

Minutes

TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

November 8, 2017

Minutes of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission (TACC) recorded at 6 pm on November 8, 2017, within the Carter Lounge at Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ, 85281.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Deborah Bair
Anthony Johnson
Hilary Harp – Vice Chair
Charlie Lee – Chair
David Lucier
Kelly Nelson
Aaron Thacker
Jacque Tobias

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Celina Coleman
Kiyomi Kurooka
Peggy Moroney

City Staff Present:

Brenda Abney, Tempe Arts & Culture Manager
Rebecca Blume Rothman, Public Art Administrator
Joy Higgins, Administrative Assistant
Hunter Hansen – Project Management Coordinator, CD
Larry Schmalz – Principal Planner, CD

Guest(s) Present:

David Crummey – Newtown Development Corp.
Alan Beverage – Neighborhood Economic Development Corp.
Eric Brown – Artisan Homes Inc.

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 October 11, 2017 Commission Minutes

- **Charlie Lee** asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved TMAC minutes document dated October 11, 2017.**
- **MOTION:** **David Lucier** moved to approve the **October 11, 2017 Tempe Municipal Arts Commission Meeting Minutes.**
- **SECOND:** **Aaron Thacker** seconded.
- **DECISION:** **Approved as presented with one abstention from Kelly Nelson.**

Agenda Item 3 – Presentation: Newtown Community Development Corporation, Danelle Plaza

- **David Crummey**, Development Manager for Newtown Development Corp., **Eric Brown** of Artisan Homes Inc., and **Alan Beverage** of NEDCO provided an overview of the vision for Danelle Plaza:
 - The vision is for the corner complex to be the “culture lab” of Tempe, offering live music, artist pop-up exhibits, and other creative focused events.
 - Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation is providing business assistance and serves as a resource for creative place making.
 - The development will be a mixed-income community built by Artisan Homes Inc., and feature some live/work units.
 - All of the 70 housing units will be affordable given that the property is part of a land trust. Half will be available to low-income buyers.

- In regard to the vacant city-owned building currently at the center of the complex, it may be used to feature murals and other types of artwork until demolition for development. This effort is considered an enhancement to the business environment and to business partners in the area.

Agenda Item 4 – Presentation: Character Area 3 Report – Community Development

- **Hunter Hansen**, Project Management Coordinator for Community Development, provided an overview of Character Area 3. Details include:
 - Character Area 3 includes Downtown Tempe, ASU, Rio Salado and NW neighborhoods.
 - The Character Area Plan includes the preservation of public art and public spaces encouraging a sense of pride in the community.
 - CA 3 will become the most populated of Tempe.
 - The draft plan and public event details regarding the plan can be found at www.tempe.gov/3. H. Hansen encouraged TACC feedback via the webpage as they are a community connecting agent regarding design guidelines.

Agenda Item 5 – Review and Approve: Commission’s Annual Report

- **Charlie Lee** asked the TACC members to review the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission Annual Report document. Some minor edits were submitted. Kelly Nelson and Joy Higgins will meet to complete any remaining details before submitting to the City Clerk’s Office.
- **MOTION:** **David Lucier moved to approve the Annual Report document with stated edits and any added details.**
SECOND: **Jacque Tobias seconded.**
DECISION: **Approved as presented with edits and added details.**

Agenda Item 6 – Program Reports: Written reports provided.

- **A. Public Art:** current events can be found at www.tempe.gov/publicart and www.tempe.gov/tcagallery
- **B. Arts Engagement:** current events can be found in the written report
- **C. History Museum –** current events can be found at www.tempe.gov/museumevents
- **D. Tempe Center for the Arts –** current events can be found at www.tempe.gov/tcaevents

Agenda Item 7 – Commission Members’ Announcements/Future Agenda Items

- **Aaron Thacker** served as the commission liaison on the panel which selected artists to be included on a pre-approved list for public art projects associated with the Maryann Corder Neighborhood Grant projects. The list is not a guarantee of selection, but gives neighborhood associations and HOAs a resource for their project plans. www.tempe.gov/neighborhoodgrants
- **A. Thacker** has served as the commission liaison for the Creative Communities Institute, which serves to encourage the use of arts as a vehicle to create community engagement. More details about this program will be presented at a future TACC meeting.
- **Jacque Tobias** served as the commission liaison for the Estrada Park public art project in conjunction with the construction of the new Tempe fire station at that site. www.tempe.gov/station7
- **J. Tobias** served as the commission liaison for a Tempe Galleries artist selection panel.
- **Kelly Nelson** is serving on the Arts and Culture Tax committee. She will report any pertinent news at future TACC meetings.
- **K. Nelson** requested that those interested in being public art docent volunteers for the Tempe Festival of the Arts happening December 1-3 to please contact her. www.downtowntempe.com
- Future Agenda Item suggestions: Creative Communities Presentation; finding an “Arts Sister City”

Agenda Item 6 –Adjournment

- Next meeting: December 13, 2017 at 6pm at Tempe Center for the Arts, Carter Lounge, 700 W Rio Salado Parkway, 85281.
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm**