



Minutes TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION November 12, 2014

Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) recorded at 6 p.m. on November 12, 2014, within the Tempe Center for the Arts, 201 Lounge, 700 W Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ, 85281.

(MEMBERS) Present:

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

City Staff Present:

Maja Aurora, Arts Coordinator – Arts Grants, Public Art, Art in Private Development
Joy Higgins, Public Art Assistant
Shelley Hearn, Community Services Director
Barbara Roberts, Deputy Community Services Director
Adam Williams, Senior Budget and Finance Analyst

Guest(s) Present:

Tom Strich, Artist – Clark Park & Marilyn Ann Neighborhoods
Peter Hodgson, Co-chair Clark Park Neighborhood Association
Rex Gulbranson, Docent – Tempe Center for the Arts

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Dave Kephart – Vice Chair

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order

- Kelly Nelson, TMAC Chair, called the TMAC meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the October 8, 2014, Commission Minutes

- Kelly Nelson asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved TMAC minutes document** dated **October 8, 2014**.
- **MOTION:** Hilary Harp moved to approve the October 8, 2014, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission Meeting Minutes document as presented.
- **SECOND:** David Lucier seconded.
- **DECISION:** Approved as presented.

Agenda Item 3 – Chairperson’s Announcements

- **Kelly Nelson**, TMAC Chair, made the following announcements:
 - Five TMAC members attended the Bollinger Atelier Tour and Bronze Casting Demonstration on Thursday, October 16: Kelly Nelson, Kiyomi Kurooka, Susan Bendix, Gail Natale, and Pat Konomos. www.bollingeratelier.com
 - Wednesday, December 3rd, 6-8pm, Tempe Public Library, Meeting Room B: Docent training and Arts Master Plan pre-meeting; quorum is necessary
 - Wednesday, December 10th, 4-6pm, TCA 201 Lounge: Arts Master Plan Meeting; quorum is necessary
 - The schedule for docents at Tempe Festival of the Arts is posted, some shifts are still open

Agenda Item 4 – Arts Tax & Municipal Arts Fund

- **Adam Williams**, COT Senior Budget and Finance Analyst, and **Shelley Hearn**, Director of Community Services, discussed the history of the Municipal Arts Fund and the Performing Arts Fund. Details include:
 - Performing Arts Fund (for Tempe Center for the Arts)**
 - The 1/10th of 1% sales tax took effect 1/01/01 and funds TCA operations, pays bonds sold for the construction of the TCA, but it does not pay for programming
 - The tax sunsets at the close of 2020
 - All debt will be paid in full July of 2020, and the remaining tax collected through December of that year will support operation expenses for 3 additional years
 - Half of the total debt pays off in 2016; there is currently \$25.2 million left to pay
 - No action has been decided regarding extending funding after the sunset of the tax
 - Municipal Arts Fund**
 - A 1988 Resolution states 1% of CIP budget for each fiscal year shall be appropriated on an annual basis
 - Resulting from the economic downturn, General Fund contributions were suspended in 2008-2009, and Transit Fund contributions suspended in 2010-2011
 - The Water Utilities fund is still contributing to the Municipal Arts Fund
 - City Council will review funding sources during the upcoming General Fund budget process
 - The Tempe Arts Plan process will review Municipal Arts Fund

Agenda Item 5 – Facility Naming Request, Barbara J. Carter Lounge

- **Kelly Nelson** presented the opportunity for TMAC members to recommend renaming the TCA’s 201 Lounge as the Barbara J. Carter Lounge.
- **MOTION:** Hilary Harp moved to recommend the naming of the Barbara J. Carter Lounge at Tempe Center for the Arts.
- **SECOND:** David Lucier seconded.
- **DECISION:** Recommended as presented with abstentions from Gail Natale and Christine Cirillo-Ching.

Agenda Item 6 – Clark Park & Marilyn Ann NA, Neighborhood Grant

- **Tom Strich**, Artist, and **Peter Hodgson**, Co-chair of Clark Park Neighborhood Association, presented the artist proposal for the Clark Park & Marilyn Ann NAs art project, made possible by the Maryanne Corder Neighborhood Grant Program’s \$20,000

allocation (awarded to two Neighborhood Associations working cooperatively). Details include:

- Clark Park is the site of a community garden, playground, and communal seating area
- Strich's design incorporates a garden theme, intended to enhance the neighborhood and tie in with the community garden
- previously constructed columns will support a shade structure made of steel framing, shade cloth, and upcycled traffic signs
- the shade structure will cover an area of 36' x 18', with a total height of 11'.
- two ASU surplus bike racks will be adorned in the same garden theme with upcycled traffic signs, and be located within the shade structure and garden vicinity
- care will be taken to smooth any rough or sharp edges from upcycled traffic signs

Agenda Item 7 – TCA and Tempe Town Lake Public Art Presentation

- **Rex Gulbranson**, TCA Docent and former COT Public Art Program Coordinator, gave an informative lecture and slide presentation about the public art elements included in the Tempe Center for the Arts and Tempe Town Lake creation.

Agenda Item 8 – Broadway Road Streetscape, Public Art

- **Maja Aurora**, presented Rebecca Ross's and Laurie Lundquist's 100% design plans for art elements to be included in the Broadway Road Streetscape Project. Comments by TMAC members regarding the artists' designs include:
 - design is intelligent, with multiple layers of meaning, and evokes memories of the orange trees
 - effective use of design elements to create texture and shadow along the block wall
 - likes that the City provided a canvas for artwork, would like to see more art
 - disagreement with the streetscape project removing the orange trees and constructing a block wall

www.tempe.gov/BroadwayRoad
- **MOTION:** Hilary Harp moved to recommend the artist design plans for the Broadway Road Streetscape Project.
SECOND: Christine Cirillo-Ching seconded.
DECISION: Recommended as presented, vote 10-1 with commission member Gail Natale voting no.

Agenda Item 9 – Public Art Updates

- **Maja Aurora** presented updates to current Tempe Public Art projects.
IN FLUX
 - Kristin Bauer will install her artwork in the second floor corner window space of the 5th and Mill Building before the December 5th start of Tempe Festival of the Arts. Her graphic mural is titled *SEEN*.
 - Hugo Medina & Kira Olsen will install their artwork in a vacant store front at Tempe Marketplace in early December. Their 3-dimensional mural is titled *Baseline Gardens*.
 - TMAC meetings between February and May 2015 will be held near each location and feature the artists presenting their work. <http://influxaz.com/>
- **University Drive Streetscape Public Art**
 - Jason Griffiths' two sculptures titled *Median Home*, were installed along University Drive. www.tempe.gov/UniversityDrive

Hardy Drive Streetscape Public Art

-Melissa Martinez's tree sculpture is planned to be installed in December. She has already begun stamping her designs in poured concrete at the new bus stop pads along Hardy Drive. www.tempe.gov/HardyDrive

Agenda Item 10 – Commission Members' Announcements

- None

Agenda Item 11 – Public Appearances

- None

Agenda Item 12 - Adjournment

- The next Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) meeting will be held at 6pm on December 3, 2014 at Tempe Public Library, Meeting Room B, 3500 S Rural Road, Tempe, AZ 85282
- **Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.**

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Reviewed By: Maja Aurora, Barbara Roberts