

Minutes

TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

June 13, 2018

Minutes of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission (TACC) recorded at 6 pm on June 13, 2018, within the Tempe Public Library Board Room, 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
Jacque Tobias

City Staff Present:

Brenda Abney, Tempe Arts & Culture Manager
Joy Higgins, Administrative Assistant
Ralph Remington, Deputy Director-Arts & Culture
Eileen May, General Manager-TCA

Guest(s) Present:

None

(MEMBERS) Absent:

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 May 9, 2018 Commission Minutes

- **David Lucier** asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved TMAC minutes document dated May 9, 2018**.
- **MOTION:** **Anthony Johnson** moved to approve the **May 9, 2018 Tempe Municipal Arts Commission Meeting Minutes with amendments**.
- **SECOND:** **Kelly Nelson** seconded.
- **DECISION:** **Approved as amended**.

Agenda Item 3 – Presentation: Rio Salado + Beach Park Masterplan – Bonnie Richardson

- **Cancelled**

Agenda Item 5 – Presentation and Discussion: Draft of Arts & Culture Tax funding breakdown

- **Eileen May**, General Manager-TCA, presented a draft of the Arts & Culture Tax funding breakdown. Presentation and discussion details include:
 - The presented budget is still in draft form, and the \$9.1M in revenue is an estimated amount that the Arts & Culture Fund would receive through the sales tax.
 - The Arts & Culture Fund would pull together some items from the Municipal Arts Fund, the Museum and Edna Arts cost centers from the General Fund, and the entirety of the Performing Arts Fund. The Municipal Arts Fund would be dedicated solely to Tempe Public Art projects and programs, which was the original intention when the fund was created in 1990.

- Expenditures in the fund are broken down into Tempe Center for the Arts, Public Art (staff), Tempe History Museum and Properties, Arts Engagement, and Arts Education. The Arts & Culture Fund will also allocate money into a Capital Facilities Fund, a Strategic Planning Fund, and a Reserve Fund in order to properly carry out strategic planning, build or improve facilities, or have funds to fall back on should there be some type of major setback.
- Expenditures minus Revenues equals the ~\$9.1M funded by the Arts & Culture Tax.
- Given the mission of Tempe Center for the Arts in providing impactful programming for the community (versus generating high revenue) and measuring success based on impact, the programming budget would be increased to support presentations, productions, and events that are accessible and affordable to the community. The purpose of the Arts & Culture Tax is to expand programming offerings to the community.

Agenda Item 5 – TACC Awards planning

- **Brenda Abney** initiated a conversation about the TACC awards planning. Details include:
 - A subcommittee can focus on the task and bring back recommendations to the full commission.
 - Forming a subcommittee must be approved by City Council through a formal application process in which a specific purpose, the subcommittee members, and other details are listed.
 - Volunteers interested in the subcommittee include Debbie Bair, Anthony Johnson, and Kiyomi Kurooka. Jacque Tobias and Charlie Lee will be contacted individually about participating on the subcommittee.
 - City staff will complete the paperwork required to apply for the formation of a subcommittee.
- **Kelly Nelson** proposed initiating an annual “people’s choice” award for public art projects completed in the most recent 12 months. Details include:
 - This type of award would require little effort to manage as the selection process is a simple online vote of the most recent projects. There is no selection panel or nominee process.
 - The award program will expose the newest public art projects to the community, as well as public art programs and initiatives they may take part in.
 - B. Abney will contact Tempe’s Public Information Officers for assistance with planning, voting, and social media campaign.
 - Campaign will culminate in September/October.

Agenda Item 6 – Program Reports: Written reports provided.

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

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

- **Aaron Thacker** shared his excitement about the excellent and diverse submissions for the Tempe Playlist: saturn sessions. The Tempe Team is exploring ways to continue the program.
- **David Lucier** attended a public meeting for the next phase of the Grand at Papago Park development. He shared the developer’s enthusiasm for incorporating substantial art in the phased project.
- **Anthony Johnson** shared some feedback about the community gallery spaces at the post office on Mill Avenue. Currently the descriptive text only faces the interior, he suggests that these should be duplicated to face passersby as well.
- **Debbie Bair** attended the Last Friday at Danelle Plaza and found a variety of quality work. She also revisited the magnets idea and suggested that the artwork of the TACC Awards winners could be placed on them.
- **Peggy Moroney** attended the Adobe Historic Home Tour led by the Tempe Preservation Office and described learning about the “magical” structures. Peggy also volunteers her time with Tempe Time Machine at the Tempe History Museum and commended the great teens who are involved in the program.

- **Kelly Nelson** is excited that the Edna Vihel Center has been renamed the Edna Arts Center or the Edna Vihel Arts Center. She informed staff that some pages on the Tempe website need to be updated with the new name.

Agenda Item 6 –Adjournment

- Next meeting: September 12, 2018; location to be determined.
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm**

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Reviewed By: