



Minutes TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION October 14, 2015

Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) recorded at 6:05 p.m. on October 14, 2015, within the Tempe Public Library, Board Room, 3500 S Rural Road, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Susan Bendix
Hilary Harp
Anthony Johnson
Charlie Lee
David Lucier
Robert Moore
Kelly Nelson – Chair
Celeste Plumlee

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Celina Chiarello – Vice Chair
Christine Cirillo-Ching
Kiyomi Kurooka
Gail Natale

City Staff Present:

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

Guest(s) Present:

Jake Early, Artist; WUD Well Site #1 Mural
Lyle London, Artist; The Lakes Community Neighborhood Grant
Nori Muster, Neighborhood Representative; The Lakes

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

- None

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of the September 9, 2015 Commission Minutes

- **K. Nelson** asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved TMAC minutes document** dated **September 9, 2015**.
- **MOTION:** **Hilary Harp** moved to approve the **September 9, 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 Tempe Police Department and Tempe Fire, Medical, Rescue Department will be holding a Cook-Off to raise funds for their Public Safety Memorial on October 17, 10am-2pm @ Culinary Dropout, 149 S Farmer Ave, Tempe, AZ 85281. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased at www.TempePoliceFoundation.org
 - Julie Akerly has joined Tempe Public Art as an Arts Assistant and will be taking notes at future TMAC meetings.
 - K. Nelson will conduct a reading at Changing Hands Book Store in Tempe on Friday, October 16, 2015 at 7pm.

Agenda Item 5 – Neighborhood Grant for Sandcastle, Lake Park Villas and Runaway Point Neighborhood Associations

- **Lyle London, Artist and Nori Muster, Neighborhood Representative** shared information and artist plans for the Neighborhood Grant project to be built on the median on Lakeshore Drive near the community center. Discussion includes:
 - The project is a dedication to Lakes Community founder, Arnold Dahlberg.
 - The proposed design is a steel sculpture of an Egret taking flight.
 - The artist confirmed that plans have been approved by a structural engineer.
 - Members of TMAC recommended considering solar powered lighting, installing base further into the ground, and considering the visibility of the dedication text.
 - Project Deadline is June 30, 2016 with expected completion in March 2016.

Agenda Item 6 – WUD Well Site #1 Mural

- **Jake Early, Artist** shared information and plans for a mural to be painted at the WUD Well Site on College Ave, adjacent to Daily Park. Discussion included:
 - The mural design is a timeline of Tempe and the neighborhood.
 - TMAC members appreciated artist’s use of color, pattern and imagery.
 - The City will work with the nearby neighborhoods to promote the project.
 - Completion is expected in December 2015/January 2016.

Agenda Item 7 – Public Art Docents

- **K. Nelson** received a go-ahead from TMAC to schedule Public Art Docents at:
 - Tempe Public Art projects: *Tempe Roots Utility Box*, *Greetings from Tempe*, and *Three Rabbits*
 - Docents will be on site from 12-1pm at the Tempe Festival of the Arts from Dec 4-6, 2015. <http://www.tempefestivalofthearts.com/>
 - Docents will hand out updated maps and magnets
 - Docents will wear shirts that show their affiliation with the commission and the City of Tempe. Design will be discussed at a future meeting.

Agenda Item 8 – Broader Mandate & Specific Membership Qualifications

- **K. Nelson** led a discussion about selecting specific membership qualifications for TMAC. A form was given to TMAC member with a list of potential membership qualifications. K. Nelson collected forms for analysis and will share results at a future meeting.

Agenda Item 9 – Public Safety Memorial

- **Maja Aurora**, Arts Coordinator, presented information about the Public Safety Memorial public art project to be placed at Tempe Town Lake on the corner of Mill Ave. and Rio Salado Pkwy.
 - TMAC members expressed a strong, unanimous opinion that the proposed location does not seem to be ideal for the project and requested that this feedback be shared with Community Services departmental management. The Commission's specific concerns included:
 - The entrance to Tempe Beach Park is a place of transition, and may not promote the intended purpose of contemplation and observation.
 - The memorial's intent seems to require a location that allows family members space for quiet reflection. Creating a "Court of Service" space as a memorial could allow for a more contemplative experience.
 - A figurative memorial at the entrance to the park does not seem to reflect the recreational or celebratory nature of events that occur at Tempe Beach Park or on Mill Avenue.
 - There is limited space for people to gather at the entrance to the park. Perhaps there is a more suitable location within Tempe Beach Park that would allow for memorial congregations and ceremonies led by the Tempe Fire, Medical, Rescue Department and Tempe Police Department.

Agenda Item 10 – Update; Public Art

- **M. Aurora** presented updates about current public art projects.
 - platFORM:** The first platform location at Tempe Beach park was installed in time for the official opening and ribbon-cutting for the Bike Corral. TMAC members Robert Moore and David Lucier were in attendance as well as the artist team.
 - The second platFORM location at the Hayden Flour Mill is scheduled to install on Friday, October 23, 2015. <http://www.platform-az.org/>
 - IN FLUX:** Cycle 6 artists have been selected. 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 11 – Commission Members' Announcements

- **Anthony Johnson** shared some of his recent art experiences around the valley.

Agenda Item 14 - Adjournment

- The next Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) meeting will be held at 5pm on November 18, 2015 at the Barbara J Carter Lounge at Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W Rio Salado Pkwy, Tempe, AZ 85281.
- **Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.**

Prepared By: Julie Akerly

Reviewed By: Maja Aurora and Barbara Roberts