

Minutes

TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

October 10, 2018

Minutes of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission (TACC) recorded at 6 pm on October 10, 2018, within the Tempe Center for the Arts Carter Lounge, 700 West Rio Salado Parkway, 85281.

(MEMBERS) Present:

David Lucier – Chair
Charlie Lee
Peggy Moroney
Kelly Nelson
Aaron Thacker – Vice-chair

City Staff Present:

Brenda Abney, Managing Director of Cultural Arts
Eileen May, Managing Director of TCA
Joy Higgins, Administrative Assistant-Arts & Culture Division
Maria Laughner, Program Manager-Economic Development

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Deborah Bair
Anthony Johnson
Kiyomi Kurooka
Jacque Tobias

Guest(s) Present:

Nathan Bennington, Artist

Call to Order

- **David Lucier**, TMAC Chair, called the TMAC meeting to order at 6:09pm.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

- None

Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the September 13, 2018 Commission Minutes

- **David Lucier** asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved TMAC minutes document dated September 13, 2018**.
- **MOTION:** **Peggy Moroney** moved to approve the **September 13, 2018 Tempe Municipal Arts Commission Meeting Minutes as presented**.
- **SECOND:** **Kelly Nelson** seconded. **Motion passed on 5-0 vote**.
- **AYES:** **Charlie Lee, David Lucier, Peggy Moroney, Kelly Nelson, Aaron Thacker**
- **NAYS:** **None**
- **ABSENT:** **Deborah Bair, Anthony Johnson, Kiyomi Kurooka, Jacque Tobias**

Agenda Item 3 – Presentation: I.D.E.A. Campus Update – Maria Laughner

- **Maria Laughner**, Program Manager for Economic Development, presented updated information about the I.D.E.A. Campus development adjacent to Tempe Center for the Arts.
 - The Masterplan will be presented at the City Council work study session on September 20th, then will be added to a Council Agenda for approval in November.
 - Feel free to send any comments to B. Richardson at bonnie_richardson@tempe.gov.
- Comments from TACC members include:
 - Commission members expressed their disappointment with the I.D.E.A Campus design and lack of inclusion of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission in the planning process.
 - Accessibility should be a top priority; the Commission recommends adding a public transit stop to the development

- Commission members request there be a balance to the distribution of focus and funds to include parks and public areas in south Tempe. If accessibility is an issue because of numerous events at Tempe Beach Park, consider moving some of those events to south Tempe.
- The Commission formally invite the developer to present their ideas about the Art in Private Development projects to be considered for this project.
- The Commission invites a representative of Economic Development to present updates at each TACC meeting.
- Eileen May presented further details about the TCA annex portion of I.D.E.A Campus:
 - The 40,000SF originally promised by the developer will be attained with a two-story layout.
 - DLR has been hired to design phase II, but further studies are needed to determine feasibility.

Agenda Item 4 – TACC Annual Report

- **Brenda Abney**, led a discussion about the Board & Commission Annual Report. Details include:
 - Joy Higgins started a draft to build the 2018 Report. A final draft will be presented at the November meeting for approval and submission to the Clerk's Office.
 - Accomplishments:
 - Tempe Playlist (47:00) New initiative expanding art throughout Tempe
 - Selection panels
 - Danelle Plaza
 - Initiating Arts & Culture Awards
 - Expand and provide fiscal oversight to Arts & Culture Division
 - Goals
 - Completing first Arts & Culture Awards
 - Recognizing outstanding accomplishments of arts & culture in Tempe
 - Expanding the oversight of the A+C Division
 - Liaison roles
 - Retreat

Agenda Item 5 – TACC Awards Guidelines

- B. Abney presented the TACC Awards description and guidelines as stated in the Awards Subcommittee Minutes dated September 27, 2018. Efforts need to move forward to open nominations and complete the awards process in time for the State of the Neighborhoods event on April 12th, 2019.
 - Description: The Tempe Arts & Culture Commissioner Awards celebrate excellence in arts and culture in Tempe.
 - Guidelines:
 - Who is eligible? Artists, Educators, Organizations and leaders whose work has had a significant impact on arts and/or culture within the city of Tempe.
 - Who can nominate? Anyone can nominate a person for an award. You do not have to be a resident of Tempe to submit a nomination.
 - Examples of activities an individual may have achieved in arts and culture include (but are not limited to)
 - Visual arts
 - Performing arts
 - Cultural events
 - Activities showcasing the history, heritage or culture of Tempe
 - Work or volunteer leadership that has supported the arts and culture in Tempe
 - Criteria: Nominee's work must have a significant positive impact in the area of arts and culture in the city of Tempe.
 - Nomination form: Nominator name, address, phone and email. Nominee name, contact information. Tell the story of how the work of the nominee has had an impact on you and/or on Tempe (limit 500 words).
- Suggested edits:
 - Remove Commission or Commissioner from the title of the award as it creates confusion in two ways:
 - How or who is nominating an artist
 - "Commission" is industry jargon meaning contracted employment and may be misleading

- Include deadline to submit

- **David Lucier** asked the TMAC members to review the TACC Awards description and guidelines for approval.
- **MOTION:** Kelly Nelson moved to approve the TACC Awards description and guidelines with amendments.
SECOND: Aaron Thacker seconded. Motion passed on 5-0 vote.
AYES: Charlie Lee, David Lucier, Peggy Moroney, Kelly Nelson, Aaron Thacker
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Deborah Bair, Anthony Johnson, Kiyomi Kurooka, Jacque Tobias

Agenda Item 6 – Program Reports: Written reports provided.

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

Agenda Item 7 – Commission Members' Announcements/Future Agenda Items

- **Kelly Nelson:** Tempe Book Festival's third year happens Saturday, November 3rd from 10a-3p at Tempe Public Library. Kelly will again be writing spontaneous poetry on an antique typewriter. <https://www.tempe.gov/city-hall/community-services/tempe-public-library/special-events/tempe-book-festival>
- **Aaron Thacker:** Tempe Playlist: Saturn Sessions has completed recording with Spot 127 (KJZZ program). Introductions were recorded this morning. Tracks and introductions are in post-production for release of the podcasts later in October, and will be posted on the Tempe Playlist website. The Tempe Team was invited back to apply for the ACA grant to expand the scope of the project. www.tempe.gov/playlist
- **Peggy Moroney:**
 - Peggy handed out save-the-date flyers for the Hayden's Ferry Days festival happening on February 23rd, 1-5pm at the Tempe History Museum. Please spread the word! www.tempe.gov/haydensferrydays
 - Members are encouraged to find the *Arts & Social Impact Explorer* on the Americans for the Arts website. This tool aids in providing research and language for the many ways the arts positively impacts our society. <https://www.americansforthearts.org/socialimpact>
- **Joy Higgins** reminded TACC members to encourage people to apply for the Arts & Culture Commission. If the Arts & Culture Tax passes there will be two additional vacancies, totaling four starting in 2019. Categories needed to be filled include visual artist, a member representing ASU's Herberger Institute, a student, and an arts enthusiast/administrator with a financial background. The application is online here: <https://www.tempe.gov/city-hall/city-clerk-s-office/boards-and-commissions/city-of-tempe-board-and-commission-application>

Agenda Item 8 –Adjournment

- Next meeting: November 14, 2018; location to be determined.
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.**

Prepared By: Joy Higgins
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