

Minutes TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION December 13, 2021

Minutes of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission (TACC) meeting recorded at 6:00pm on December 13, 2021, held both in-person at Tempe Public Library and virtually via Webex.

(MEMBERS) Present:

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

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

Guest(s) Present:

NA

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Robert Nichols

Call to Order

- **Justin Stewart**, TACC Chair, called the TACC meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

- None

Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the November 8, 2021 Commission Minutes

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

MOTION: Haylee Mills moved to approve the November 8, 2021 Tempe Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes with edits.
SECOND: Randall Schmidt and Maureen Schmidt seconded
AYES: Jacqueline Bernatt, Jeff Davis, 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 10-0 vote
ABSENT: Robert Nichols

Agenda Item 3 – Update: Arts & Culture Division

- **Brendan Ross**, Deputy Director for Arts & Culture, provided brief updates on the following:
 - TCA major events: Dianne Reeves, Indigenous Arts AZ, congratulations to Violet Duncan, Eileen May, and team.

- TCA brought on AZ Catering as the food and beverage provider for the facility. This partnership will create consistency and help TCA bring in revenue for events.
- Arts in the Parks events brought artwork on fences and workshops into neighborhood communities around Tempe.
- Public Art team has moved into Eisendrath House. Tempe Public Art and the Tempe History Museum are now stewarding the house for storytelling and programs.
- Petersen House is open for three weekends in December for home tours, holiday activities, and vendor booths.
- The restored Minder Binder wagon has arrived in the Tempe History Museum lobby for public viewing.
- The Arts & Culture Division is currently advertising recruitments for five Arts & Culture Coordinator positions across the division.
- Arts & Culture is in budget season and building a picture of requests for CIP and supplementals.

Agenda Item 4 – Program Reports

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

Agenda Item 5 – Discussion: Signature Events

- Brendan Ross covered the vision statement that refers to signature events that celebrate creativity at the highest levels, drawing visitors as well as regional and national attention.
 - Signature festivals that create collaboration between local venues, community initiative and self-curated events, and other activities.
- Examples of signature placemaking events: Desert X, GroundCover, Arcosanti, ArtPrize, Coachella
- Resources: Arts & Culture Fund/Municipal Arts Fund, partnerships & collaborations, paid and free events, grants, sponsorships.
- TACC feedback/ideas regarding signature events:
 - Bike tour/parade/scavenger hunt
 - Neighborhood tours of studios/local artists
 - Simultaneous park activation
 - A theme or focus to the event
 - Bring the local neighborhood artists to the parks
 - Tour of temporary large-scale art
 - Invite homes to participate in providing something to a bike tour
 - Self-guided local tour that feeds into a large singular space/event
 - Allow zones of Tempe to curate what offerings as a reflection of the zone's diversity
 - Experiential, contemporary art at multiple sites – series that comes to a head at a festival or event
 - Open to broader audiences by offering events on different days and times
 - Bring awareness to our stellar local organizations: FABRIC, Childsplay, Gammage/Herberger

Agenda Item 6 – Election: 2022 TACC Chair & Vice-chair

Jeff Davis accepted the nomination for TACC Chair in December

Maureen Kobierowski accepted the nomination for TACC Vice-chair in December

J. Davis and M. Kobierowski run unopposed for the 2022 TACC election.

MOTION: Ginny Sylvester moved to elect Jeff Davis as Chair and Maureen Kobierowski as Vice-chair for the 2022 Tempe Arts & Culture Commission.

SECOND: Haylee Mills seconded

AYES: Jacqueline Bernatt, Jeff Davis, 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 10-0 vote
ABSENT: Robert Nichols

Agenda Item 7 – Discussion: January TACC retreat planning

The date of Wednesday, January 19th was decided unanimously as the date for the TACC retreat.

Agenda Item 8 – Commission Member Announcements

- Peggy Moroney:
 - Eisendrath House docent program: let Peggy know if you're interested in volunteering
 - Is again a Petersen House tour guide and storyteller for the December open houses
- Maureen Kobierowski:
 - Attended Indigenous Arts of AZ festival with family, enjoyed Tony Duncan's dancing
 - Attended Tempe Festival of the Arts
 - Visited exhibition at Gallery at TCA
 - Served as Liaison for INFLUX, chose artists for Daley Park and Beach Park
- Haylee Mills:
 - Saw Stray Cat's "Our Dear Dead Drug Lord" with her parents; high praise
- Jacqueline Bernatt:
 - Attended Tempe Festival of the Arts
 - Visited the exhibit at TCA Gallery
 - Next stop is new PA at Daley Park
- Jeff Davis:
 - Recently had successful art exhibition in New York
 - Attended Art Basel
- Ginny Sylvester:
 - Attended Indigenous Arts of AZ festival
 - Enjoying the variety of free community events
 - Attended Childsplay production of Rudolph
- Randall Schmidt
 - Saw My Fair Lady at Gammage
 - Oldest son is ceramics teacher for community college, lots of talks
 - Has a 40-year history of friendship with Yaqui Indian Tribe members, Yaqui Easter Ceremony is a great experience
- Harper Lines
 - Attended Tempe Festival of the Arts
 - Visited Harelson Park for Arts in the Parks, Roy Wassen Valle work in tennis court
- Justin Stewart:
 - Attended Tempe Festival of the Arts, performed as DJ on Sunday
 - Spoke to Tempe Leadership about the future of A+C in Tempe at the TL A+C Day
 - Appreciates the two-hear experience as the TACC Chair

Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda Items

- None

Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm

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