

Minutes
TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION
March 8, 2017

Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) recorded at 6 pm on March 8, 2017, within the Carter Lounge at Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ, 85281.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Deborah Bair
Hilary Harp – Vice Chair
Anthony Johnson
Kiyomi Kurooka
Charlie Lee – Chair
David Lucier
Kelly Nelson

City Staff Present:

Maja Aurora, Arts Engagement Administrator
Rebecca Rothman, Public Art Administrator
Joy Higgins, Administrative Assistant
Eric Iwersen, Principal Planner

Guest(s) Present:

none

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Celina Coleman
Aaron Thacker

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

- **Charlie Lee**, TMAC Chair, called the TMAC meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

- None

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of the January 11, 2017 Commission Minutes

- **Charlie Lee** asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved TMAC minutes document dated January 11, 2017.**
- **MOTION:** Hilary Harp moved to approve the January 11, 2017 Tempe Municipal Arts Commission Meeting Minutes as presented.
SECOND: Kelly Nelson seconded.
DECISION: Approved as presented.

Agenda Item 4 - Approval of the February 27, 2017 Retreat Minutes

- **Charlie Lee** asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved TMAC minutes document dated February 27, 2017.**
- **MOTION:** Hilary Harp moved to approve the February 27, 2017 Tempe Municipal Arts Commission Retreat Minutes as presented.
SECOND: David Lucier seconded.
DECISION: Approved as presented.

Agenda Item 5 – Chairperson’s Report

- None

Agenda Item 6 – Arts and Culture Deputy Director’s Report

- None

Agenda Item 7 – Fifth Street Streetscape Project Presentation – Eric Iwersen, COT Principal Planner

- **Eric Iwersen**, Principal Planner, presented information about the 5th Street Streetscape & Traffic Calming Project. Details include:
 - The streetscape project will re-characterize the corridor between College Avenue and Farmer Avenue to improve the usability and appeal to pedestrians, cyclists and motorists, while maintaining capacity and slowing traffic. www.tempe.gov/5thstreet
 - Opportunities for public art include sidewalk areas, crosswalk treatments, and median spaces.
 - A public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 4th at 5pm in the Don Cassano Community Room at Tempe Transportation Center.
 - Start of construction is slated for fall 2018.

Agenda Item 8 – City Code Changes Discussion and possible Action

- **Maja Aurora** presented potential amendments to the City Code as suggested by members of the History Museum and Library Advisory Board. These suggestions are in preparation for the merging of History Museum Board members with Tempe Municipal Arts Commission members to create the Arts and Culture Commission. Suggestions are as follows:
 - **Sec. 2-200 (B) (4)**: amend to read, “Urban Planner or Designer or Architect or Historian”
 - **Sec. 2-204 (3)**: amend to read, “To advise city staff on arts and culture programs, projects, policies and initiatives.”
 - Discussed and agreed not to include property owners in the commission composition criteria
 - City Code changes scheduled to be on City Council agenda May 4 and May 25, 2017
- **MOTION: Hilary Harp moved to recommend the agreed upon amendments to the City Code**
- **SECOND: David Lucier seconded.**
- **DECISION: Approved as amended with abstentions by Anthony Johnson and Kiyomi Kurooka, and one “no” vote by Deborah Bair.**

Agenda Item 9 – IN FLUX Initiative, Public Art

- **IN FLUX** is a multi-city temporary art initiative aimed at providing opportunities for artists to expand their skills through the installation of art in unconventional places. Arizona artists are eligible to apply for IN FLUX. influxaz.com www.tempe.gov/influx
- **Rebecca Rothman**, Tempe Public Art Administrator, presented details about the program:
 - The former platFORM program will be absorbed by IN FLUX.
 - Four locations will be available including a plinth at Tempe Beach Park, a plinth at Daley Park, and two other locations to be determined.
 - Budget for Cycle 7: \$25,000, which includes four artist commissions, photography, and all other Cycle 7 program fees.
 - The deadline to apply will be in April, and the selection panel held in May.
 - New IN FLUX events are in planning, in lieu of a valley-wide IN FLUX bus tour
- **MOTION: Kelly Nelson moved to recommend the continuation of IN FLUX Cycle 7 as presented.**
- **SECOND: Kiyomi Kurooka seconded.**
- **DECISION: IN FLUX Cycle 7 recommended as presented.**

Agenda Item 10 – Highline Canal Multi-use Path, Public Art

- **R. Rothman** presented information about the Highline Canal Multi-use Path public art opportunity. Details include:
 - The 3.5 mile stretch of canal between Baseline Road and Knox Road in south Tempe will be improved for optimum usability, comfort and safety. The project includes street crossing treatments, canal bike/ped bridges, seating, and shade, with integrated art elements. www.tempe.gov/highlinecanal

- An artist will work collaboratively with Transportation and SRP staff, for best integration and durability of public art elements. Art opportunities are possible in pathway treatments, shade structure embellishments, creation of landmarks, seating, and lighting.
- \$170,000 budget includes \$20,000 for artist design fee, travel, and construction oversight. Deadline to apply is Monday, April 3rd: www.tempepublicart.submittable.com
- **MOTION:** David Lucier moved to recommend moving forward with the Highline Canal Public Art project and the release of the Request for Proposals (RFQ).
- SECOND:** Kelly Nelson seconded.
- DECISION:** Highline Canal Public Art project and RFQ recommended as presented.

Agenda Item 11 – Danelle Plaza Discussion and possible Action

- Updates to the Danelle Plaza development project with Newtown Community Development Corporation include:
 - **Hilary Harp** relayed a report from former TMAC member Rob Moore that the developer is eager to accommodate the local arts community in its plans for housing at Danelle Plaza, and maintain communication with TMAC.
 - TMAC decided that no Action should be taken on issues regarding Danelle Plaza until TMAC member and Danelle Plaza liaison Aaron Thacker is present.
 - TMAC would like to invite Newtown CDC to a TMAC meeting to discuss plans for Danelle Plaza development and review directives in the Arts & Culture Plan. The discussion would include the use of the currently standing, city-owned building on the property by the arts community or a COT art program. www.newtowncdc.org

Agenda Item 12 – Liaison Opportunities and Reports

- **Kelly Nelson** provided an update on liaison opportunities and current events:
 - **K. Nelson and Kiyomi Kurooka** represented Tempe Public Art at the Urban Tree Expo at the Tempe History Museum on February 25th, 2017. They highlighted tree related public art around Tempe, and connected with 31 people. www.tempe.gov/urbanforest
 - **K. Nelson** explained that the next Public Art Docent opportunity is March 31-April 2, 10a-5:30p at Tempe Festival of the Arts. K. Nelson seeks docents to be stationed in Centerpoint Plaza by Mark Rossi's *Three Blacktail Jackrabbits* to engage with event goers about Tempe Public Art and hand out Downtown Tempe Public Art Walking Guides. www.tempefestivalofthearts.com <http://www.tempe.gov/home/showdocument?id=48181>
 - **K. Nelson** shared the Saturday, April 8, 8-9am Bike to Art event. The ride will begin at Tempe Center for the Arts and end near the Starbucks at Marina Heights. The route will include 17 public art projects around Town Lake and Mitchell Park neighborhood. K. Nelson will send out an invitation to TMAC members to participate in a run-through ride prior to the event. www.tempe.gov/bikemonth
 - **Hilary Harp** shared her experience as a panel member for the TCA Gallery Biomimicry Exhibit. H. Harp explained the Biomimicry artist residency/exhibit which will run from May 19- July 28, 2017. Artists Jose Benavides, Alexandra Bowers, and Nissa Kubly were chosen to participate in a 10-week artist residency which includes a mentorship by experts from ASU. www.tempe.gov/tcagallery

Agenda Item 13 – Commission Members' Announcements

- None

Agenda Item 14 –Adjournment

- Next meeting: 6 pm April 12, 2017 at Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W Rio Salado Parkway, 85281.
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.**