



Minutes TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION November 18, 2015

Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) recorded at 5:02 p.m. on November 18, 2015, within the Tempe Center for the Arts, Barbara Carter Lounge, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ 85281.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Susan Bendix
Celina Coleman – Vice Chair
Hilary Harp
Charlie Lee
Robert Moore
Gail Natale
Kelly Nelson – Chair
Celeste Plumlee

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Christine Cirillo-Ching
Anthony Johnson
Kiyomi Kurooka
David Lucier

City Staff Present:

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

Guest(s) Present:

John Nelson, Artist; Wilson Art and Garden Neighborhood Grant
Joe Livingston, Neighborhood Representative; Wilson Art and Garden Neighborhood Association, Neighborhood Grant
Josh Meibos, Neighborhood Representative; Wilson Art and Garden Neighborhood Association, Neighborhood Grant
Celina Tchida, NEDCO; Mural at Liquor Express
Kyle Delly, Business Owner; Mural at Liquor Express
Kate Borders, Downtown Tempe Authority; Jackrabbits

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order

- **Kelly Nelson**, TMAC Chair, called the TMAC meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

- None

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

- **K. Nelson** asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved TMAC minutes document** dated **October 14, 2015**.
- **MOTION:** **Susan Bendix** moved to approve the **October 14, 2015 Tempe Municipal Arts Commission Meeting Minutes document** as presented.
- **SECOND:** **Hillary Harp** seconded.
- **DECISION:** **Approved as presented, with an abstention for Gail Natale and C. Coleman.**

Agenda Item 4 – Chairperson’s Announcements

- None

Agenda Item 5 – Wilson Art and Garden Neighborhood Association, Neighborhood Grant

- **John Nelson, Artist and Neighborhood Representatives Joe Livingston and Josh Meibos** shared plans for two standpipe mosaics. The artist has experience creating mosaic and sculptural public art. The first standpipe will be built on the corner of S Farmer Avenue and W Howe Street and uses imagery of couples dancing. The other standpipe mosaic is on 1030 S Farmer Avenue and uses bicycle imagery. The neighborhood chose a mosaic for the project because it will require less maintenance overtime. Installation is slated for February 2016.
- TMAC feedback and comments include:
 - Liked the whimsical nature of the designs
 - The bicycle-related content fits with the culture of the neighborhood

Agenda Item 6 – Mural at Liquor Express, 1605 E Apache Blvd

- **Kyle Delly, Liquor Express Owner and Celina Tchida, NEDCO** shared plans for a mural to be painted on the west wall of Liquor Express. Four artists who live in the Hudson Manor neighborhood will paint individual murals on the wall to display the talent and diversity of the neighborhood. Installation will occur after the plan is approved by Community Development.
- TMAC feedback and comments include:
 - Appreciated the use of local artists in the community
 - Suggested finding a way to share that the artists live in neighborhood
- **H. Harp** requested a presentation about NEDCO in a future meeting.

Agenda Item 7 – Jackrabbits

- **Kate Borders, Executive Director of the Downtown Tempe Authority** presented her plan to place 13 bronze life size jackrabbits around Downtown Tempe. The jackrabbits will be designed and fabricated by Mark Rossi, the Arizona artist who created the *Three Blacktail Jackrabbits* at Centerpoint. K. Borders requested for the City of Tempe to sponsor one of the jackrabbits. Sponsors will receive recognition in marketing materials.
- TMAC feedback and comments include:
 - Impressed by the project and excited to see the jackrabbits installed
 - Appreciated the connection to a popular and iconic Art in Private Development Project that already exists downtown
 - Suggested involving community members in determining the location of the jackrabbits and writing stories for the jackrabbits
 - New developers could sponsor a jackrabbit as a part of their Art in Private Development requirement
- **MOTION: H. Harp moved to approve the request to use \$2,000 of Municipal Arts Funds to sponsor the project.**
SECOND: G. Natale seconded.
DECISION: Approved as presented.

Agenda Item 8 – WUD Well Site #1 Mural, Public Art

- **Maja Aurora, Arts Coordinator**, gave an overview of Jake Early’s design and presented updates about the WUD Well Site #1 Mural at Daily Park.

- The panel selected Jake Early's proposal because he was able to capture the identity of the neighborhood in his design.
 - Shirts will be created with images from the mural and will be available for pre-order before the opening event.
 - Project start date will be delayed due to working with Union Pacific on use of their right-of-way.
- **MOTION: H. Harp moved to approve Jake Early's WUD Well Site #1 Mural proposal as presented.**
SECOND: Celeste Plumlee seconded.
DECISION: Approved as presented.

Agenda Item 9 – Public Art Docents

- Public Art Docents are scheduled in the program for Tempe Festival of the Arts.
- Docents are still needed for one location on Friday, and three locations on Sunday, and will consider finding volunteers or asking the artists to fill docent positions.
- Docents will have Public Art Maps and magnets to hand out.
- **Robert Moore** will work with Downtown Tempe Authority to place their floating chalkboard near *Three Blacktail Jackrabbits* for the public to make comments about public art.

Agenda Item 10 – Annual Retreat

- **C. Coleman** is planning a half day TMAC retreat for early January. More information will be provided at the December meeting.

Agenda Item 11 – Broader Mandate & Specific Membership Qualifications

- **K. Nelson** shared a list of preferred membership qualifications for TMAC. The discussion will be continued at a future meeting.

Agenda Item 12 – Update; Public Art

- None

Agenda Item 13 – Commission Members' Announcements

- None

Agenda Item 14 - Adjournment

- The next Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) meeting will be held at 6pm on December 9, 2015 at the Tempe Public Library Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ 85282.
- **Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.**

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