

Minutes TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION May 13, 2024

at 6:00pm on May 13, 2024, held at the Tempe Public Library and via Teams.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Maureen Kobierowski – Chair
Haylee Mills
Lisa Roach
Jennifer Song-arrived at 6:45pm
Justin Stewart
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:

Andrea Hanley

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 April 8, 2024 Arts & Culture Commission Minutes

M. Kobierowski asked the commissioners to review an unapproved TACC minutes document dated April 8, 2024.

MOTION: Jacqueline Swan moved to approve the April 8, 2024 Tempe Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes with edits.
SECOND: Ginny Sylvester seconded
AYES: Maureen Kobierowski, Haylee Mills, Lisa Roach, Justin Stewart Jacqueline Swan, Ginny Sylvester
ABSTAIN: None
NAYS: None
RESULT: Motion passed with a 7-0 vote
ABSENT: Andrea Hanley, Jennifer Song,

Agenda Item 3 – Arts & Culture Budget

- **Brendan Ross** explained the need for the request to Mayor and Council for approval of supplemental funding as a way to sustain and deepen the commitments to Arts & Culture programs and services. The supplemental funding will cover resources and staff to continue to grow existing programs.
 - Mayor and Council will vote on approval of operating budgets, including supplemental requests, on May 21, 2024.
- **Kara Osburn** gave an update on the 2025 fiscal budget and the supplemental budget requests that the Arts & Culture have put forth. Additional funding will cover the following:

- Bring staffing up to an appropriate level for program delivery.
- Additional recurring funding for Tempe Jam, as well as TCA and Museum programming budget increases.
- Obtain vehicles for the Museum/Historic Houses and for Community Arts.

Agenda Item 4 – Mill Avenue Underpass

- **Rebecca Blume Rothman** presented an update on the Mill Avenue Underpass public art project. Artist Joe O'Connell and Creative Machines have delivered designs for plant shaped sculptures made of powder coated steel and a dichroic material that will cast color and movement onto the unpainted walls from the sunlight shining through. Colorful lighting has also been included, which will creatively activate the planters and sidewalk at night and impart vibrancy to walls which cannot be painted.
 - An artist fabrication contract will be presented to Mayor and Council on May 21, 2024.
 - Installation is scheduled for March of 2025.
 - Project completion celebration is scheduled for April 2025.
- **Commissioner feedback:**
 - Appreciate that there will be lighting at night.

Agenda Item 5 – Tempe Public Art Master Plan

- **R.B. Rothman** talked about the initial states of developing a new Tempe Public Art Master Plan. In coordination with the city's Procurement Office, an RFP has been released. Procurement is working through interviews with applicants, an update on the selection will be presented to TACC at a future meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Arts in the Parks

- **Maja Aurora** presented an update on future planning of Arts in the Parks based on experiences, data, and feedback from Arts in the Parks events from the past two years.
 - Eight events are planned for fall and spring.
 - Staff analyze data and experiences to continually improve the event experience, deepen the connection with the community, and enhance the arts experiences for highest impact.
 - Programming will shift from six parks three times per year to eight parks twice a year, one series each in fall and spring. Fall programming will focus on participatory visual arts experiences, spring programming on performing arts.
 - As parks get updated the event locations may move around.

Agenda Item 7 – Cross-commission Visits Report

- Jacqueline/Maja go to Human Relations Commission on May 14, 2024.

Agenda Item 8 – TACC Activations

- Recent Activations
 - **Lisa Roach** – Clark Park reopening, visited museums in San Francisco (Cartoon & Comic Book; Museum, Musee Mechanique), public art in San Francisco, Vancouver, and a Phoenix tour by Marshall Shore – the Hip Historian.
 - **Justin Stewart** – Free Art Friday, LOUD at the Museum, All In art show at Danelle Plaza, Clark Park Pool Opening, Daley Park music event, spoke at WIW 15th Anniversary event.
 - **Ginny Sylvester** – All In art show at Danelle Plaza.
 - **Jacqueline Swan** – All In art show at Danelle Plaza, Arts in the Park at Scudder Park, Light Lane on Mill Ave, Curious Minds opening, Lights/Camera/Discovery, Daley Park music event, Park City Utah – several Banksy pieces highlighted.
 - **Maureen Kobierowski** – Daley Park Plinth panel, Arts in the Parks review panel, Eco Sheik Fashion Show at FABRIC for ASU students, Mirabella artists in residency, meeting with A+C staff for recruitment of TACC members.
 - **Jennifer Song** – ATC Masterclass play, Escalante Mural opening.
 - **Haylee Mills** – All In art show at Danelle Plaza (bought artwork).

Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda Items

- Busker permits, live music in Tempe agenda item, strategy session about getting more artists to attend commission meetings, connecting with artists brainstorm, artist mixer

Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm

Prepared by: Joy Higgins