

Minutes TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION October 12, 2016

Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) recorded at 6 p.m. on October 12, 2016, within the Tempe Library Board Room, 3500 S Rural Road, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Deborah Bair
Susan Bendix (departed 7:38p)
Celina Coleman – Chair
Hilary Harp – Vice Chair (departed 7:12p)
Anthony Johnson
Charlie Lee
Kelly Nelson
Celeste Plumlee
Robert Moore

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Christine Cirillo-Ching
Kiyomi Kurooka
David Lucier
Aaron Thacker

City Staff Present:

Maja Aurora, Arts Coordinator – Arts Grants, Public Art,
Art in Private Development
Ralph Remington, Deputy Director of Arts & Culture
Joy Higgins, Administrative Assistant

Guest(s) Present:

Geoffrey Bruce, Owner of G.H. Bruce, LLC; Elliot
Corporate Center – Art in Private Development
Colin Bruce, G.H Bruce, LLC; Elliot Corporate Center – Art
in Private Development
Chandler Eskew, Project Manager, Elliot Corporate
Center- Art in Private Development

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order

- **Celina Coleman**, TMAC Chair, called the TMAC meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

- None

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of the September 14, 2016 Commission Minutes

- **Celina Coleman** asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved TMAC minutes document dated September 14, 2016.**
- **MOTION:** Charlie Lee moved to approve the September 14, 2016 Tempe Municipal Arts Commission Meeting Minutes as is.
SECOND: Susan Bendix seconded.
DECISION: Approved as presented.

Agenda Item 4 – Chairperson’s Report

- None

Agenda Item 5 – Arts and Culture Deputy Director’s Report

- **Ralph Remington, Deputy Director of Arts & Culture**, updated TMAC with the following:

- *Disrupt Fest* at the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) is scheduled for March 2017. This event will feature play reading, musical acts, and an in-house directed play in a mini-series format. *Disruption Festival* will start small and grow to become an annual event.
- Melanie Holm has been hired part-time to program alternate spaces on the TCA campus (lobby, breezeways, entryway, et.al.) with small ensembles to feature a variety of artists.
- Starting in the 2018-19 season, Childsplay's total number of weeks in the TCA will be reduced. Childsplay will remain an integral partner with the TCA, and will still hold more weeks than any other partner. Additionally, the theater will be made available to other evening programming, allowing activation of the theatre at all times possible. With the extra weeks available, TCA will begin a full season of in-house producing and presenting in 2018-19 and will be co-produce a play with Stray Cat Theatre in 2018.
- The TCA's 10th Anniversary planning is underway to occur throughout the 2017-18 Season.
- Strategy is underway to create Tempe Center for the Arts as the brand for the arts and cultural programming by the City of Tempe. It is necessary to position the TCA in a way that supports a wide range of arts programs. Additionally, the two new arts administrators will be based in TCA, making it a hub for arts.
- Working with the Friends of Tempe Center for the Arts to discuss methods the organization can employ to become more effective at fundraising and outreach in support of TCA.
- Tempe is undergoing brand research to create a recognizable and striking presence to the community, visitors, and beyond.
- Recently joined the Tempe Tourism Board and is reaching out to other valley creates, including ASU, to form partnerships for future arts programs.

Agenda Item 6 – Elliot Corporate Center, Art in Private Development Presentation

- **Chandler Eskew, Project Manager at Stantec**, shared information and plans for the Art in Private Development project to be installed Elliot Corporate Center, 875 West Elliot Road. In 2000, the original development contained 211,000 square feet of commercial space and installed AIPD artwork. The original artwork was removed and will be replaced with the brightly-colored tensile sculpture by Noah Smith in order to complement the new contemporary design of the complex. The covered space created at the edge of the parking lot is intended for employee use, giving them a comfortable, shaded area to use during break and lunch times.
- **Geoff Bruce, Owner of G.H. Bruce, LLC**, (representing artist Noah Smith) described tensile sculpture as a functional shade sculpture, reminiscent of desert flowers through their shape and bright fuchsia color. The shade cloth, which moves slightly with the wind and casts evolving shadows, takes on its own form and function. The structural supports were intentionally designed to splay away from the circular platform, integrating with the overall aesthetic of the project. The fuchsia color's fade process is recognized as part of the evolution of the art.
- TMAC discussion included an appreciation of the bright color and its relation to the landscaping.

Agenda Item 7 – Review City Code Changes

- **Maja Aurora, Arts Coordinator**, presented the newest draft to the City Code for the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission's powers and duties. Discussion included:
 - New draft included additional edits by the City Attorney's office.
 - City staff recommended reducing the size of commission from 13 to 9 members and making modifications to the member composition.
 - All new edits will be evaluated and edited into the final draft. If there are additional adjustments, TMAC will review before the final draft is presented to City Council.
- **Celina Coleman** asked TMAC to approve the draft changes to **Sec. 2-200 of the City Code**.
- **MOTION:** Celeste Plumlee moved to approve the draft changes to **Sec 2-200 of the City Code**.
- **SECOND:** Kelly Nelson seconded.
- **DECISION:** Approved as presented.

Agenda Item 8 – Discuss the City’s NEW Boards & Commissions Annual Report

- **M. Aurora** reported that there is a new Boards & Commissions Annual Report requested by City Council. The draft report will be provided at the next TMAC meeting. The report will be an overview of what the commission has accomplished over the current year.

Agenda Item 9 – Update; Public Art

- **M. Aurora** presented updates to the most current Tempe Public Art projects. Details include:
 - **platFORM Cycle 4** – Tempe Leadership Class XXX included the sculpture plinth at the Tempe Bike Corral project at Tempe Beach Park. The newest sculpture installed, *Gears of Life* by Edward Dibler, plays into the bike theme. M. Aurora will explore the possibility of purchasing the sculpture for permanent placement. <http://www.tempe.gov/city-hall/community-services/arts-culture/tempe-public-art/temporary-public-art/platform/edward-dibler>
 - **Daley Park Mural** – Communication with the Union Pacific Railroad is still underway in an effort to gain necessary approvals to paint the mural.
 - **Public Safety Memorial** – Save the date: dedication of the memorial is scheduled for December 6th at 2pm at Tempe Beach Park. <http://www.tempe.gov/city-hall/police/public-safety-memorial>
 - **Tempe Streetcar** – Four selection panels will review the 56 artist applications submitted for the four streetcar zones within Tempe. TMAC’s chair and vice-chair will each serve on one of four selection panels to be held the week of October 17th.
 - **Neighborhood art projects** – Artists commissioned for a public art project in conjunction with a Maryann Corder Neighborhood Grant are currently required to present their project proposal to TMAC prior to fabrication. TMAC members were supportive of changing the process to allow for Liaison opportunity. The neighborhood would no longer be asked to give a presentation to TMAC. Moving forward, a liaison would attend a neighborhood meeting to review the final artwork design, track progress and report back.

Agenda Item 10 – Liaison Opportunities and Reports

- **Kelly Nelson**, Public Art Docent Liaison, gave an update about the upcoming Festival of the Arts opportunity on December 2-4, 2016 from noon to 1pm. Two docents will be posted at Centerpoint plaza next to Mark Rossi’s *Three Blacktail Jackrabbits*. <http://www.tempefestivalofthearts.com>
- **Deborah Bair**, Gallery Liaison, will serve on Tempe Galleries Jury Panel on October 19, 2016.

Agenda Item 11 – Commission Members’ Announcements

- **Hillary Harp’s** artwork will be exhibited in the “Women in Power” exhibit at SMOCA, opening Friday, 10/14.
- Celina Coleman announced artist Margarita Cabrera will be exhibiting *Space in Between* at Desert Botanical Garden from October 7, 2016 – February 12, 2017. Cabrera’s project is a continuation of her on-going work with Latino communities. <https://www.dbg.org/events/margarita-cabrera-space-between>
- Robert Moore announced the Marina Heights AIPD’s third and final project by Ilan Averbuch is completing installation at the lakeside location. <http://www.tempe.gov/city-hall/community-services/arts-culture/tempe-public-art/art-in-private-development/rio-salado-downtown-asu>

Agenda Item 10 - Adjournment

- The next Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) meeting will be held at 6pm on November 9, 2016 at Tempe Public Library Board Room, 3500 S Rural Road, Tempe, AZ 85282
- **Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.**