

Minutes

TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

December 9, 2024

Minutes of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission (TACC) meeting recorded at 6:00pm on December 9, 2024, held at the Tempe Public Library.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Kevin Godfrey-Chevalier
Andrea Hanley
Maureen Kobierowski – Chair
Will Lucht
Haylee Mills
Lisa Roach
Teresa Robinette
Jennifer Song
Justin Stewart
Jacqueline Swan – Vice-chair

City Staff Present:

Maja Aurora, Manager – Tempe Community Arts
Joy Higgins, Management Assistant – Arts & Culture Division
Craig Hayton, Director – Community Services
Christina Haase, PIO – Arts & Culture Division

Guest(s) Present:

Lynn Trimble

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Ginny Sylvester

Call to Order

- **Maureen Kobierowski**, TACC Chair, called the TACC meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

- None

Agenda Item 2 – Update: Tempe Arts & Culture Deputy Recruitment

- Craig Hayton, CS Director, announced the appointment of Brendan Abney as the next Deputy CS Director of Arts & Culture starting on December 30, 2024.

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of the November 4, 2024 Arts & Culture Commission Minutes

M. Kobierowski asked the commissioners to review an unapproved TACC minutes document dated November 4, 2024.

MOTION: Justin Stewart moved to approve the November 4, 2024 Tempe Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes with edits.

SECOND: Jacqueline Swan seconded

AYES: Kevin Godfrey-Chevalier, Andrea Hanley, Maureen Kobierowski, Will Lucht, Haylee Mills, Lisa Roach, Theresa Robinette, Jennifer Song, Justin Stewart, Jacqueline Swan

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

RESULT: Motion passed with a 10-0 vote

ABSENT: Ginny Sylvester

Agenda Item 4 – Approval: 2024 Arts & Culture Commission Annual Report

M. Kobierowski asked the commissioners to review a Draft of the 2024 Arts & Culture Commission Annual Report.

MOTION: Jacqueline Swan moved to approve the 2024 Arts & Culture Commission Annual Report.

SECOND: Jennifer Song seconded

AYES: Kevin Godfrey-Chevalier, Andrea Hanley, Maureen Kobierowski, Will Lucht, Haylee Mills, Lisa Roach, Theresa Robinette, Jennifer Song, Justin Stewart, Jacqueline Swan

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

RESULT: Motion passed with a 10-0 vote

ABSENT: Ginny Sylvester

Agenda Item 5 – Election: 2025 TACC Chair/Vice-chair

- Appoint Jacqueline Swan as 2025 TACC Chair – running uncontested.
 - Unanimous approval
- Appoint Haylee Mills as 2025 TACC Vice-chair – running uncontested.
 - Unanimous approval

Agenda Item 6 – TACC Member Liaison Efforts

- Recent Activations
 - **Will Lucht** – Sat on Artology panel for Gallery at TCA – appreciated meeting people and experiencing the process; saw Nutcracker ballet in Phoenix;
 - **Jacqueline Swan** – Attended Native Art Market, it was awesome, Tempe Festival for the Arts on two days, Hackett House activated with music was wonderful, attended exhibition at Danelle Plaza – beautiful art, Eisendrath House for Public Art open house, Tempe Jam was great;
 - **Jennifer Swan** – Attended Mummenschanze and had a blast;
 - **Andrea Hanley** – Attended Mummenschanze and it was fantastic, Estrada Park for Arts in the Parks – fantastic event, appreciate all of the native art coming through TCA;
 - **Haylee Mills** – Attended Eisendrath House Public Art open house, Stray Cat – wonderful and thought provoking, Arts in the Parks at Meyer Park, Tempe Jam – Jerusafunk was great
 - **Lisa Roach** –
 - **Kevin Godfrey** – Sat on Arts in the Parks panel – interesting to see how other panelists interpreted the criteria, saw Cyndi Lauper in concert.
 - **Justin Stewart** – Attended Tempe Jam – incredible event that grows year after year, Free Art Friday with son – lots to do, have been attending Community Arts classes, Tempe Festival of the Arts was fun, will be doing DJ work at Tempe Blooms on January 25-26, 2025.
 - **Teresa Robinette** – Saw the Ditch murals off of College, attended Clark Park Arts in the Parks and had a blast, Sunday at Festival of the Arts and Hackett House – had a great time.
 - **Maureen Kobierowski** – Participated in the A+C Deputy panel – it was run very well, attended Festival of the Arts, Tempe Jam – really cool art stations and well attended, spoke at Tempe Leadership Arts & Culture Day. Save the date – Neighborhood Olympics at Daley Park is scheduled for February 23, 2025.

Agenda Item 7 – Reflections by Outgoing Commissioners

- Parting thoughts:
 - Justin Stewart
 - Enjoyed experiencing Tempe Jam and Tempe Playlist;
 - We've had great chairs and commissioners; A+C is one of the best staffed divisions in the City of Tempe;

- Continue to advocate for the arts We really need to find a strong arts advocate on City Council;
- City of Tempe is doing great providing alternative venues and outlets for artists;
- Hoping the future commission pushes for those artists that hesitate to engage with municipal arts;
- Continually explore “what is a family event?” and how to engage different age levels at events;
- Sad to leave, there is still so much to do; have enjoyed sitting on panels and engaging with staff and artists;
- Maureen Kobierowski
 - The most unique aspect of commissions is the variety of voices and experiences that are shared.
 - Keep an eye on these things:
 - Signature event and consider Tempe Town Lake as a venue space;
 - Tempe Blooms is a creative event that brings many to Mill Ave;
 - Important to build culture amongst team; engage with one another;
 - Invite people to the commission that have qualities not yet represented;
 - Speak up and share your knowledge;
 - Visit events to understand what the broader A+C is in their own spaces;
 - Keep broadening the horizon of arts & cultural opportunities;
 - Continue to offer arts in areas that will help inspire people to create;
 - Offer your experiences to staff to help improve processes;
 - Marketing centralized for A+C is going to strengthen the message better.

Agenda Item 8 – Future Agenda Items

- Danelle Plaza Development Update

Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm

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