, supplies, production and exhibition costs. Requests are available up to \$750 and do not require matching funds.

ARTS CLASSES



Edna Arts fall session has started with both in-person and virtual classes offered at the Edna Vihel Arts Center and satellite locations in other community centers. We remain aware that levels of comfort vary from family to family. For those who are ready to return in-person, masks are required inside the city facilities for visual arts classes and cleaning protocols are in place. Explore the world of ceramics, visual arts, music, dance and theater. There are classes for all ages, abilities and interests. www.tempe.gov/EdnaArts

UPCOMING EVENT

Free Art Friday

September 17th from 9-11am at Edna Arts

Free Art Friday is a free, family-friendly program that provides the opportunity for children of all ages to create and learn through artistic expression. Each event features themed, educational projects and crafts that give children and parents a hands on experience learning and creating together. The September theme is Forest Friends.



September 2021

TCA Lobby and the Gallery hours

Tuesday – Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm

Box Office hours

Tuesday – Friday, 10 am – 5 pm, Saturday and Sundays for events

Please visit tempecenterforthearts.com/covidpolicy for vaccination and mask requirements.

Fall Season Announcement

Tickets on sale Sept 14

This Fall TCA Presents a diverse season including GRAMMY award-winning artists jazz vocalist Dianne Reeves and bluegrass/folk/Americana musician Béla Fleck, as well as premier Mexican folk dance company Ballet Folklórico de Los Ángeles. TCA will also introduce two new series this season, 48 LIVE, an emerging artists series and S.H.A.P.E., an interactive arts-meets-wellness series. In November, TCA will also host an Indigenous Arts Arizona Festival curated by the Center’s new Indigenous Cultural Advisor, Violet Duncan.

Tempe Center for the Arts is also excited to welcome back its resident organizations and to, again, have them presenting and performing.

NEW EXHIBITION

EXPLORE: *The Beauty & Science of Color*

Oct 1 – Dec - 31

COLOR is a juried exhibition of Arizona artists that highlights how color shapes the world in which we live. For visual artists, it is one of the most important communication tools in the creative process. Instantly, color can evoke thoughts, memories and feelings. Sometimes, color expresses ideas even better than words.



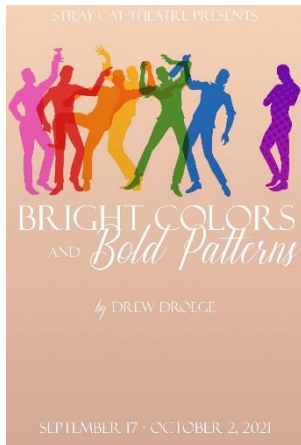
artist: Ryan Carey

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tempe Comedy presents Mary and Kerri!

Sept 10

Comedians Mary Upchurch and Kerri Gallagher are two of the best to emerge from the nationally recognized white-hot Phoenix comedy movement.



Stray Cat Theatre presents Bright Colors and Bold Patterns

Sept 17 – Oct 2

Coming out of a pandemic, we felt a gut-busting comedy was in order. And this one is a scream. A hilarious new comedy about the worst wedding guest of all time that asks some essential questions about contemporary gay life.

City of Tempe presents Fueling the Economy

Sept 23

Join the staff of *AZRE Magazine* along with Real Estate professionals from around Arizona to hear discussion of development in Tempe, affordable housing and the latest about the hospitality industry.

Performace with a View presents ASU Guitar Studio

Sept 28

ASU Guitar Studio under the direction of ASU Assistant Professor of Music Jiji Kim. An eclectic program of guitar masterworks from Baroque to Contemporary.

Tempe Comedy presents Bob Rocky's Insane and Sober

Oct 22

Bob Rocky picks up where Rob Spector left off, bringing us the show that had comics that don't drink but make you think about having one!

Desert Dance presents Arizona Dance Festival 2021

Oct 22 & 23

Each evening will showcase different dance artists including emerging artists as well as professional companies from all genres and styles of dance from Arizona and beyond.



Hayden's Ferry presents Zhu Wang

Oct 24

Currently a student at the Curtis Institute of Music and a Juilliard graduate, Zhu has performed all over the world. At the Young Concert Artists International Auditions he was awarded the Stern Young Artist Development Award which is sponsored by the Linda and Isaac Stern Foundation.



Tempe Symphony Orchestra

Oct 26

The Tempe Symphony Orchestra is a dedicated group of musicians who volunteer their time and efforts in order to perform challenging literature from both the standard repertoire and more contemporary sources.

Stay Cat Theatre presents Our Dear Dead Drug Lord

Oct 29 – Nov 13

In this off the wall comedy that exploded Off-Broadway right before the zombie plague hit us, a gang of teenage girls gathers in an abandoned tree house to summon the ghost of Pablo Escobar. Are they messing with the actual spirit of the infamous cartel kingpin? Or are they really just messing with each other?

Tempe History Museum

September 2021

The museum is preparing to kick-off a new season of performances, lunch talks and a festival this fall. As of Sept. 7, the Community Room is open for paid rental events. Masks are required for museum staff and patrons while in the museum.



RECAP

CURRENT EVENTS

Scavenger Hunt 150: Downtown Tempe



During September, visitors can explore downtown Tempe in search of canisters located at three historic sites. Canister contents include historic photos and information related to each site. The scavenger hunt has the feel of a geocache, but clues are easily accessed online,

or those who happen upon the canisters are able to participate on-the-fly. Get the starting location and clues at [Scavenger Hunt 150](#).



Performances at the Museum - 2021-2022 Season

The museum's live performances series kicks off its new season in September, with one or two live concerts scheduled every month through May. In-person attendance will start with the Sept. 10 concert, while all events will continue to be streamed to the [museum's Facebook page](#).

Find dates and performers scheduled from now through December like

MRCH, ASU ensembles, Paper Foxes, AZURE concerts and more on the [museum's event calendar](#).



Tempe History Society Lunch Talks - 2021-2022 Season

THS returns with a full lineup of Lunch Talks that celebrate Tempe's Sesquicentennial. Presenters from a wide variety of backgrounds including Tempe's current Mayor, ASU professors and students, a local historian and a Tempe "Legend" will share stories, thoughts, projects, research and history with connections to Tempe. Lunch Talks are the second Wednesdays of each month at 11:30 a.m. and run October

through April (with a break in December). This program is presented by Tempe History Society with support from Friendship Village Tempe, Arizona Humanities and National Endowment of the Humanities.

Sessions are live streamed via Facebook and recordings of the Lunch Talks can be viewed on the [THS Facebook page](#). In the event that in-person gatherings are limited, sessions will be available online.

ONLINE OFFERINGS



Tempe Dyer Map Puzzle

Tempe History Society Online Store

With the Tempe 150 Nov. 7 festival quickly approaching, the THS online store is a great place to stock up on all Tempe-centric merchandise like scarves, ties, pins and now puzzles! The Museum Store added two puzzle designs to its shelves, one of which is the Tempe Dyer Map.

Keep shopping the THS Sesquicentennial store at tempehistory.org/shop. Orders placed online can be shipped or picked up in-person at Tempe History Museum.

TEMPE SESQUICENTENNIAL ACTIVITES

Tempe 150 Planning

Committees responsible for planning the Tempe 150 festival (www.tempe.gov/Tempe150) scheduled for November 7 at Tempe Town Lake continue to meet. Any group, organization or individual that is interested in exploring ways to celebrate Tempe's milestone is encouraged to join these meetings which occur the first Mondays of each month, 4:30 p.m., via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83274243123?pwd=bUpwU2F6NHBxVERVSFM0SGkxbk93dz09>.