

Retreat Minutes TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION February 20, 2018

Minutes of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission (TACC) retreat recorded at 4 pm on February 20, 2018, within the Connections Café Program Room at Tempe Public Library, 3500 S Rural Road, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Deborah Bair
Anthony Johnson
Kiyomi Kurooka
David Lucier – Chair
Peggy Moroney
Kelly Nelson
Aaron Thacker – Vice-chair

City Staff Present:

Brenda Abney, Tempe Arts & Culture Manager
Rebecca Blume Rothman, Public Art Administrator
Maja Aurora, Arts Engagement Administrator
Joy Higgins, Administrative Assistant
Ralph Remington, Deputy CS Director

Guest(s) Present:

None

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Hilary Harp
Charlie Lee
Jacque Tobias

Call to Order

- **David Lucier**, TMAC Chair, called the TMAC meeting to order at 4:10pm.

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome

- **D. Lucier** welcomed members to the TACC Retreat and communicated conveyed the following:
 - TACC Mission: To create an atmosphere in which the arts can flourish, and to inspire Tempe citizens to recognize the Arts and Culture as essential to the whole life of our community.
 - Tempe Arts & Culture Commission advises the City Council in the development of the City's Arts & Culture Plan; promotes plans, policies, programs and initiatives; and also articulates the vision for and explores critical issues relating to the arts and cultural development.

Agenda Item 2 – Division Update & Discussion – Ralph Remington

- **Ralph Remington** – provided an update regarding the following:
 - Staff are working towards a wholistic view of all components of the Arts & Culture Division: gathering all workgroups under one umbrella and envisioning Tempe as “a center for arts and culture.”
 - Art tax: the city will publicly promote the Arts & Culture Tax after the upcoming March 13th General/Special Election. R. Remington reminded the Commission that the Arts & Culture Tax would continue funding programming at Tempe Center for the Arts, and assume funding for Tempe History Museum, Tempe Galleries, Arts Engagement and Arts Education.

Agenda Item 3 – Dinner & Discussion – Commissioner Roles

- **Brenda Abney** conducted a trivia quiz covering programming details about the Arts & Culture Division.
- **B. Abney** distributed Tempe Arts & Culture Commission reference binders and reviewed the contents.

Agenda Item 4 – Commissioner Roles and Service

- **B. Abney** led a discussion about TACC roles and ways to serve the Tempe Community and City Staff. Details include:
 - The TACC Ordinance articulates the Powers and Duties in Sec. 2-203.
 - The purpose of TACC is two-fold:
 - To advise the City on issues regarding Arts & Culture in Tempe
 - To serve as a liaison between the City and the Community
 - As liaisons, TACC members serve on selection panels, docent at public events, gather information, notify City staff of community happenings, among other specific projects.
 - As advocates, TACC members take learned information from the City back to the community, and encourage community support for arts and cultural events and initiatives.
- **D. Lucier** announced that TACC members will be expected to share information about arts and cultural events and matters at each meeting to support “the good of the order.”
- **K. Nelson** encouraged TACC members to recruit potential candidates for 2019 that will fulfill one of the following categories established in the Arts & Culture Commission Ordinance:
 - K-12 arts and culture teacher or K-12 affiliate or teaching artist.
 - Affiliate from the Arizona State University Herberger Institute for Design and Arts.
 - Student from a post-secondary school (one-year term).

Agenda Item 5 – Arts and Culture Plan & Implementation

- **Maja Aurora** gave an overview of the Arts and Culture Plan and recounted the points that have been accomplished or implemented since it's passing in 2015.

Agenda Item 6 – 2018-19 Work Plan

- **B. Abney** reviewed the Tempe City Council Strategic Priorities and explained how City workgroups align budgets and connect projects to the Priorities.
- **Kelly Nelson** presented an overview of the TACC 2017 Annual Report, which provides data, accomplishments, and goals for City Council review. Information in the Annual Report is formatted in response to City Council Strategic Priorities.
- **Peggy Moroney** spoke about her rewarding experience as a History Museum and Gallery Docent, and the importance of recruiting more people from the community to become docents.
- **TACC members** discussed commission goals for 2018. Details include:
 - Partner with the Library Advisory Board to discuss utilization of the Library campus for public events.
 - Acknowledge with an award a person or organization that actively supports arts and culture in the community. Present the award at a TACC or City Council meeting.
 - Plan and execute a TACC project or event that will be completed prior to the November election.
 - Design magnets to be handed out by docents at arts and cultural events.
 - Advocate for programming in south Tempe, such as AZ Creative Communities and Arts in the Parks.
 - Continue support of arts integration at Danelle Plaza development.
 - Explore ways to integrate Tempe historic houses in arts and cultural programming, possibly in partnership with Historic Preservation.
 - Invest time learning about the Facilities Master Plan and advocate for the inclusion arts and culture.
 - Assist with the creation of an arts and culture inventory or asset map that could stimulate the conception of a cultural facilities master plan.

Agenda Item 7 – Wrap-up

- **B. Abney** thanked all in attendance for a successful retreat.

Agenda Item 8 - Adjournment

- **Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm**