

**Minutes**  
**TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION**  
**January 11, 2017**

**Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) recorded at 6 p.m. on January 11, 2017, within the Tempe Library Board Room, 3500 S Rural Road, Tempe, AZ, 85282.**

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Deborah Bair  
Celina Coleman  
Hilary Harp – Vice Chair  
Anthony Johnson  
Kiyomi Kurooka  
Charlie Lee – Chair  
David Lucier  
Kelly Nelson  
Aaron Thacker

**City Staff Present:**

Maja Aurora, Arts Engagement Administrator  
Joy Higgins, Administrative Assistant  
Ralph Remington, Deputy Director of Arts & Culture

**Guest(s) Present:**

None

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

None

**Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order**

- **Celina Coleman**, TMAC Chair, called the TMAC meeting to order at 6:02pm.

**Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances**

- None

**Agenda Item 3 – Elections of 2016 Chair and Vice Chair**

- TMAC members nominated **Charlie Lee** for Chair, and **Hilary Harp** for Vice-chair
- **MOTION:** **David Lucier** moved to elect **Charlie Lee** for TMAC Chair and **Hilary Harp** for TMAC Vice-Chair.  
**SECOND:** **Aaron Thacker** Seconded.  
**DECISION:** **Chair and Vice-Chair** approved as presented.

**Agenda Item 4 - Approval of the December 14, 2016 Commission Minutes**

- **Hilary Harp** asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved TMAC minutes document dated December 14, 2016.**
- **MOTION:** **David Lucier** moved to approve the **December 14, 2016 Tempe Municipal Arts Commission Meeting Minutes with amendments.**  
**SECOND:** **Aaron Thacker** seconded.  
**DECISION:** **Approved with amendments.**

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

- **Ralph Remington**, Deputy Director of Arts & Culture, updated TMAC with the following:
  - January 13-May 6: TCA Gallery presents “Western POP: Facts and Fiction of the American West.” The exhibit looks at the Western genre through a contemporary lens.
  - February 1-3: In conjunction with the TCA Gallery, TCA presents “Western POP Film Festival,” showing three iconic Western films followed by post-discussions covering topics such as racism and sexism in the “old west.” [www.tempe.gov/tcaevents](http://www.tempe.gov/tcaevents)
    - Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>: *The Searchers*, 1956; discussion by Peter Lehman, Ph.D., ASU
    - Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>: *Unforgiven*, 1992; discussion by Jason Scott, Ph.D., ASU
    - Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>: *Django Unchained*; discussion by Ralph Remington, Artistic Director, TCA
  - March 18: Disrupt Fest at TCA will feature the Neil LaBute play “Some Velvet Morning” and musical groups Totsy and Ensemble Mik Nawooj. Disrupt Fest will become a two weekend annual event in future years. [www.tempe.gov/disrupt](http://www.tempe.gov/disrupt)
  - Ralph Remington and Luis Ruiz recently attended the Association of Performing Arts Professionals (APAP) conference in NYC. They saw a variety of acts and met with agents and managers with the purpose of bringing acts to Tempe Center for the Arts.
  - At the end of the month Ralph Remington, Luis Ruiz, and Shelley Hearn will be meeting with the Mayor and City Council members to discuss the past, present, and future of Tempe Arts & Culture and Tempe Center for the Arts
  - Rebecca Rothman, Public Art Administrator, started in her new position this week. She will be attending future TMAC meetings.

### **Agenda Item 6 – Update; City Code Changes**

- **Ralph Remington**, updated TMAC with the following:
  - With the formation of the Arts and Culture Division last year, the History Museum and arts related city subdivisions split away from the Library Division. In effect, the History Museum and Library Advisory Board will be separated so that the Library Advisory Board is its own entity. The History Museum Advisory Board is to merge with the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission to create the Arts and Culture Commission (ACC).
  - Further modifications to the City Code will be discussed at future meeting to include all areas of the Arts and Culture Division
  - Managing the larger scope and work load will be a concern to consider and manage efficiently.

### **Agenda Item 7 – Discussion of Public Art Digital Mapping (GIS)**

- **Maja Aurora**, Arts Engagement Administrator, presented details about the Tempe Public Art GIS mapping project:
  - The Public Art GIS map allows users to view a map of Tempe and click on dots where each public art piece is located. Every dot on the map is interactive and provides further details about the art in that location, and is intended to be used while touring around Tempe. There are 224 pieces of public art in Tempe’s 40 square miles. The public art is listed in chronological order from 1970’s to present, and includes Tempe Public Art, Maryanne Corder Neighborhood Grants, Art in Private Development, Valley Metro public art at light rail stops, and ASU public art. Valley Metro streetcar projects will be added once completed.
  - The map will assist with future planning and promotion of Tempe Public Art projects.
  - Former TMAC member Rob Moore served as a liaison for the GIS project.
  - Public Art staff, interns and TMAC members spent the past six years organizing the collection, preparing the data and photos for this project to be possible.
  - TMAC members will be sent a link to the beta version of the GIS map for members to review and provide feedback on layout, syntax, photos, and any other details.

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**Agenda Item 8 – Continued Discussion about Danelle Plaza**

- **Deborah Bair**, TMAC member, opened discussion about Danelle Plaza. Discussion included:
  - TMAC members expressed desire to find ways to show continued support to cultivate Danelle Plaza as a place to showcase art and culture
  - Considered multiple options to reach out to City Council and potential developer
    - Memo to City and Council
    - Direct communication with City Council
    - Direct communication with developer
    - Invite developer to TMAC meeting
    - Continuous monitoring of development progress

**Agenda Item 9 – Liaison Opportunities and Reports**

- **Maja Aurora** updated TMAC on the following:
  - Public Art Walking Maps have been printed and are available for TMAC members to distribute to hotels, restaurants, and other locations around Downtown Tempe and along Tempe Town Lake. Hilary Harp, David Lucier, Aaron Thacker, and Debbie Bair volunteered to distribute maps.
  - Delivering maps provides an opportunity for TMAC members to have conversations and build relationships within the community. M. Aurora requested that TMAC members send her an email report summarizing questions and feedback received during map delivery.

**Agenda Item 10 – Update; Public Art**

- **None**

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

- **None**

**Agenda Item 12 - Adjournment**

- The Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Retreat is to be determined. TMAC members will receive a Doodle Poll requesting best days and times for a half-day retreat in February. The retreat replaces the regular February TMAC meeting.
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.**

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Reviewed By: Maja Aurora