



Minutes TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION February 11, 2015

Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) recorded at 6 p.m. on February 11, 2015, within the Tempe Public Library Board Room, 3500 S Rural Road, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Susan Bendix
Celina Chiarello – Vice Chair
Pat Konomos
Charlie Lee
David Lucier
Robert Moore
Kiyomi Kurooka
Kelly Nelson – Chair
Gail Natale

City Staff Present:

Maja Aurora, Arts Coordinator – Arts Grants, Public Art, Art in Private Development
Joy Higgins, Public Art Assistant

Guest(s) Present:

Matt Brucker, Director – Asset Management, Wentworth Property Co., LLC for Discovery Business Campus
Jim Wentworth, Owner – Wentworth Property Co., LLC for Discovery Business Campus

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Christine Cirillo-Ching
Hilary Harp
Celeste Plumlee

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order

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

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

- **Anthony Johnson**, Tempe resident
 - wants to become a TMAC member
 - would like to see schools involved in art projects
 - would like to have media/news channels present at art openings
 - has trouble locating arts information on the City of Tempe website

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of the January 14, 2015 Commission Minutes

- Kelly Nelson asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved TMAC minutes document** dated **January 14, 2015**.
- **MOTION:** David Lucier moved to approve the January 14, 2015

**Tempe Municipal Arts Commission Meeting Minutes
document as presented.**

SECOND: Gail Natale seconded.

DECISION: Approved as presented.

Agenda Item 4 – Chairperson’s Announcements

- **K. Nelson** explained that a statue of former Arizona senator Barry Goldwater was dedicated in the National Statuary Hall at the U.S. Capitol in Washington on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2015. Deborah Copenhaver-Fellows was selected to create the statue.

Agenda Item 5 – Discovery Business Campus, Art in Private Development

- **Matt Brucker and Jim Wentworth** presented artist Ilan Averbuch’s design plans for the Phase I art element to be installed at Discovery Business Campus, a 135 acre mixed-use office park at Elliot Road and Price Road:
 - design is a subtle interpretation of an anchor
 - sculpture to include lighting and possible water feature
 - a plaque referencing the artist and project will be included
 - artist plans to incorporate upcycled materials, such as granite from old roads
- TMAC members comments:
 - 1) Reconsider water feature, possibly use glass or other materials to represent water
 - 2) Consider a seating wall for employees and visitors to sit and appreciate the art
 - 3) Consider levitating the sculpture to provide a better view that would otherwise be obstructed within a parking lot full of cars
- Discovery Business Campus will return to TMAC for review of the Phase II art element.

Agenda Item 6 – Updates; Public Art

- **Maja Aurora** presented updates to current Tempe Public Art projects:
 - Jaycee Park & Daley Park Mural Projects**
 - the last Q&A Session/Coffee Talk is on Feb. 12 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Romancing the Bean, 80 E Rio Salado Pkwy. (Hayden Ferry Lakeside)
 - the Call to Artists/Request for Qualification closes February 17, 2015
 - platFORM**
 - the Call to Artists/Request for Proposals will be released in late February
 - the City of Surprise has joined the initiative, which already includes Tempe, Chandler, and Scottsdale
 - deadline for submissions is April 27th, 2015
 - <http://www.platform-az.org/>

Agenda Item 7 – Tempe Arts Plan

- **K. Nelson** presented updates to the Tempe Arts Plan:
 - town hall was held on February 3, 2015 at Tempe Center for the Arts with 160+ Tempe residents and supporters in attendance, and 8 of 12 TMAC members were present
 - three rounds of focus groups gathered opinions about the programs and support of the arts in Tempe
 - an online survey seeking ideas to help in planning for the future of the arts is open until March 8th, 2015; www.tempe.gov/TempeArtsPlan

Agenda Item 8 – Public Art Docent Program

- **K. Nelson** gave an update on the Public Art Docent Program:
 - Tempe Festival of the Arts runs from March 27-29, 2015
 - docent stations will set for the utility box at Mill & 5th Street, the Jackrabbits at Centerpoint, and the mosaic chair in 6th Street Park
 - each docent will be scheduled in one-hour blocks/day
 - David Lucier, Charlie Lee, and Christine Cirillo-Ching will research the cost and design for docent T-shirts with other options including aprons or hats

Agenda Item 9 – Art in Private Development Ordinance

- Agenda Item moved to March 11, 2015 meeting.

Agenda Item 10 – TMAC Mission/vision

- **K. Nelson** distributed a survey for all TMAC members.
 - survey was a compilation of mission statement ideas from numerous other municipal arts commissions
 - TMAC members asked to individually complete the survey to choose which ideas they feel express what the main purpose of TMAC should be
 - results will be tallied and presented at the March 11, 2015 meeting

Agenda Item 11 – Suggested Topics for Future Meetings

- Arts in schools
- Community outreach/involvement
- Use of Tempe 11 to promote public art

Agenda Item 12 – Commission Members' Announcements

- **Celina Chiarello** attended the Arts Congress on February 3rd, 2015.
- **Pat Konomos** shared that Jerry's Artarama is hosting a valentine contest
- **Kelly Nelson** explained that First Friday in March & April, Phoenix Art Museum will showcase poets and writers giving live performances alongside artworks; writing in a public place
- **Robert Moore** encouraged TMAC members to attend Walk-in Wednesdays at the Tempe Center for the Arts

Agenda Item 13 - Adjournment

- The next Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) meeting will be held at 6pm on March 11, 2015 at Tempe Public Library Board Room, 3500 S Rural Road, Tempe, AZ 85282
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.**

Prepared By: Joy Higgins

Reviewed By: Maja Aurora, Barbara Roberts