



**Minutes**  
**TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION**  
**October 8, 2014**

Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) recorded at 6 p.m. on October 8, 2014, within the Downtown Tempe Community meeting room, 310 S. Mill Avenue, Suite A-201, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Susan Bendix  
Celina Chiarello  
Christine Cirillo-Ching  
Hilary Harp  
Dave Kephart – Vice Chair  
Pat Konomos  
Kiyomi Kurooka  
Robert Moore  
Kelly Nelson – Chair  
Gail Natale  
Celeste Plumlee

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

David Lucier

**City Staff Present:**

Maja Aurora, Arts Coordinator – Arts Grants, Public Art, Art in Private Development  
Joy Higgins, Public Art Assistant  
Ryan Levesque, Deputy Community Development Director – Planning Division

**Guest(s) Present:**

Melissa Martinez, Artist, Mitchell Park West NA  
David Saar, Artist, Mitchell Park West NA  
Dan Moore, Artist, Cubesmart Self Storage Facility  
Maralyce Corbett, Project Manager, RCAA Architects, Inc. for Cubesmart  
Dale Address, Artist, platFORM  
Shelby Larson, Artist, platFORM

**Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order**

- Kelly Nelson, TMAC Chair, called the TMAC meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the September 10, 2014, Commission Minutes**

- Kelly Nelson asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved TMAC minutes document** dated **September 10, 2014**.
- **MOTION:** Hilary Harp moved to approve the **September 10, 2014, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission Meeting Minutes document as presented.**
- **SECOND:** Susan Bendix seconded.
- **DECISION:** Approved as presented.

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

- **Kelly Nelson**, TMAC Chair, made the following announcements:
  - Bollinger Atelier is hosting a Tour and Bronze Casting Demonstration on Thursday, October 16, 2014 from 3-4:30pm, 227 S Rockford Dr., Tempe, 85281.  
[www.bollingeratelier.com](http://www.bollingeratelier.com)
  - the informal meet & greet between TMAC and the newly combined History Museum and Library Advisory Board has been postponed until the new Museum Manager has begun work.
  - November TMAC meeting will be held at the TCA in the 201 Lounge

### **Agenda Item 4 – Mitchell Park West NA, Neighborhood Grant**

- **Melissa Martinez**, Artist, presented the artist proposals for the Mitchell Park West NA public art project made possible by the Maryanne Corder Neighborhood Grant Program’s \$10,000 allocation. The grant program provides a way for emerging artist to create new public art within the community. Details include:
  - two standpipes and one bench will be adorned with mosaic tile, dividing the \$10,000 grant amongst three teams
  - the cylindrical standpipe project at 9<sup>th</sup> & Mitchell is a collaboration between Eric Iwersen and Patricia Konomos. The design is inspired by the neighborhood character, and from the developed and natural landscape of Tempe.
  - the concrete bench (COT standard type) project is a collaboration between Greg Richard, Patricia Konomos, and Melissa Martinez. The design has a literal connection to the grass, trees and sky at the park, with puffy white clouds that suggest images from children’s books.
  - the box shaped standpipe at 10<sup>th</sup> Pl and Judd is a collaboration between Sonja Saar and David Saar with bird-shaped ceramic tiles created by artist Esmeralda Delaney. The design is a celebration of the birds that nest in the neighborhood.
  - as a Neighborhood Association, Mitchell Park West NA is not required to match grant funds. The artworks must be completed and installed by June 30, 2015.  
[www.tempe.gov/neighborhoodgrants](http://www.tempe.gov/neighborhoodgrants)

### **Agenda Item 5 – Cubesmart Self Storage Facility, AIPD**

- **Maralyce Corbett**, Project Manager, RKAA Architects, Inc., described the building addition at Cubesmart Self Storage Facility, 822 S. McClintock Dr., the square footage, when combined with the square footage of the existing buildings, subjects them to an art contribution under the Art in Private Development Ordinance. The addition includes a 44,709 SF two-story building to house indoor, climate controlled self-storage units. The architects wanted to add a desert-themed industrial flare to the exterior façade along 8<sup>th</sup> Street, as well as the pedestrian gates and main gate header.
- **Dan Moore**, metal artist and Owner of Oxide Studio, described his botanical theme of cacti, agave, trees to be laser cut into 11 gauge steel, then oxidized to encourage a rust patina and desert relevant color. The 3’ x 8’ exterior panels will be set away from the wall at a height unreachable by pedestrians, and lit from above.  
[www.tempe.gov/aipd](http://www.tempe.gov/aipd)

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### **Agenda Item 6 – Art in Private Development**

- **Ryan Levesque**, COT Deputy Community Development Director, presented the current Art in Private Development code language and asked for feedback regarding making changes to add clarification. Discussion included:
  - Planned Area Development projects and phased projects
  - definition for office vs. warehouse
  - square footage requirement for buildings intentionally shy of the threshold
  - mixed-use / multi-family projects
  - draft of updates would be presented at a future TMAC meeting for feedback
  - invited TMAC members to review current guideline information on pages 2-3 of the AIPD Guideline document and provide feedback, email [Maja\\_Aurora@tempe.gov](mailto:Maja_Aurora@tempe.gov)
- **MOTION:** **Hilary Harp and Gail Natale moved to recommend moving forward with clarifying and updating the language in the Art in Private Development Ordinance**
- **SECOND:** **Susan Bendix seconded.**
- **DECISION:** **Recommended as presented.**

### **Agenda Item 7 – Public Art Updates**

- **Maja Aurora**, Arts Coordinator, presented updates to current Public Art projects. Details include:
  - University Drive public art by **Jason Griffiths** is completing fabrication and will be installing within the next few weeks. [www.tempe.gov/universitydrive](http://www.tempe.gov/universitydrive)
  - IN FLUX Cycle 5 received 133 artist applications and there will be 16-20 opportunities for artist installations
    - 10 partners (including 7 cities) held the artist selection panel
    - Tempe panel members were Molly Gassner, DTC Director of Events, and Arian Ploszaj, Tempe Marketplace Director of Marketing.
    - Tempe artists selected are Hugo Medina and Kira Olsen – Tempe Marketplace, Kristin Bauer – 5<sup>th</sup> Street/Mill, and Charlene Hardin – Tempe Gateway Building.
    - Installations are targeted for early December.
    - a fourth location on Apache Blvd is still in panning, and David Kephart is working on securing a fifth location next to Crepe Bar on the NW corner of Elliot and Rural.
    - artists are in the process of creating proposals for their spaces. <http://influxaz.com>

### **Agenda Item 8 – Arts and Culture Master Plan**

- **Maja Aurora**, presented an update on the Arts & Culture Master Plan. Details include:
  - City Council approved the contract with the Cultural Planning Group, of San Diego to create the plan.
  - \$80,101 has been allocated for the project from the Municipal Arts Fund
  - three site visits will be scheduled, including the first visit in December or January
  - during the first visit they will meet with TMAC for the purpose of receiving input and feedback from TMAC members
  - Christine Cirillo-Ching requested holding a special TMAC meeting to discuss pertinent issues prior to the meeting with Cultural Planning Group

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### **Agenda Item 9 – Public Art Docents**

- **Kelly Nelson** announced the first Public Art Docent training is scheduled for 6-7pm December 3<sup>rd</sup> in Tempe Public Library, Meeting Room B, 3500 S Rural Road  
-requested docents to volunteer during the Tempe Festival of the Arts on December 5-7. TMAC members were asked to choose days/time/locations they are interested in for the event. [www.tempefestivalofthearts.com](http://www.tempefestivalofthearts.com)

### **Agenda Item 10 – Future of platFORM and IN FLUX Temporary Public Art Projects**

- **Maja Aurora** sought ideas and feedback from TMAC members regarding future planning of IN FLUX and platFORM programs. Discussion included:  
-both programs help support the idea that Tempe is a modern, forward-thinking city  
-art could help businesses gain patronage  
-seek funding/sponsorship from private businesses to expand programs  
-pair AIPD contributing businesses along the lake with platFORM, possibly construct plinths along the lakefront for temporary art programming  
-take advantage of Transportation improvements to possibility include plinths in medians for temporary art programming  
[www.INFLUXAZ.com](http://www.INFLUXAZ.com) [www.tempe.gov/platFORM](http://www.tempe.gov/platFORM)

### **Agenda Item 11 – platFORM**

- **Dale Andress and Shelby Larson**, artists, presented their new platFORM installations on the grounds of Hayden Flour Mill. [www.tempe.gov/platFORM](http://www.tempe.gov/platFORM)  
-Dale Andress, *Torque*, 2014  
-Shelby Larson, *Radial Joy*, 2014

### **Agenda Item 12 – Commission Members' Announcements**

- **Kelly Nelson** will be giving a presentation about writing poetry:  
-*Writers on Writing*, November 22, 11am-12pm, Tempe Public Library, Meeting Room A, 3500 S Rural Road, Tempe, AZ 85282  
<http://www.tempe.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/21883/1588?curm=11&cury=2014>

### **Agenda Item 13 – Public Appearances**

- None.

### **Agenda Item 14 - Adjournment**

- The next Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) meeting will be held at 6pm on November 12, 2014 at Tempe Center for the Arts, 201 Lounge, 700 W Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ 85281
- **Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.**

Prepared By: Joy Higgins

Reviewed By: Maja Aurora, Barbara Roberts