

Minutes

TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

April 11, 2022

Minutes of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission (TACC) meeting recorded at 6:00pm on April 11, 2022, held via Teams.

(MEMBERS) Present:

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

City Staff Present:

Brendan Ross, Deputy Director – Arts & Culture Division
Brenda Abney, Manager – Tempe History Museum
Eileen May, General Manager – Tempe Center for the Arts
Maja Aurora, Manager – Tempe Community Arts
Rebecca Blume Rothman, Manager – Tempe Public Art
Kara Osburn, Financial Analyst – Arts & Culture Division
Amanda Martin, Administrative Assistant II+ – Tempe History Museum

(MEMBERS) Absent:

William Carr
Harper Lines
Bobby Nichols

Guest(s) Present:

None

Call to Order

- **Jeff Davis**, TACC Chair, called the TACC meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

- None

Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the March 14, 2022 Commission Minutes

J. Davis asked the commissioners to review an unapproved TACC minutes document dated March 14, 2022.

MOTION: Maureen Kobierowski moved to approve the March 14, 2022 Tempe Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes with edits.

SECOND: Ginny Sylvester seconded

AYES: Jacqueline Bernatt, Maureen Kobierowski, Haylee Mills, Randall Schmidt, Jennifer Song, Justin Stewart, Ginny Sylvester

ABSTAIN: Jeff Davis

NAYS: None

RESULT: Motion passed with a 7-0 vote

ABSENT: William Carr, Harper Lines, Bobby Nichols

Agenda Item 3 – Update: Arts & Culture Division

- **Brendan Ross**, Deputy Director for Arts & Culture, provided brief updates on the following:
 - April 10 unveiling of Public Art piece by Jacob Butler, coupled with a rededication of Hayden House.
 - TCA won a Downtown Tempe Impact Award for Indigenous Arts Festival in Nov. 2021.
- **Tempe Public Art**
 - Rebecca Rothman's position has been reclassified to Arts & Culture Manager.

- **Tempe Center for the Arts**
 - TCA has dropped the requirement for masks and COVID testing as of Friday, April 8th.
 - These steps taken based on CDC guidelines and Maricopa County transmission numbers being low. The policy has been reviewed and approved by the City Manager.
- **Community Arts**
 - Maja Aurora's position has been reclassified to Arts & Culture Manager.
 - Arts Grants
 - Rolling out a new way of presenting grants with no requirement for a funding match. Focus on communication through storytelling to Council, including a feature in the Friday Packet.
 - J. Davis: If there's a way to communicate the success of the program to council, this may help with future asks.
 - \$200K funded 68 projects within the Wavemaker and Vibrant City Arts Grants.
 - Prospective applicants can find a Calendarly link on www.tempe.gov/artsgrants to view Maja's availability for grant consultation meetings. Meetings can cover questions about any stage of the grant process.
 - M. Aurora will reach out soon to TACC members who have not served on a grant panel. The first round starts late June.
 - Please forward recommendations for panelists to maja_aurora@tempe.gov.
- **Program Reports**
 - Arts & Culture Finances – Quarterly Report
 - Tempe Public Art – Current events can be found in the written report and at www.tempe.gov/publicart.
 - Tempe Community Arts – Current events can be found in the written report and at www.tempe.gov/arts and www.tempe.gov/ednaarts.
 - Tempe Center for the Arts – Current events can be found in the written report and at www.tempecenterforthearts.com.
 - Tempe History Museum – Current events can be found in the written report and at www.tempe.gov/museumevents.

Agenda Item 4 – Discussion: Engagement with other Tempe Boards and Commissions

- Maureen Kobierowski explained the purpose of engagement with other Boards and Commissions:
 - To foster relationship building throughout the city. The Neighborhood Celebration format at Kiwanis Park brought together a blend of creators, businesses, and community. A Boards and Commissions meet & greet could be beneficial.
 - Jacqueline Bernatt has been invited to speak to a Rotary Club in August.
 - Justin Stewart suggests brainstorming not just what commissions to intersect with, but also other members of the community like social service clubs and ASU.
 - B. Ross: There is a Boards and Commissions Appreciation Event on May 6th at TCA. This is an opportunity to celebrate the work commissioners do and meet other commissioners and stake holders.
 - J. Davis: TACC often intersects with Tempe Economic Development creating opportunities for TACC to advocate for the arts.
 - G. Sylvester: TACC intersects with the Historic Preservation Commission concerning historic homes. A prior member of TACC is now on the HPC.

Agenda Item 5 – Commissioner Nomination and Appointment: General Plan 2050 Committee

- B. Ross gave a summary:
 - Commissioners are called to nominate up to 2 (two) members for the General Plan 2050 Committee.
 - This council-appointed community group will meet monthly.
 - Express your interest and/or questions to Joy.
 - TACC members on the committee are able to focus efforts on the arts/being an arts representative.

- Justin: View the [GP 2040 document](#) to get an idea of the scope of the new project.

Agenda Item 6 – Official TACC Representation

- Ginny: Suggest buying the Experience membership from TCA.
- Clark Park Committee:
 - Ginny: 87 applicants
- Justin Stewart: Thanks to Tempe History Museum and Dan [Miller] for allowing me to curate a DJ night on April 8.

Agenda Item 7 – Future Agenda Items

- J. Stewart: Revisit the larger discussion after the May 6th commission mixer at TCA. Report back to the group about conversations and ideas. This will be an opportunity to advance our agenda throughout the city and raise overall awareness of arts & culture in Tempe.
- B. Ross: We have a representative scheduled to talk about Hayden Flour Mill at the May 9 TACC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm

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