

Minutes TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION March 13, 2019

Minutes of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission (TACC) recorded at 6pm on March 13, 2019, within the Tempe Center for the Arts Carter Lounge, 700 W Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe 85281.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Lisa Hobson
Anthony Johnson
Maureen Kobierowski
Kiyomi Kurooka
Peggy Moroney
Kelly Nelson
Michael Rohd (arrived at 6:43pm)
Justin Stewart
Ginny Sylvester

City Staff Present:

Eileen May, General Manager-Tempe Center for the Arts
Joy Higgins, Administrative Assistant-Arts & Culture Division

Guest(s) Present:

None

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Aaron Thacker – Chair

Call to Order

- **Kiyomi Kurooka**, TACC Vice-chair, called the TACC meeting to order at 6:31pm.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

- Members of Unity Through Community, Matthew James, Roni Marie, and Travis Ryder, introduced their organization, mission and upcoming projects. www.unitythroughcommunity.org
- Don Voles introduced himself as a member of the community interested in arts and culture.

Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the February 13, 2019 Commission Minutes

K. Kurooka asked the commissioners to review an unapproved TACC minutes document dated February 13, 2019.

- **MOTION:** Kelly Nelson moved to approve the February 13, 2019 Tempe Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes with amendments.
SECOND: Justin Stewart seconded.
AYES: Lisa Hobson, Anthony Johnson, Maureen Kobierowski, Kiyomi Kurooka, Kelly Nelson, Peggy Moroney, Justin Stewart, Ginny Sylvester
NAYS: None
RESULT: Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.
ABSENT: Michael Rohd, Aaron Thacker

Agenda Item 3 – Discussion: Review nominee recommendations for Tempe Arts & Culture Awards

- **Joy Higgins**, Administrative Assistant, introduced the list of recommended Tempe Arts & Culture Award recipients and the category for each. Awardees were selected based on significant impact to arts and culture in Tempe. Recommended award recipients and categories are:
 - Cultural Connector-Evan Liggins

- Innovation-FABRIC (Angela Johnson & Sherri Barry)
- Creative Entrepreneur-Rodney Hu
- Community Impact-Gayle Shanks & Bob Sommer (Changing Hands Bookstore)
- Engaged Educator-Noe Baez "Such Stylz"

Agenda Item 4 – Approval: Selected recipients of Tempe Arts & Culture Awards

K. Kurooka asked the commissioners to approve the recommended recipients of 2019 Tempe Arts & Culture Awards.

- **MOTION:** Justin Stewart moved to approve the recommended recipients of 2019 Tempe Arts & Culture Awards.
- **SECOND:** Anthony Johnson seconded.
- **AYES:** Lisa Hobson, Anthony Johnson, Maureen Kobierowski, Kiyomi Kurooka, Kelly Nelson, Peggy Moroney, Justin Stewart, Ginny Sylvester, Michael Rohd
- **NAYS:** None
- **RESULT:** Motion passed with an 9-0 vote.
- **ABSENT:** Aaron Thacker

Agenda Item 5 – Update: Consultants for Tempe Center for the Arts

- **Eileen May**, General Manager of TCA, described the consultation efforts to be completed by [AMS Planning & Research](#) which specializes in the arts and entertainment industries. Details include:
 - AMS is contracted for two years to help build marketing, business, operational, and staffing plans for the TCA.
 - They have conducted a two-day site visit at TCA (with Three-Fold Marketing, a branch of AMS) and conducted interviews with many staff to gather information.
 - If any commissioner wishes to interview with AMS please email Eileen, Eileen_may@tempe.gov.
 - More details on the next steps will be given at a future TACC meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Program Reports: Written reports provided.

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

- **Justin Stewart:**
 - [Tempe Screened](#) on March 30th at 5:30pm in the Studio at Tempe Center for the Arts. Justin Stewart's film co-production with Evan Liggins is an experimental documentary about Tempe. The evening will also feature live music and a post-film discussion panel. Trailers are on social media.
 - Tempe Art-a-Gogh-Gogh Final Friday event on March 29th at [Yucca Tap Room](#).
 - Suggested agenda item: Ways to incentivize local artists to apply for large public art projects.
 - Suggested agenda item: using Tempe Innovation Funds to create an app or website to connect Tempe artists to learn about opportunities and share ideas with each other.
- **Kelly Nelson:**
 - IDEA campus will be including art as a requirement of the [Art in Private Development](#) ordinance. The developer has chosen two local artists to contribute in planning and designing projects within the campus.
 - Suggested agenda item: invite Rebecca Blume Rothman to provide IDEA public art details.
 - Kelly will be performing at the [Arts in the Parks](#) event at Scudder Park on Friday, March 22nd at 6:45pm with the a cappella group Wicked Pitch of the West.
- **Michael Rohd:**

- Choreographer Camille Brown performing for one night at [Gammage Theater](#) on Saturday, March 16th at 7:30pm as part of the Beyond Series.

Agenda Item 9 –Adjournment

- Next meeting: April 10, 2019, location to be determined.
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.**

Prepared By: Joy Higgins