

Minutes TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION December 13, 2017

Minutes of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission (TACC) recorded at 6 pm on December 13, 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
Hilary Harp – Vice Chair
Kiyomi Kurooka
David Lucier
Jacque Tobias

City Staff Present:

Brenda Abney, Tempe Arts & Culture Manager
Maja Aurora, Arts Engagement Administrator
Amanda Martin, Administrative Assistant

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Anthony Johnson
Charlie Lee – Chair
Kelly Nelson
Aaron Thacker
Peggy Moroney

Call to Order

- **Hilary Harp**, TACC Vice-Chair, called the TACC meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

- None

Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the November 8, 2017 Commission Minutes

- **Hilary Harp** asked the TACC members to review an **unapproved TACC minutes document dated November 8, 2017**.
- **MOTION:** **Jacque Tobias** moved to approve the **November 8, 2017 Tempe Arts and Culture Commission Minutes**.
- **SECOND:** **David Lucier** seconded.
- **DECISION:** **November 8, 2017 TACC minutes approved as presented**.

Agenda Item 3 – Review: TACC 2017 Annual Report

- Written report provided
- **Brenda Abney**, Tempe Arts & Culture Manager, stated that the TACC 2017 Annual Report has been submitted to the City Clerk's Office.
 - **B. Abney** noted that issues or questions regarding the report may be submitted to her or **Joy Higgins** via email.
 - **Abney** noted that City Council will review all Board and Commission reports starting in January 2018, and that she will inform the Board if Council requests further reporting from TACC.

Agenda Item 4 – Discussion: Arts Grants

- **Maja Aurora**, Arts Engagement Administrator, provided an overview of grants awarded for Fiscal Year 2017-18, as well as proposed changes to grant categories and monetary awards for Fiscal Year 2018-19.
 - Proposed changes include:
 - The “Artistic Excellence” category becomes “TCA Excellence,” with a maximum award potential of \$10,000.
 - The “Youth & Family” category becomes “Community,” with a maximum award potential of \$10,000.
 - A “Festival” category is added, with a maximum award potential of \$10,000.
 - **M. Aurora** noted that the “Vibrant City” and “School” grant categories will retain their titles and award values.

Agenda Item 5 – Program Reports: Written reports provided.

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

Agenda Item 6 – Elections: 2017 Chair and Vice-Chair.

- Nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of TACC for 2018 were requested at the November 8, 2017 TACC meeting. Two Board members indicated interest in serving: **David Lucier** as Chair, and **Aaron Thacker** as Vice-Chair.
- **Hilary Harp** made a call for additional volunteers or nominations. There were no additional volunteers or nominations provided.
- **MOTION:** **Jacque Tobias** moved to elect **David Lucier** as TACC Chair, and **Aaron Thacker** as TACC Vice-Chair for 2018.
SECOND: **Celina Coleman** seconded.
DECISION: Nominations approved with one abstention from **David Lucier**.

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

- **Celina Coleman** suggested that Board members visit the Desert Botanical Gardens during the holiday season.
- **C. Coleman** noted that this will be her final meeting as a TACC Board member.
- **Brenda Abney** announced that **Rebecca Blume Rothman**, Public Art Director, plans to give a presentation about Neighborhood Grants at the January 10, 2018 TACC meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Adjournment

- Next meeting: January 10, 2018 at 6 p.m. at Tempe Center for the Arts, Carter Lounge, 700 W Rio Salado Parkway, 85281.
- **Meeting adjourned at 6:31pm**

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