

## Minutes TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION April 8, 2024

at 6:00pm on April 8, 2024, held at the Tempe Public Library and via Teams.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Andrea Hanley  
Maureen Kobierowski – Chair  
Haylee Mills  
Lisa Roach  
Jennifer Song  
Jacqueline Swan – Vice-chair  
Ginny Sylvester

**City Staff Present:**

Maja Aurora, Manager – Tempe Community Arts  
Brendan Ross, Deputy Director – Arts & Culture Division  
Joy Higgins, Management Assistant – Arts & Culture Division  
Kara Osburn, Financial Analyst – Arts & Culture Division  
Rebecca Blume Rothman, Manager – Tempe Public Art  
Brenda Abney, Manager – Tempe History Museum  
Garilyn Bourgeois, Supervisor – Arts & Culture Marketing

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Justin Stewart

**Guest(s) Present:**

None

**Call to Order**

- **Maureen Kobierowski**, TACC Chair, called the TACC meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

- None

**Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the March 11, 2024 Arts & Culture Commission Minutes**

M. Kobierowski asked the commissioners to review an unapproved TACC minutes document dated March 11, 2024.

**MOTION:** Jacqueline Swan moved to approve the March 11, 2024 Tempe Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes with edits.

**SECOND:** Ginny Sylvester seconded

**AYES:** Andrea Hanley, Maureen Kobierowski, Haylee Mills, Lisa Roach, Jennifer Song, Jacqueline Swan, Ginny Sylvester

**ABSTAIN:** None

**NAYS:** None

**RESULT:** Motion passed with a 7-0 vote

**ABSENT:** Justin Stewart

**Agenda Item 3 – Danelle Plaza Update**

- **Mike DeDomenico, Director of Economic Development**, provided an update on the Danelle Plaza development project.
  - Public meetings and charettes should begin in June 2024.
  - If the developer(s) does not bring a successful plan by a stated date, the property will revert back to the city.
  - The process of the development of Danelle Plaza will be done in the open as there are many people deeply invested.

- For updates visit: [Danelle Plaza | City of Tempe, AZ](#)
- **Commissioner feedback:**
  - What group at ASU presented? ASU Herberger Architecture Grad Program.
  - How long will negotiations with restaurants carry on before the developer will move forward? There is a six month window from when the development agreement was finalized.
  - How much public input will the developer take into consideration? A lot, there is no current zoning.
  - Will you be presenting to Historic Preservation Commission? No reach out has been made.
    - Danelle has passed the 50-year mark, is the former site of city hall.

#### **Agenda Item 4 – Art & Culture Leadership Update**

- **B. Ross** provided an update on the temporary reorganization of staff while the TCA management roles are filled and trained. The expectation is that this should last around 12 months.

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Endorsement of the 2024 Tempe Arts & Culture Awardees**

- **Kara Osburn** provided a Q3 update of draft figures for the Arts & Culture Fund.

#### **Agenda Item 6 – A+C FY25 Budget**

- Postponed to May meeting.

#### **Agenda Item 7 – Cross-commission Visits Report**

- **Jennifer & Rebecca** presented to the Parks, Recreation, Gold & Double Butte Commission.
- **Lisa & Brenda** presented to the Historic Preservation Commission.
- **Maureen & Maja** presented to the Mayor’s Youth Advisory Commission.
- Next month – Jacqueline & Maja present to Human Relations Commission

#### **Agenda Item 8 – TACC Activations**

- Recent Activations
  - **Haylee Mills** – ATC play “Masterclass”, Neighborhood Celebration;
  - **Ginny Sylvester** – Watched Neighborhood Celebration on FB Live;
  - **Lisa Roach** – Neighborhood Celebration;
  - **Jennifer Song** – AitP at Optimist Park, Neighborhood Celebration;
  - **Jacqueline Swan** – saw Botero exhibit at Desert Botanical Gardens; met Jake Early while working on McAlister street mural, Neighborhood Celebration, Cesar Chavez exhibition opening;
  - **Maureen Kobierowski** – Brooklyn Art Museum and Whitney Museum, Neighborhood Awards, AitP at Corbell Park
  - **Andrea Hanley** – Brooklyn Art Museum and saw Kay WalkingStick’s show at New York Historical Society
- Current/upcoming events: Light Lane, Danelle tour; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays on Mill, Arts in the Parks, Walk in Wednesday, Music Under the Stars, Tempe Legends, Clark Park opening

#### **Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda Items**

- Economic Development presentation

**Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm**

Prepared by: Joy Higgins