

Minutes TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION April 12, 2017

Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) recorded at 6 pm on April 12, 2017, within the Carter Lounge at Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ, 85281.

(MEMBERS) Present:

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

City Staff Present:

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

Guest(s) Present:

none

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Hilary Harp – Vice Chair

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

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

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

- None

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of the March 8, 2017 Commission Minutes

- **Charlie Lee** asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved TMAC minutes document dated March 8, 2017**.
- **MOTION:** **David Lucier** moved to approve the **March 8, 2017 Tempe Municipal Arts Commission Meeting Minutes with amendments**.
- **SECOND:** **Aaron Thacker** seconded.
- **DECISION:** **Approved as amended with one abstention from Celina Coleman**.

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:
 - TCA presented Batarè on April 7th to over 300 guests and received a standing ovation
 - Melanie Holm performed in a successful pop-up operatic performance of *Acis & Galatea* with Lyric Opera Theatre for EDGE Happy Hour on April 7-9th

- Art Tax: R. Remington, Luis Ruiz, and Shelley Hearn will be meeting with Steven Methvin, Andrew Ching, and City Council members over the next two weeks to discuss preparation of and to amend the art tax. Details about the Art Tax include:
 - Staff is recommending a reauthorization of the Art Tax at the current level of 1/10 of 1% in perpetuity. This tax will fund the Arts + Culture Division, including Tempe Center for the Arts, Tempe History Museum, Tempe Public Art, historic properties, etc.
 - The art tax will be included in an upcoming City Council Work Group session. With Council's approval, the Art Tax could be on the March 2018 ballot.
 - TMAC members are welcome to attend City Council meetings as representatives of the Tempe community, voicing support for the importance of the Art Tax in the future of Tempe arts programming.
- September 8-9, 2017: TCA presents its 10 Year Celebration:
 - Friday: Jordin Sparks performing, VIP event with food and beverage options starting at \$75
 - Saturday: Nat King Cole Review performing, family friendly with tickets starting around \$25
- Friday, April 14th @ 7:30 p.m. Tempe Center for the Arts presents La Santa Cecilia, a modern-day hybrid of Latin culture, rock and world music. www.lasantacecilia.com

Agenda Item 6 – Update: City Code Changes

- **Maja Aurora** gave an update to the changes in City Code as they pertain to merging History Museum Advisory Board members with TMAC to create the Tempe Arts & Culture Commission:
 - The changes were included in the April 6th City Council Work Study Session, to which Kelly Nelson and Peggy Maroney attended in support of the changes. The issue will be on the formal Council Agenda on May 4th, then again for vote on May 25th.
 - M. Aurora will send out the final agenda to TMAC members once they are available
- M. Aurora presented a recommendation from the City to move the officer elections from January to the December meeting. Voting on new officers in December and taking office in January would close a two-week gap in the current officer appointment method, which places officer voting and implementation in the same meeting in January.

Agenda Item 7 – Update: Public Art

- **Rebecca Blume Rothman** reported on current Tempe Public Art activity:
 - Highline Canal Multi-use Path public art project: 66 local and national artists submitted applications for consideration as the artist member of the design team. The artist selection panel happens on April 18th. www.tempe.gov/highlinecanal
 - IN FLUX: The RFQ is currently being revised and will be released soon. influxaz.com
 - Tempe Streetcar Public Meeting: April 19, 2017 @ 6pm in Don Cassano Room at Tempe Transportation Center, engineers will be presenting 30% designs for Streetcar stations and seeking public feedback. Artwork designs are in the making and will be presented at a future public meeting. http://www.valleymetro.org/projects_and_planning/project_detail/tempe_streetcar

Agenda Item 8 – Liaison Opportunities and Reports

- **TMAC members and COT staff** provided updates on liaison opportunities and current events:
 - **Aaron Thacker** provided an update to efforts at Danelle Plaza.
 - A. Thacker recently met with Hilary Harp and former TMAC member Rob Moore to discuss continued communication between the arts community and Newtown Community Development Corporation regarding arts/artist accommodations in its plans for housing at Danelle Plaza. www.newtowncdc.org

- City Councilmember Lauren Kuby has encouraged TMAC's continued involvement, and in support of the efforts recently attended the Final Friday event held at Danelle Plaza on March 31st.
- Interim property use ideas include events similar to Slamdance Film Festival and IN FLUX public art initiative. www.slamdance.com influxaz.com
- TMAC would like to invite Newtown CDC to a TMAC meeting to discuss plans for Danelle Plaza development and review directives in the Arts & Culture Plan.
- **K. Nelson** shared the results of docent activity at the Spring Tempe Festival of the Arts. TMAC members Kiyomi Kurooka, Celina Coleman, and David Lucier handed out 150 *Downtown Tempe Public Art Walking Guides* while stationed in Centerpoint Plaza by Mark Rossi's *Three Blacktail Jackrabbits* sculptures. www.tempefestivalofthearts.com
<http://www.tempe.gov/home/showdocument?id=48181> [PDF, 10 MB]
- **K. Nelson** reported that the April 8th Bike to Art event brought nearly 50 people on a public art bicycle tour which began at Tempe Center for the Arts and ended near the Starbucks at Marina Heights. The route included 17 public art projects around Town Lake and Mitchell Park neighborhood. www.tempe.gov/bikemonth
- **K. Kurooka** communicated her experience as a TMAC liaison to the Broadmor and Riverside Neighborhood Grant projects. Both neighborhoods have contracted with Rebecca Ross to enhance concrete standpipes with mosaic tiled designs.
www.tempe.gov/neighborhoodgrants , www.tempe.gov/publicart
- **M. Aurora** reminded TMAC members to log any hours spent on these liaison activities.

Agenda Item 9 – Commission Members' Announcements

- **K. Kurooka** reminded TMAC members of Tempe's Zero Waste Day on Saturday April 1st from 7am-1pm at the Tempe Fire Training Facility.
<http://www.tempe.gov/home/showdocument?id=49446> [PDF, 365 KB]
- **K. Kurooka** informed TMAC members of the grand opening of the Tempe Seed Library at the Tempe Public Library on April 15th from 2-3pm. <http://www.tempe.gov/city-hall/community-services/tempe-public-library/seed-library>
- **David Lucier** announced that he would like to add a discussion about bicycle themed public art to adorn the fence around the Bike Corral at Tempe Beach Park to a future meeting agenda.
- **K. Nelson** announced she will be facilitating Word Play, a found-language maker space to create unexpected assemblages of words, happening April 22nd at Tempe Public Library from noon to 2pm on the main level. This event is sponsored by the City of Tempe as part of National Poetry Month. <http://www.tempe.gov/home/showdocument?id=41549> [PDF, 331 KB]
- **C. Lee** informed TMAC members that Lyle London installed the sculpture *Egret* in the Lakes Neighborhood on Lakeshore Drive as part of the Maryanne Corder Neighborhood Grant program. www.tempe.gov/neighborhoodgrants www.tempe.gov/publicart

Agenda Item 10 –Adjournment

- Next meeting: 6 p.m. May 10, 2017 at Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W Rio Salado Parkway, 85281.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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Reviewed By: Maja Aurora, Brenda Abney, Rebecca Rothman