

## Minutes TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION November 9, 2016

Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) recorded at 6 p.m. on November 9, 2016, within the Tempe Library Board Room, 3500 S Rural Road, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Susan Bendix  
Hilary Harp – Vice Chair  
Kiyomi Kurooka  
David Lucier  
Robert Moore  
Kelly Nelson  
Celeste Plumlee (called in)

**City Staff Present:**

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

**Guest(s) Present:**

None

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Deborah Bair  
Christine Cirillo-Ching  
Celina Coleman – Chair  
Anthony Johnson  
Charlie Lee  
Aaron Thacker

**Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order**

- **Hilary Harp**, TMAC Vice-Chair, called the TMAC meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

**Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances**

- None

**Agenda Item 3 - Approval of the October 12, 2016 Commission Minutes**

- **Hilary Harp** asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved TMAC minutes document dated October 12, 2016**.
- **MOTION:** **Susan Bendix** moved to approve the **October 12, 2016 Tempe Municipal Arts Commission Meeting Minutes with revisions**.
- **SECOND:** **David Lucier** seconded.
- **DECISION:** **Approved with revisions**.

**Agenda Item 4 – Chairperson’s Report**

- **Hilary Harp** announced the promotion of Maja Aurora to Arts Engagement Administrator for the City of Tempe. She will focus on arts grants, arts education, and opportunities for arts engagement with the community. Interviews for the Public Art Administrator will take place during the week of November 14, 2016.

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

- **None**

### **Agenda Item 6 – 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;
  - Adjusting wording to Sec. 2-200 (B) for clarity.
- **Hilary Harp** asked TMAC to approve the draft changes to **Sec. 2-200 of the City Code**.
- **MOTION:** **Kelly Nelson moved to approve the draft changes to Sec 2-200 of the City Code.**  
**SECOND:** **David Lucier seconded.**  
**DECISION:** **Approved as presented.**

### **Agenda Item 7 – Review Draft TMAC Annual Report**

- **Maja Aurora** presented a draft of the TMAC Annual Report that will be provided to Tempe City Council. Edits included:
  - Adjusting phrasing to the “goals” section for clarity.
  - Adding the year’s action items and presentations to the “accomplishment” section.

### **Agenda Item 8 – Update; Public Art**

- **Maja Aurora** presented updates about the streetcar artist selection process. Details included:
  - **Tempe Streetcar** – Four selection panels were held during the week of October 17<sup>th</sup> to choose an artist/artist team for each of the four streetcar zones.
    - **Zone 1:** Seattle artist Koryn Rolstad; three stops along Rio Salado from Marina Heights to Ash Avenue. [www.krstudios.com](http://www.krstudios.com)
    - **Zone 2:** Tucson artist team Simon Donovan & Ben Olmstead; five stops along Mill Avenue and Ash Avenue between Rio Salado Pkwy and University Drive. [www.simondonovanpresents.com](http://www.simondonovanpresents.com) [www.olmsteadfab.com](http://www.olmsteadfab.com)
    - **Zone 3:** Phoenix artist Mary Lucking; three stops between University Drive and College Avenue along the “Gammage Curve.” [www.marylucking.com](http://www.marylucking.com)
    - **Zone 4:** Tempe artist Bobby Zokaites; three along Apache Boulevard between College Avenue and Dorsey Lane.
    - [http://www.valleymetro.org/projects\\_and\\_planning/project\\_detail/tempe\\_streetcar/](http://www.valleymetro.org/projects_and_planning/project_detail/tempe_streetcar/)

### **Agenda Item 9 – Discussion about Danelle Plaza**

- **Rob Moore** reported about his research and discussion with local arts advocates and creatives about Danelle Plaza, on the SWC of Mill and Southern Avenues, as a hub of creativity to experience all forms of art. Current redevelopment activity for the property could embrace this vision by incorporating art spaces into development plans and concepts. As an already established location with the alternative arts scene, Danelle Plaza has the potential to realize the mandates stated in the Arts and Culture Plan as a place for ‘grass roots’ artists and artisans to practice, grow and build community while enriching the cultural and economic fabric of our city. Robert Moore met with City Council Member Lauren Kuby about the opportunity to bridge arts and housing needs by including artist housing/engagement space in development plans.

### **Agenda Item 10 – Liaison Opportunities and Reports**

- **Kelly Nelson** reported that the Public Art Docents will be present at Tempe Festival of the Arts 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, handing out maps and answering questions about public art. Contact Kelly to sign up for a time slot. <http://www.tempefestivalofthearts.com>

- **Robert Moore** reported that he completed two Public Art Walking Guides for Tempe Town Lake and Downtown Tempe. These maps will be printed and distributed to businesses and city facilities.

**Agenda Item 11 – Commission Members’ Announcements**

- **None**

**Agenda Item 10 - Adjournment**

- The next Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) meeting will be held at 6pm on December 14, 2016 at Tempe Public Library Board Room, 3500 S Rural Road, Tempe, AZ 85282
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.**

Prepared By: Joy Higgins  
Reviewed By: Maja Aurora