

# Minutes

## TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

### October 11, 2021

Minutes of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission (TACC) recorded at 6:00pm on October 11, 2021 and held in a virtual meeting via Webex.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Jacqueline Bernatt  
Maureen Kobierowski  
Harper Lines  
Haylee Mills  
Peggy Moroney  
Randall Schmidt  
Jennifer Song  
Justin Stewart – Chair  
Ginny Sylvester

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Jeff Davis – Vice-chair  
Robert Nichols

**City Staff Present:**

Brendan Ross, Deputy Director – Arts & Culture Division  
Joy Higgins, Management Assistant – Arts & Culture Division  
Kara Osburn, Financial Analyst – Arts & Culture Division  
Keith Burke, Director – Community Services  
Brenda Abney, Museum Manager – Tempe History Museum  
Eileen May, Managing Director – Tempe Center for the Arts  
Maja Aurora, Arts Administrator – Tempe Community Arts  
Rebecca Blume Rothman, Arts Administrator – Tempe Public Art  
Tanya Chavez, Sr Management Assistant, Community Services  
Maria Laughner, Program Manager – Economic Development

**Guest(s) Present:**

NA

**Call to Order**

- **Justin Stewart**, TACC Chair, called the TACC meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

- None

**Agenda Item 2 – Update: Artspace**

- **Maria Laughner**, Economic Development Program Manager, gave an update on the progress of an Artspace development at the corner of Apache and Dorsey.
  - Community use space, gallery space, shared workspaces, living for families.
  - The agreement with Artspace was finalized in April 2021.
  - The 2021 award from the Arizona Department of Housing was not granted. Another attempt will be made in 2022. Tempe will be seeking an applying for other granting opportunities as well.
  - Rebecca Rothman and Maja Aurora will be included in project planning.
  - The affordable housing component will be located in the overflow parking area at Dorsey Lane and Lemon St.
  - The workforce component (workspace and gallery space) will be located on the northeast corner of Dorsey Lane and Apache Boulevard.

**Agenda Item 3 - Approval of the September 13, 2021 Commission Minutes**

**J. Stewart** asked the commissioners to review an unapproved TACC minutes document dated September 13, 2021.

**MOTION:** **Maureen Kobierowski** moved to approve the September 13, 2021 Tempe Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes.

**SECOND:** Ginny Sylvester seconded  
**AYES:** Jacqueline Bernatt, Maureen Kobierowski, Harper Lines, Haylee Mills, Peggy Moroney, Randall Schmidt, Jennifer Song, Justin Stewart, Ginny Sylvester  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**NAYS:** None  
**RESULT:** Motion passed with an 8-0 vote  
**ABSENT:** Jeff Davis, Robert Nichols

#### **Agenda Item 4 – Update: TACC Recruitment**

- **Joy Higgins**, Management Assistant, and **Brendan Ross**, Deputy Director, initiated a conversation about efforts to grow knowledge about TACC and how to recruit new commissioners.
  - Send out social media posts on Arts & Culture channels
  - Recruiting efforts for the historian category:
    - Peggy Moroney is currently the only commissioner representing history. She will be terming out at the end of 2021.
    - Possibly employ the Tempe History Museum email list to notify those interested in history that there is an upcoming vacancy.
    - Reach out to the Tempe History Society for recruitment.
    - Peggy will assemble a list of contacts that may be interested in applying to join TACC.
    - Research other Tempe organizations that are active with historic and heritage topics and issues. Reach out to those for recruitment.
  - Diversity of the commission:
    - Overlay efforts to encourage diversity within our commission with efforts to fill categories with little or no representation.
    - Brenda Abney can supply a list of local cultural organizations to contact for recruitment.

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Update: Tempe 150**

- **Brenda Abney**, Museum Manager, gave an update on the planning progress for events surrounding Tempe's Sesquicentennial.
  - Several Tempe 150 events are listed on [Event Brite](#): Tales from Double Butte Cemetery, Legends Gala Reception, Tempe 150 Festival, etc.
- Celebration on November 7, 2021, noon-6pm at Tempe Beach Park and the TCA Art Park
  - [Adventurous Stills](#) will be releasing a Tempe Sesquicentennial Whiskey and debuting its sale at the festival.
  - A interactive festival GIS map will be created and posted on the [Tempe 150 webpage](#) and also gives details about booths and parking locations.
  - There will be several ways for TACC to participate and earn liaison hours.
  - The festival will include two live music stages, art/history/cultural booths, activities, food trucks, and a beer garden.

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Update: Tempe Arts & Culture Awards**

- **J. Higgins** discussed that the nomination period for the 2022 Tempe Arts & Culture Awards will open before the Tempe 150 festival so that solicitation efforts for nominations can be made at the TACC booth. Other TAC Awards announcements will be made via email.

#### **Agenda Item 7 – Update: Arts & Culture Division**

- **Keith Burke**,
  - Community Services Department is soon bringing on Deputy Director for Library Services.
  - Library working with the Public Art team to create more project partnerships within the Library.
  - COT is adjusting Covid mitigation strategies for special events and entrance into facilities. Protocols now include proof of Covid vaccination or proof of negative Covid test within the last 72 hours.
  - Departments are getting budget plans and requests prepared for FY2023 planning.
- **Brendan Ross**

- The Arts & Culture Division is actively talking about how to support artists across Tempe.
  - Working with Economic Development to understand and act on solutions for live/work spaces, incubators, and other options to support local artists.
  - Putting together an inventory of available spaces, studios, and infrastructure that is available to our community.
  - Exploring how to deliver artist residencies for highest efficacy with artists and audiences.
  - Exploring how to create more opportunities for employment and engagement with artists across programs within the Art & Culture Division.
  - Mayor and Council returning to in-person meetings, the TACC meeting will bring back an in-person option as well.
- **Kara Osburn**, Arts & Culture Financial Analyst
  - Presented a segmented view of all FY22 funds and revenues within the Arts & Culture Division including the Municipal Arts Fund, earned revenue, the Arts & Culture Tax, and the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant.
  - Presented a segmented view of FY22 revenues and expenses for each work unit within the Arts & Culture Division.
  - Detailed budget reports can be requested from Arts & Culture staff.

#### **Agenda Item 8 – Program Reports**

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

#### **Agenda Item 9 – Discussion: Arts & Culture Annual Report**

- **B. Ross** engaged a conversation about the 2022 goals to be listed in the 2021 Arts & Culture Commission Annual Report. Ideas presented will be included in the proposed goals to be brought for discussion and approval at the November TACC meeting.
- Haley Mills volunteered to develop new goals with Justin Stewart.

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

- Justin Stewart:
  - Will return to Dj-ing at the Yucca plaza on October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Harper Lines:
  - Performed at Yucca Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Jacqueline Bernatt:
  - Joined a bike ride past 5<sup>th</sup> and Mill and to see the Public Art installation on the East Breezeway at Tempe Center for the Arts.
- Haylee
  - saw Hamilton which was incredible. saw some music twice this month at yucca and took a tour of the art. still gotta catch sunset on that beautiful piece
  - next week doing a GIS public art tour
- Peggy Moroney:
  - Former TACC members Robert Moore and Kelly Nelson will be tour guides for the Double Butte Cemetery event on Halloween. More volunteers are needed.
  - Will be serving on the panel for the School Arts Grant administered by Tempe Community Arts.
- Randall Schmidt
  - Served on a programming committee with Tempe Community Arts.
- Ginny Sylvester:
  - Attended Hamilton at Gammage Auditorium.

- Will volunteer for Double Butte Cemetery project.

**Agenda Item 8 – Future Agenda Items**

- None presented

**Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm

Prepared by: Joy Higgins