

Minutes

TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

November 14, 2018

Minutes of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission (TACC) recorded at 6 pm on November 14, 2018, within the Tempe Center for the Arts Carter Lounge, 700 West Rio Salado Parkway, 85281.

(MEMBERS) Present:

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

City Staff Present:

Brenda Abney, Managing Director of Cultural Arts
Eileen May, Managing Director of TCA
Joy Higgins, Administrative Assistant-Arts & Culture Division
Maria Laughner, Program Manager-Economic Dev.
Ralph Remington, Deputy Community Services Director
Ambika Adhikari, Principal Planner

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Charlie Lee
Jacque Tobias

Guest(s) Present:

None

Call to Order

- **David Lucier**, TMAC Chair, called the TMAC meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

- Ralph Remington thanked the commission for their continued support of arts and cultural programming and for the passage of the Arts & Culture Tax.

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

- **David Lucier** asked the TMAC members to review an unapproved TMAC minutes document dated October 10, 2018.
- **MOTION:** Kelly Nelson moved to approve the October 10, 2018 Tempe Municipal Arts Commission Meeting Minutes with amendments to verbiage in Agenda Item 3.
- **SECOND:** Peggy Moroney seconded. Motion passed on a 7-0 vote.
- **AYES:** Deborah Bair, Anthony Johnson, Kiyomi Kurooka, David Lucier, Peggy Moroney, Kelly Nelson, Aaron Thacker
- **NAYS:** None
- **ABSENT:** Charlie Lee, Jacque Tobias

Agenda Item 3 – Presentation: Urban Core Master Plan, Ambika Adhikari

- **Ambika Adhikari**, Principal Planner for Community Development, presented updated information about the Urban Core Master Plan. Details include:
 - The intent of the Urban Core Masterplan is to “create a comprehensive and unified development blueprint for Downtown Tempe and the Urban Core that is prosperous, sustainable and cohesive.”
 - The master plan area encompasses about 6.5 square miles of the downtown area. The area site within the confines of the 101/202 freeways on the north and east, Hardy Drive on the west, and the rail line on the south.

- Consultant firm SOM (Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP) was hired in October 2017 for the construction of a master plan. <https://www.som.com/>
- Tempe is growing at a rapid pace which requires a formal development plan for the urban core to be implemented.
- The masterplan will help identify areas with potential growth opportunity (vacant areas, underutilized areas, etc.)
- To accommodate Tempe's growth, much attention is paid to strategizing where high-rise housing/commercial developments can be permitted, and greater diversity of housing options and affordability. Through research and community feedback, building height zones were established so that single-family communities do not become crowded in by adjacent towering buildings. Conversely, specific zones will provide the needed height and high-density for the expanding population and business establishment. Guidelines will include open spaces and varying building heights to allow for views and light.
- Other major areas of study and plan include parking, open spaces, and transit friendliness.
- Final public outreach for the masterplan will likely be in January 2019. Approval presentation of the plans is projected for May-June 2019.
- More details about the Urban Core Masterplan can be found at www.tempe.gov/urbancore .
- Comments from TACC members include:
 - Commission members expressed concern for the tallest of planned building heights but were overall appreciative that Tempe invested in this master plan project.
 - Inclusion of greenspace should be a priority when considering high-density housing.
 - Commission members would like for staff to look into updating the Art in Private Development Ordinance to include multi-family housing and to ensure that arts and culture are prevalently built into or supported by large, future developments.

Agenda Item 4 – TACC Annual Report

- Deferred until December meeting

Agenda Item 5 – Arts in the Parks, Maja Aurora

- Maja Aurora, Director of Arts Engagement, provided updates on the Arts in the Parks projects planned for spring 2019. See the attached "Document A" for details.
 - If you would like to be a part of the planning committee for your park, please contact Julie Akerly, Arts Specialist. julie_akerly@tempe.gov
 - Public art by four artists will be included in events at four parks. These are managed by Rebecca Rothman, Director of Public Art. rebecca_rothman@tempe.gov
 - Erin Sotak: Papago Park
 - Dog Ear Theatre Productions: Scudder Park
 - Ann Morton: Goodwin Park
 - Bobby Zokaites: Clark Park
 - www.tempe.gov/artsintheparks

Agenda Item 6 – Program Reports: Written reports provided.

- **A. History Museum** – Current events can be found in the written report and at www.tempe.gov/museumevents.
- **B. Tempe Center for the Arts** – Current events can be found in the written report and at www.tempecenterforthearts.com.
- **C. Arts Engagement** - Current events can be found in the written report and at www.tempe.gov/arts and www.tempe.gov/ednaarts.
- **D. Public Art & Galleries** – Current events can be found in the written report and at www.tempe.gov/publicart and www.tempe.gov/tcagallery.

Agenda Item 7 – 2019 Commission Chair Nomination

- Kiyomi Kurooka nominated Deborah Bair for Chair and Aaron Thacker for Vice-chair.

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

- **Aaron Thacker:**
 - Attended downtown music meeting hosted by Councilmember Joel Navarro.
 - Tempe Playlist: Saturn Sessions is posted. Visit the city website to listen and download the playlists, and to learn more about the diverse artists featured. www.tempe.gov/tempeplaylist
- **Debbie Bair:**
 - Visited the Churchill, a shopping/dining venue made up of recycled shipping containers.
 - Learned much about public art while in Egypt. An Egyptian museum will open in 2020.
- **Kelly Nelson:**
 - Nathan Bennington, the artists who attended the October TACC meeting as a member of the public, just completed new artwork on the east side of the Danelle Plaza building.
 - Served on the School Arts Grants panel. There are some impressively dedicated people wanting to provide arts experiences to local students.
- **Peggy Moroney:**
 - Served on the Vibrant City Grant panel.
 - Served on the INFLUX 8 selection panel. Impressed by the variety of artists and the process of selecting artists with five other cities/organizations.
- **David Lucier:**
 - Reminded TACC members that attendance is crucial to knowing projects and issues in the arts. Please be sure to notify Brenda Abney or Joy Higgins if you cannot attend a meeting.

Agenda Item 8 –Adjournment

- Next meeting: December 12, 2018; location to be determined.
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.**

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Reviewed By: Brenda Abney