



## Minutes TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION March 13, 2013

Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) recorded at 6 p.m. on March 13, 2013, within the Tempe Center for the Arts Gallery, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ 85281.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Robert Moore  
Kiyomi Kurooka  
Hotchy Kiene  
Frank Williams  
Shiela Schmidt  
Dave Kephart  
Hilary Harp  
Celeste Plumlee  
Nikie Crawford  
Janis Webb  
Susan Bendix  
Gail Natale  
David Lucier

**City Staff Present:**

Maja Aurora, Arts Coordinator - Grants; Public Art/Art in Private Development  
Barbara Roberts, Deputy Community Services Director - Library and Cultural Services Division  
Joy Higgins, Public Art Assistant

**Guest(s) Present:**

Christy Puetz, Artist  
Matt Salenger, CoLAB Studios, LLC  
Amy Heisler, Arizona Wind Symphony Member, Alto Sax  
Fran Cohen, Arizona Wolf Trap Regional Director  
Ron May, Stray Cat Theatre Artistic Director

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Kelly Nelson

**Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order**

- Hotchy Kiene, TMAC Chair, called the TMAC meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the February 13, 2013, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Meeting Minutes Document**

- Hotchy Kiene asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved TMAC minutes document** dated **February 13, 2013**.
- **MOTION:** Frank Williams moved to approve the February 13, 2013, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Meeting Minutes Document as presented.  
**SECOND:** David Kephart seconded.  
**DECISION:** February 13, 2013, TMAC Meeting Minutes Document approved as presented.

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### **Agenda Item 3 – Chairperson’s Announcements**

- Hotchy Kiene welcomed the TMAC members, City Staff and guests and announced:
  - The resignation of TMAC member Patrick Fanning.
  - Joy Higgins as the new Public Art Assistant
  - An invitation by Betsy Fahlman for commission/public art committee members to attend a public art seminar featuring Matt Salenger, Dan Mayer, Mary Lucking, and Laurie Lundquist, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-4:15pm in the ASU Art Museum multipurpose room. Those interested in attending should contact her at [fahlman@asu.edu](mailto:fahlman@asu.edu)

### **Agenda Item 4 – Public Art/Art in Private Development (AIPD) Coordinator’s Report**

- Maja Aurora, Arts Coordinator - Grants; Public Art/Art in Private Development, introduced IN FLUX artist Christy Puetz. Discussion highlights included:
  - IN FLUX is multi-city initiative showcasing temporary public art projects by local artists. <http://influxaz.com/>
  - IN FLUX Artist, Christy Puetz, was selected to create an installation for the gallery at the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) in conjunction with the Green Revolution Exhibition. *Mind Forest* is based on creatures from around the world and their living environments. The animals are created with a variety of up-cycled materials like old wool sweaters, house paint, and leather from old jackets, as well as glass beads, steel pins, doll eyes, and other repurposed objects. Artist website: <http://xtyart.com/>
- Matt Salenger of coLAB Studio, LLC, commissioned by Tempe Bicycle Action Group, presented his design concepts for the Mitchell Park East Neighborhood chicane project. Discussion highlights include:
  - Tempe Bicycle Action Group is a nonprofit organization 501(c)3 working to make bicycling a prominent, safe and convenient form of transportation and recreation through education, grassroots events, and civic participation. TBAG hosts the annual Tour de Fat in Tempe Beach Park which raises funds that go back into the Tempe community. <http://www.biketempe.org/>
  - Mitchell Park East Neighborhood has a history of support for public art, and a strong commitment to bicycling. Farmer Avenue has been identified as a heavily-used, mixed-transportation corridor, requiring the introduction of traffic calming structures.
  - A chicane is a feature which creates extra turns in an otherwise straight road, thus slowing traffic. The chicanes selected are located on Farmer Avenue at 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets. The project is currently in the planning stages and will be installed this spring/early summer. Artist website: <http://colabstudio.com>
- Maja Aurora requested further assistance from TMAC members to collect public art condition reports, including photographing and tracking the latitude/longitude for each artwork. TMAC members asked to provide artwork on a disc and to record volunteer hours spent collecting the information.

### **Agenda Item 5 – Arts Grants Report**

- Amy Heisler, an alto sax member of the Arizona Wind Symphony, reported about progress of their Arts Project Grant. Discussion highlights include:
  - The AWS goal is to educate and enrich the lives of locals by providing performances of semi-professional symphonic band music through a four-concert season during FY2012-2013. AWS has up to 80 members and volunteers and hosts guest musicians. All concerts are held at Tempe Center for the Arts.

- April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm, “Sax to the Max” performance at TCA, will include guest Rob Verde on sax: <http://www.arizonawindsymphony.org/concerts.html>
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm, Music Under the Stars, free concert held outside the TCA in the Tempe Arts Park, with two grant recipients performing in one night (with the Academy Drum & Bugle Corps)
- Fran Cohen, Arizona Wolf Trap Regional Director, reported about progress of their Arts Project Grant. Discussion highlights included:
  - Arizona Wolf Trap is an art-in-education program aimed at improving the effectiveness of early childhood education by implementing performing arts as a teaching tool: <http://www.wolftrap.org/Education.aspx>
  - The program is currently implemented in 16 Tempe kindergarten classrooms
  - Each year the Scottsdale Center for Performing Arts and the Herberger Theatre sponsor a fieldtrip for 200 4-5 year olds featuring an onstage movement class and ballet and jazz performances
- Ron May, Stray Cat Theatre Artistic Director, reported about progress of their Arts Project Grant. Discussion highlights included:
  - SCT is a theatre that produces an annual season of four stage productions, each an Arizona premier, and provide dozens of guest opportunities for many theatre positions. The theatre continues to foster connections with ASU and has become a “key feeder” for local theatre companies.
  - SCT’s mission is to be indie theatre at its best: quirky, edgy and irreverent. They produce contemporary stories targeted at a younger demographic, and showcase local talent and lesser known playwrights.
  - April 19 – May 1, *Chicks with Dicks*, a great-American-highway biker epic with a focus on gender equality. Tickets available online: <http://straycattheatre.org/>

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Walk-in Wednesdays Open Mic Night**

- Mary Fowler, Tempe Center for the Arts Management Assistant II, reported about *Walk-in Wednesdays*, *Songwriter Showcase* and *In the Spotlight* occurring at the Tempe Center for the Arts. Highlights included:
  - *Walk-in Wednesdays* Open Mic Night is hosted by Walt Richardson and offers musicians a chance to play their songs in a friendly, attentive atmosphere. Program runs January-May and September-November, Wednesday nights.
  - Songwriters’ Showcase*, a project that occurs twice annually and is an offshoot of the *Walk-in Wednesdays* program is currently running on PBS Eight.
  - April 13 at 7:30 p.m., *In the Spotlight*, some of the valley’s top performers play “in the round”, no cover charge.

#### **Agenda Item 7 – Commission Members’ Announcements**

- David Lucier reported an upcoming performance at the History Museum: March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, 198 String Band, free concert *Whose Names are Unknown: Songs of the 1930s*.
- Kiyomi Kurooka reported an upcoming event April 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-10:30am: The Neighborhood Workshop & Awards. Join fellow residents at the Escalante Multi-Generational Center, 2150 E. Orange St.
  - Register for workshops aimed at strengthening community relationships and neighborhood leadership at [www.tempe.gov/neighborhoodworkshop](http://www.tempe.gov/neighborhoodworkshop) or by contacting the city’s Neighborhood Services Division at 480-350-8234 or [neighborhoods@tempe.gov](mailto:neighborhoods@tempe.gov). The deadline to register is April 10.

- Frank Williams encourages community members to become TCA Gallery docents who serve the community as tour guides and educators.  
-The TCA is currently playing host to Green Revolution, an eco-friendly, green-themed exhibition that engages visitors by addressing critical environmental issues concerning the local community, running through May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**Agenda Item 8 - Adjournment**

- The next Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) meeting will be held at 6pm on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at Tempe Transportation, Don Cassano Community Room, 200 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Tempe, AZ 85281
- **Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.**

Prepared By: Joy Higgins

Reviewed By: Maja Aurora and Barbara Roberts