

## Minutes TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION October 11, 2017

Minutes of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission (TACC) recorded at 6 pm on October 11, 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  
Peggy Moroney  
Aaron Thacker

**City Staff Present:**

Ralph Remington, Deputy CS Director-Arts & Culture  
Brenda Abney, Tempe History Museum Manager  
Rebecca Blume Rothman, Public Art Administrator  
Joy Higgins, Administrative Assistant  
Amanda Nelson, Public Information Officer  
Andrew Birgensmith, TCA General Manager  
Alexandra Moquay, Director of Institutional Advancement

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Hilary Harp – Vice Chair  
David Lucier  
Kelly Nelson  
Jacque Tobias

**Guest(s) Present:**

None

**Call to Order**

- **Charlie Lee**, TMAC Chair, called the TMAC meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

- None

**Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the June 14, 2017 Commission Minutes**

- **Charlie Lee** asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved TMAC minutes document dated June 14, 2017**. These minutes were brought back for re-approval due to late submission the previous month.
- **MOTION:** **Celina Coleman** moved to approve the **June 14, 2017 Tempe Municipal Arts Commission Meeting Minutes**.
- **SECOND:** **Peggy Moroney** seconded.
- **DECISION:** **Approved as presented.**

**Agenda Item 3 - Approval of the September 13, 2017 Commission Minutes**

- **Charlie Lee** asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved TMAC minutes document dated September 13, 2017**.
- **MOTION:** **Aaron Thacker** moved to approve the **September 13, 2017 Tempe Municipal Arts Commission Meeting Minutes**.
- **SECOND:** **Celina Coleman** seconded.
- **DECISION:** **Approved as presented.**

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#### **Agenda Item 4 – Presentation: Tempe Streetcar & 5<sup>th</sup> Street Projects**

- **Amanda Nelson**, Public Information Officer, presented an update about Tempe Streetcar design, route, and public art including:
  - The three-mile route includes 14 stops which will be enhanced with public art. The six hybrid streetcars will operate in traffic and be powered by electrical lines and rechargeable batteries.
  - Streetcar design: the exterior car paint scheme will be green and grey to reflect the City's sustainability efforts; all cars will be ADA and bicycle accessible and feature level boarding; 125 approximate capacity and onboard Wi-Fi
  - Three artists and one artist team have been selected by public selection panel to design public artwork to be incorporated into the four zones:
    - **Zone 1 (Rio Salado):** Seattle artist Koryn Rolstad; three stops along Rio Salado from Marina Heights to Ash Avenue. Rolstad's designs are tall, colorful structures that will complement the tall buildings along Rio Salado with their angular contemporary style. [www.krstudios.com](http://www.krstudios.com)
    - **Zone 2 (Downtown):** Tucson artist team Simon Donovan & Ben Olmstead; five stops along Mill Avenue and Ash Avenue between Rio Salado Pkwy and University Drive. Donovan's and Olmstead's designs include indented aluminum vertical panels depicting people from the community, and translucent, ceramic frit silkscreened ceiling panels. [www.simondonovanpresents.com](http://www.simondonovanpresents.com)  
[www.olmsteadfab.com](http://www.olmsteadfab.com)
    - **Zone 3 (Gammage Curve):** Phoenix artist Mary Lucking; three stops between University Drive and College Avenue along the "Gammage Curve." Lucking has designed cut aluminum shade screens which highlight architectural details in the vicinity of the station. Each screen will be populated with tiny sculpted aluminum people and animals. [www.marylucking.com](http://www.marylucking.com)
    - **Zone 4 (Apache):** Tempe artist Bobby Zokaites; three along Apache Boulevard between College Avenue and Dorsey Lane. Zokaites incorporates theme of referencing and reinterpreting the neighborhood's history. <http://www.bobbyzokaites.com/>
  - Utility relocation has already begun and will run into mid-2018. The bulk of construction work occurs from early 2018 to mid-2019 with an anticipated completion late 2020.
- **A. Nelson** also presented information about the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Streetscape project. Details include:
  - The priority of the project is to achieve a multimodal transportation system that: is sustainable and beautiful, provides ample parking (from 38 to +/- 77 stalls), expands landscaping and achieves 25% canopy goal, creates an innovative and iconic streetscape, allows more pedestrian crossing and continuous bike lanes, provides a "City Hall Plaza"
  - The project encompasses 5<sup>th</sup> Street from Farmer Avenue to College Avenue
  - Traffic studies were conducted to determine the impact of dedicated turn lane removal in specific areas to install medians, enhanced landscape, sidewalk and gateway treatments, and continuous bike lanes

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Review & Discussion: Commission's Annual Report**

- **Brenda Abney** reported that the *Boards & Commissions Annual Report*, requested by City Council, will be drafted and ready for review at the November TACC meeting. The report is an overview of what the commission has accomplished over the current calendar year.

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Program Reports: Written reports provided**

Reports for each of the workgroups include:

- **A. Arts Engagement**
  - **Aaron Thacker**, TACC member liaison for Arts Grants, reported on his experience as the School Arts Grants liaison for TACC. The grant evaluation panel met with directors of the three tiers of schools, post-grant funding, to determine: if there was enough funding for all requests, whether the grant applications met the criteria stated, how to make the application process easier for teachers, and ways to mentor teachers with grant writing.

- Arts in the Parks events are planned to happen on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 1-5pm at Estrada Park, and Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 12-8pm at Mitchell Park. <https://www.facebook.com/events/342323902860950/>
- Urban Arts Jam happens Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at Tempe Center for the Arts. This free event features a freestyle dance battle, street art, live DJ's, and live dance performances, and a panel talk with local artists. Additionally, the free documentary film screening of "Worth the Weight" showcasing the dance battle movement in Arizona will be shown in the Theater at TCA on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. These events lead up to "What Moves You" featuring Lil Buck and Mihai Marica at Tempe Center for the Arts on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. [www.tempe.gov/tcaevents](http://www.tempe.gov/tcaevents)
- **B. History Museum - Brenda Abney**, History Museum Manager
  - A written report was provided containing current events and happenings.
  - Programs at Tempe History Museum can be found at [www.tempe.gov/museumevents](http://www.tempe.gov/museumevents)
- **C. Tempe Center for the Arts - Ralph Remington**, Deputy CS Director
  - Two new employees within the Arts & Culture Division are Andrew Birgensmith, TCA General Manager, and Alexandra Moquay, Director of Institutional Advancement.
  - Upcoming performances, shows, and events at Tempe Center for the Arts can be found at [www.tempe.gov/tcaevents](http://www.tempe.gov/tcaevents)
- **D. Public art - Rebecca Blume Rothman**, Public Art Administrator
  - A written report was provided containing updates on all public art projects under way.
  - Complete public art projects can be found at [www.tempe.gov/publicart](http://www.tempe.gov/publicart)
  - Gallery events can be found at [www.tempe.gov/tcagallery](http://www.tempe.gov/tcagallery)

#### **Agenda Item 7 – Commission Members' Announcements/Future Agenda Items**

- **Kiyomi Kurooka** – Promoted Women Design Arizona, an organization of women active in the development of the built environment. [www.womendesignaz.org](http://www.womendesignaz.org)
- **Debbie Bair** –
  - Attended the TCA Gala on September 9<sup>th</sup> and reported that it was well produced but there were many vacant seats. She would have appreciated a discount for commission members.
  - Attended the Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards, and reported that it was well attended.
  - There will be a Tempe Leadership fundraiser, *Alum-in-ate the Night*, on November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6-9:30pm at the Shalimar Club House. <http://www.tempeleadership.org/calendar>
- Future Agenda Items: Danelle Plaza presentation

#### **Agenda Item 6 –Adjournment**

- Next meeting: November 8, 2017 at 6pm at Tempe Center for the Arts, Carter Lounge, 700 W Rio Salado Parkway, 85281.

#### **Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm**

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