



Minutes
TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION
September 9, 2015

Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) recorded at 6 p.m. on September 9, 2015, within the Tempe Public Library, Board Room, 3500 S Rural Road, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Celina Chiarello – Vice Chair
Hilary Harp
Anthony Johnson
Pat Konomos
Charlie Lee
David Lucier
Kelly Nelson – Chair
Celeste Plumlee

City Staff Present:

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

Guest(s) Present:

David Brant, Artist; AC Hotel by Marriott
Craig Carey, Woodbine Development Corp.; AC Hotel by Marriott

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Susan Bendix
Christine Cirillo-Ching
Kiyomi Kurooka
Robert Moore
Gail Natale

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order

- **Kelly Nelson**, TMAC Chair, called the TMAC meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

- **None**

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of the June 24, 2015 Commission Minutes

- **K. Nelson** asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved TMAC minutes document** dated **June 24, 2015**.
- **MOTION:** **Hilary Harp** moved to approve the **June 24, 2015 Tempe Municipal Arts Commission Meeting Minutes document** as presented.
- **SECOND:** **David Lucier** seconded.
- **DECISION:** **Approved** as presented.

Agenda Item 4 – Chairperson’s Announcements

- **K. Nelson** shared the following announcements/comments:
 - The dedication and reception for the recently named Barbara J Carter Lounge at the Tempe Center for the Arts will be held on September 16 from 5:30-7 pm.
 - The El Paso Gasline Multi-use Pathway official opening will be held at the Fiesta Playground on Saturday, September 26th at 8 am. This Pathway project includes the footprint artwork by Chris Trumble.
 - Upcoming events: Ballet Under the Stars: 7 pm on October 1, 2015 at Tempe Center for the Arts Amphitheater; the Gallery @ TCA, “Green and Gray” 6-9 pm on October 2, 2015 at Tempe Center for the Arts Gallery; Tempe History Museum performances: <http://www.tempe.gov/city-hall/community-services/tempe-history-museum/events>

Agenda Item 5 – AC Marriott Hotel, AIPD – David Brant

- **David Brant, Artist and Craig Carey of Woodbine Development Corp.** shared information and artist plans for the Art in Private Development project at AC Hotel by Marriott at Hayden Ferry Lakeside, 100 E Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ 85281. Details include:
 - The AC Hotel by Marriott will be 6 stories tall and over 85,000 SF
 - The proposed design ties in with the “nautical” theme found at Hayden Ferry Lakeside. The proposed design is a variation of a windmill, with a mast-like element and rigging, it also features a brushed aluminum wave wall with open circles, a 4’ tall blue glass & river cobble gabion wall, and two sections of concrete block wall at 3’4” tall
 - Art element will be located on the north side of the lot and be completed by May 2016

Agenda Item 6 – Public Art Docents

- **K. Nelson** received a go-ahead from TMAC to include Public Art Docent Stations at the Tempe Festival of the Arts held December 4-6, 2015. Nelson will need future commitment from individual TMAC members to man the docent stations for one-hour time blocks. Details will be worked out at a future meeting. <http://www.tempefestivalofthearts.com/>

Agenda Item 7 – Tempe Arts and Culture Plan

- The Arts Master Plan was included in the City Council Work Study Session held September 3, 2015 as an Issue Review Session:
 - Council members mentioned the importance of South Tempe in future arts involvement
 - Council members highlighted the success of painted utility boxes, as well as an interest to commission more murals
 - Public attendees spoke in favor of the plan (TMAC members, Steering Committee members)

Agenda Item 8 – Creating Subcommittees

- **K. Nelson** led a discussion about forming subcommittees. Commissions can request from City Council the formation of two subcommittees at a time, each for one year in duration. Ideas for subcommittees include: Tempe Arts & Culture Subcommittee, -South Tempe Public Art Subcommittee and School Arts Subcommittee

Agenda Item 9 – Annual Retreat

- **K. Nelson** led a discussion about scheduling a day-long intensive retreat, held in a local venue, to discuss arts related issues at length. Comments included:

- The retreat should be held in the fall in order to prepare any budgetary proposals. With short notice, January seems likely for this year.
- Discussion items for the retreat should include diversity in the arts, elements of the Master Plan, and determining agenda items for the year

Agenda Item 10 – Broader Mandate & Specific Membership Qualifications

- **K. Nelson** provided the Tempe Commission documents from Sustainability, Family Justice, and Tempe Veterans as examples of commissions with specific background criteria for each seat on their board. The criteria ensure the members of the board cover a broad range of interests, expertise, and demographics.
 - What criteria would TMAC set for each seat?
 - Many serve in Tempe professionally, but are not Tempe residents. Should residency remain a requirement?
 - As current seats vacate, invitations to fill those seats could be made based on the pre-determined criteria.

Agenda Item 11 – Update: Public Art

- **M. Aurora** presented updates about current public art projects.
 - platFORM**: One installation is scheduled for October 29th at the new plinth location in front of the Tempe Bike Corral. The official opening and ribbon-cutting for the Bike Corral scheduled for October 30th at 6pm, the platFORM artists will be present.
 - The second platFORM location in front of Hayden Flour Mill is scheduled to install on Friday, October 23rd. <http://www.platform-az.org/>
 - IN FLUX**: Cycle 6 is underway. M. Aurora asked TMAC members to scout out spaces and contact property owners for the next cycle of projects. It is preferable to have different spaces for each cycle of IN FLUX. Installations typically take place between December and January and are removed the following October. <http://influxaz.com/>

Agenda Item 12 – Suggested Topics for Future Meetings

- No Comment

Agenda Item 13 – Commission Members' Announcements

- Celeste Plumlee said the Morse code bricks have started to be installed along the Broadway Road Streetscape
- C. Plumlee explained that Tempe is now a Dementia Friendly City as one of six national locations chosen for the pilot program by Dementia Friendly America. <http://www.dfamerica.org/> The Pyle Center hosts a monthly music program for patients of Alzheimer's disease. www.tempe.gov/pyle
- K. Nelson requests that all TMAC members share information about arts events that members see or with which they should be involved.

Agenda Item 14 - Adjournment

- The next Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) meeting will be held at 6pm on October 14, 2015 at Tempe Public Library Board Room, 3500 S Rural Road, Tempe, AZ 85282.
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**