

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 Danelle 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**