

Minutes TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION October 15, 2019

Minutes of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission (TACC) recorded at 6:00pm on October 15, 2019, in the Tempe History Museum Community Room, 809 E Southern Avenue, 85282.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Maureen Kobierowski
Kiyomi Kurooka – Vice-chair
Peggy Moroney
Kelly Nelson
Michael Rohd
Justin Stewart
Ginny Sylvester
Aaron Thacker – Chair

City Staff Present:

Brenda Abney, Manager-Visual Arts & Culture
Joy Higgins, Management Assistant-Arts & Culture Division

Guest(s) Present:

John Southard, Senior Planner – Historic Preservation

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Michael Bennett
Lisa Hobson
Anthony Johnson

Call to Order

- **Aaron Thacker**, TACC Chair, called the TACC meeting to order at 6:07pm.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

- None

Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the September 11, 2019 Commission Minutes

A. Thacker asked the commissioners to review an unapproved TACC minutes document dated September 11, 2019.

MOTION: Maureen Kobierowski moved to approve the September 11, 2019 Tempe Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes

SECOND: Kelly Nelson seconded

AYES: Maureen Kobierowski, Kiyomi Kurooka, Peggy Moroney, Kelly Nelson, Michael Rohd, Ginny Sylvester, Aaron Thacker

ABSTAIN: Justin Stewart

NAYS: None

RESULT: Motion passed with an 7-0 vote

ABSENT: Michael Bennett, Lisa Hobson, Anthony Johnson

Agenda Item 3 – Presentation: Tempe Historic Properties

- **John Southard**, Senior Planner of Historic Preservation, presented information about Tempe Historic Properties and discussed local versus national historic designation. Details include:
 - Tempe Historic Property Register is a list of Tempe properties that have been designated as historic by Tempe City Council.

- The local historic designation brings about a set of review and approval requirements, does not change zoning. Minor changes to a historic property are reviewed administratively, major changes are brought before the Historic Preservation Commission for review and approval.
- Differences between local historic designation vs National Register of Historic Places when changes to the property is desired:
 - National Register is strictly honorific unless federal permits or funds are involved
 - Local designation creates the need for review and approval by local agencies
- Criteria for local historic designation:
 - Associated with community history of a broad pattern of events
 - Association with an individual of historical importance
 - Architecture (master design, rare, well executed style)
 - Information potential (applies largely to archaeological site)
- Designated Tempe Historic Building/Sites/Structures
 - Tempe Hayden Butte
 - Loma del Rio (archaeological site on north side of the river)
 - Charles T. Hayden House (adobe; pending transfer to city by developer)
 - Gonzales-Martinez House
 - Tempe Bakery/Hackett House (leased to Tempe Sister Cities)
 - Elias Rodriguez House (adobe)
 - Niels Petersen House (operated by Tempe History Museum)
 - Governor BB Moeur House (leased to Tempe Community Council)
 - Hayden Flour Mill
 - Eisendrath House (adobe)
 - Mill Avenue Bridge
 - Tempe Beach Park Stone Work
 - Moeur Park WPA Structures
 - Sandra Day O'Connor House (leased to Sandra Day O'Connor Institute)
 - Tempe Municipal Building
- Questions
 - If I own a house over 50 years old, what are the benefits of seeking historic designation?
 - Pursue local listing and use that as criteria for national designation
 - Assistance of local Historic Preservation Commission when improvements may be needed
 - Review and approval aspect: if the community wants to get the subdivision designated
 - Increased owner occupancy rates
 - Appreciation during good economic times
 - Less depreciation during poor economic times
 - Sense of community
 - National designation: apply for tax reclassification program for reduced annual property tax rate by 50%; added value of historic district
 - Any other properties looking to move forward with historic designation?
 - Flour mill is most recent designation
 - Is there a fund for purchasing properties?
 - Any purchase of properties is built into the budget in advance of the fiscal year
 - No funding set aside for archaeological sites or historic property purchase

Agenda Item 4 – Update: Tempe History Museum & Historic Houses

- **Brenda Abney** presented an overview of the Historic Houses managed by the Tempe History Museum team. Details include:
 - Niels Petersen House
 - Corner of Priest & Southern
 - Petersen originally built a modest adobe house, then built a Victorian style brick house for his second wife in 1892
 - The house was acquired by Tempe and renovated the exterior in 1984, interior in 1989

- Issues have come up since renovation: paint chips, gingerbread disrepair, holes in wood siding, cracked concrete, etc.
- Thursday, October 17 City Council Consent Agenda includes an approval for repairs: front porch, wood siding, complete exterior repaint, oil wood shingles, dormers and balconies, window screens, rear port, wood floor refinish, kitchen floor replacement, parlor doors, plumbing
- Total in repairs about \$150K incl contingency
- Will have to stagger repairs due to winter events and school tours
- **Michael Rohd: Recommends the commission send a memo to City Council to show support of funding for repairs to the Petersen House**
 - **All commissioners in favor**
- Elias Rodriguez House
 - Historic house built in 1890 (or earlier) by Vicente and Inez Elias
 - Renovation returned house to footprint of 1912
 - The city acquired the house in 1991 and completed massive renovations in 2001 to bring it back to the 1912 state; this included building second structure that was a reproduction of the original “Grandma’s House”.
 - The renovations were completed with Federal Community Development Block Grant funds
 - Tempe History Museum would like to have more events, tours and activities on the property
- Question:
 - What would have been the way to get from one house to the next (historic paths/roads)
 - Typically, people would walk.

Agenda Item 5 – Discussion: Arts & Culture Commission Annual Report

- The Tempe Arts & Culture Commission discussed details to be included in the 2019 Arts & Culture Commission Annual Report. Details include:
 - Accomplishments
 - First Tempe Arts & Culture Awards
 - Goals:
 - Build on diversity goal – include equity
 - Condense goals that support staff and make more general to encompass all
 - Remove magnets which is a simple task rather than a goal
 - Develop true plan for how TACC will enhance A&C activities
 - Integration of art & culture to include south Tempe and Danelle Plaza as examples
 - Include historic preservation
 - Michael Rohd has volunteered to aggregate ideas from the commission into goals
 - Send Joy comments about document by next Friday, 10/25
 - Review other reports

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.
 - Justin Stewart served on the following as a TACC Liaison:
 - Public Art panel to review artwork designs for an Art in Private Development project
 - Council Chambers public art selection panel
 - TCA Excellence Grant panel as a TACC Liaison: 10/11 grants funded
 - Michael Rohd served on the artist selection panel for IN FLUX projects as a TACC Liaison
 - Maureen Kobierowski served on the selection panel for parks rubberized surfaces as a TACC Liaison. Chris Jagman is the selected artist.
 - Ginny Sylvester served on the following as a TACC Liaison:
 - Artist selection panel for Tempe Galleries satellite spaces
 - Worked with Rebecca on Neighborhood Grant public art projects
 - Museum’s Collections Committee

- **B. History Museum** – Current events can be found in the written report and at www.tempe.gov/museumevents.
 - Programming is scaled back due to the Council Chambers. There will still be lunch talks, Performances at the Museum, AAAC Book Club, pop up and traveling exhibits.
 - An ACLU exhibit will install on October 23rd in the Community Room
- **C. Tempe Center for the Arts** – Current events can be found in the written report and at www.tempecenterforthearts.com.
 - *Dutchman* play through October 19th with post-show talkbacks
 - Thursday, October 17 is National Black Poetry Day programming for EDGE pre-show at 6pm
- **D. Arts Engagement** - Current events can be found in the written report and at www.tempe.gov/arts and www.tempe.gov/ednaarts.
 - Tempe Playlist meetings with artists has been amazing
 - Justin Stewart attended the Tempe Creatives workshops for musicians. There was great conversations and help for people trying to get back into playing music
 - Maureen Kobierowski served on the grant panel for Arts Festival Grants as a TACC Liaison

Agenda Item 9 – Commission Members' Announcements

- Kiyomi
 - Attended *Dutchman* and highly recommends others to attend
- Kelly
 - A Capella group singing at state fair tomorrow night, October 16th.
- Peggy
 - Saw preview of *Dutchman* and led to a long discussion with her husband
 - Hayden's Ferry Days planning coming together. Please send recommendations for farmers, demonstrators, or others that can be a part of the festival

Agenda Item 10 – Future Agenda Items

- **Aaron: please get previous suggestions added to agendas**

Agenda Item 11 – Adjournment

Next meeting: November 13, location to be determined.

- **Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.**

Prepared by: Joy Higgins

Reviewed by: Brenda Abney