

## Minutes TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION April 11, 2018

Minutes of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission (TACC) recorded at 6 pm on April 11, 2018, within the Carter Lounge at Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ, 85281.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

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

**City Staff Present:**

Brenda Abney, Tempe Arts & Culture Manager  
Maja Aurora, Arts Engagement Administrator  
Joy Higgins, Administrative Assistant

**Guest(s) Present:**

None

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Hilary Harp  
Charlie Lee

**Call to Order**

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

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

- None

**Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the January 10, 2018 Commission Minutes**

- **David Lucier** asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved TMAC minutes document dated January 10, 2018.**
- **MOTION:** **Kelly Nelson** moved to approve the **January 10, 2018 Tempe Municipal Arts Commission Meeting Minutes with an amendment.**  
**SECOND:** **Aaron Thacker** seconded.  
**DECISION:** **Approved as amended.**

**Agenda Item 3 - Approval of the February 20, 2018 Commission Minutes**

- **David Lucier** asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved TMAC minutes document dated February 20, 2018.**
- **MOTION:** **Anthony Johnson** moved to approve the **February 20, 2018 Tempe Municipal Arts Commission Meeting Minutes.**  
**SECOND:** **Peggy Moroney** seconded.  
**DECISION:** **Approved as presented.**

#### **Agenda Item 4 – Presentation: AZ Creative Communities**

- **Maja Aurora**, Arts Engagement Administrator and **Aaron Thacker**, TACC Vice Chair, presented information about the AZ Creative Communities Institute. Details include:
  - The AZ Creative Communities Institute (AZ CCI) is a new initiative and partnership between Arizona Commission on the Arts and the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts providing grant funding to small community teams to explore the many ways creativity can be put to work for positive community impact. AZ CCI takes place over 12 months and includes the following:
    - AZ CCI Learning Sessions – Four 2-day gatherings designed to provide each team with knowledge, skills, and tools for a creative and successful venture.
    - Embedded Artist Residency – A 5-month residency in our community.
    - Targeted Training – Up to 2 half-day site visits in AZ CCI team communities, interactive web-based training or mentorship calls.
  - The Tempe Team includes Maja Aurora (COT), Aaron Thacker (TACC), Maggie Fountain (Arts Liaison for Tempe Union HS District), Gayle Shanks (Owner of Changing Hands Bookstore), Samuel Pena (Outreach Coordinator for Herberger School of Music, Director of AZ Beat Lab), and Michael Rohd (Institute Professor at Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts, AZ CCI mentor).
  - The Tempe Team submitted an application in spring 2017 and was selected in July 2017. They have complete three of four learning sessions thus far and have developed a plan that incorporates the south Tempe Orbit Saturn route. Details include:
    - Tempe Playlist: SATURN sessions will be a playlist of downloadable music and spoken word by artists in south Tempe. The team is currently seeking studio partners for recording tracks and potential partner includes Spot 127. [www.spot127.org](http://www.spot127.org)
    - The initiative will have multiple benefits: promote local talent, promote the south Tempe Orbit route, provide a way to learn about the creative asset inventory of south Tempe
    - Timeline: the Call to Artist (RFP) will be released within the next month. A requirement is that at least one person within the group must live or work in Tempe.
  - <https://azarts.gov/nextaz/az-creative-communities/>
  - <https://azarts.gov/press/9-arizona-communities-selected-inaugural-az-creative-communities-institute/>
  - <http://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/arts/az-creative-communities-institute-2017-tempe-south-phoenix-eastlake-9515384>

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Discussion: TACC Awards Concept**

- **Brenda Abney**, Community Services Manager, initiated a discussion about the TACC Awards Concept. Consensus was reached on the following details:
  - Distribution of awards can happen at the State of the Neighborhoods event held each April. A goal is to present the first awards at the 2019 event. Research and development must start immediately for selection of winners by December.
  - The working title is currently “TACC Awards.”
  - The award process may include nomination and application by the public, and selection by TACC.
  - Research: look into Phoenix New Times Cultural Creatives Awards, Tempe Bike Hero and programs in other cities or agencies for ideas on categories, guidelines, application methods, and selection process.
  - Next TACC meeting:
    - Draft a timeline
    - Review research on other programs
    - Discuss the application process

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

- **A. Tempe Center for the Arts** – a new season brochure was distributed; current events can be found in the written report and at [www.tempecenterforthearts.com](http://www.tempecenterforthearts.com).
- **B. History Museum** – **B. Abney** presented the following updates:
  - A 2017 report summary by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM) titled “Museums as Economic Engines” was distributed. The president of the Museum Association of Arizona (MAA) is seeking more information about what museums provide to the community besides quality of life

- for presentation to legislators. The MAA study will dig deeper than the 2017 AAM study.  
[www.azmuseums.org](http://www.azmuseums.org); [www.aam-us.org](http://www.aam-us.org)
- The AAM conference needs volunteers. One four-hour volunteer session earns one free day of conference sessions. <http://annualmeeting.aam-us.org/register/volunteer-opportunities>
  - current events can be found at [www.tempe.gov/museumevents](http://www.tempe.gov/museumevents)
  - **C. Public Art & Galleries** – Current events can be found in the written report and at [www.tempe.gov/publicart](http://www.tempe.gov/publicart) and [www.tempe.gov/tcagallery](http://www.tempe.gov/tcagallery)
  - **D. Arts Engagement - M. Aurora** presented the following updates:
    - The pilot program, Arts in the Parks, completed two successful neighborhood arts events. Staff reported to the Council working group and will present next steps at a future council meeting.
    - A new Facebook Page, Tempe City Arts, for Tempe Public Art and Arts Engagement is now live. Please search and like the page.
    - Current events can be found in the written report and at [www.tempe.gov/arts](http://www.tempe.gov/arts).

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

- **Kelly Nelson** shared that she and Rosemarie Dombrowski (Phoenix Poet Lauriat) participated in a Poetry Month event, “Poetry on Demand,” on April 7th at Tempe Public Library where they spontaneously typed poems on classic typewriters for event attendees. “Poetry on Demand” will take place at Changing Hands Bookstore in south Tempe on Saturday, April 28th from noon – 3pm. [www.changinghands.com](http://www.changinghands.com)
- **Jacque Tobias** praised the excellent work of David Lucier and Brenda Abney in conducting the monthly TACC meetings, and Maja Aurora and Aaron Thacker for the AZ Creative Communities presentation.
- **Debbie Bair** attended two events:
  - Debbie attended the Tempe Arts & Culture Tax ballot measure fundraising event; the tax committee is attempting to raise \$20,000-30,000 for their initiatives. <http://www.tempe.gov/city-hall/community-services/arts-culture/art-tax>
  - Debbie attended the Innings Festival at Tempe Beach Park which she enjoyed. [www.inningsfestival.com](http://www.inningsfestival.com)
- **David Lucier** shared two announcements:
  - David gave a Tempe Arts & Culture presentation to the Kyrene Rotary Club, attendees were very enthusiastic about the programs and efforts by TACC; presentations help engage clubs and the community with Arts & Culture in Tempe, David encourages other TACC members to do the same.
  - David attended a book signing for “Since You Asked,” a book created by a Veterans Heritage Project program which compiled veteran’s stories written by students of Corona del Sol High School. The signing took place at DoubleTree Resort in Scottsdale on April 8th. <http://veteransheritage.org/>
- **Kiyomi Kurooka** encouraged TACC members to attend the State of the Neighborhoods event on Saturday, April 21 at the Tempe Library Complex.

### **Agenda Item 6 –Adjournment**

- Next meeting: May 9, 2018 at 6pm at Tempe Public Library, Board Room (second floor), 3500 S Rural Road, Tempe, AZ 85282.
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm**

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