

Minutes

TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

July 21, 2020

Minutes of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission (TACC) recorded at 6:00pm on July 21, 2020 held in a virtual meeting via Webex.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Jeff Davis
Kiyomi Kurooka
Peggy Moroney
Justin Stewart – Chair
Ginny Sylvester
Aaron Thacker – Vice-chair

City Staff Present:

Brenda Abney, Manager-Visual Arts & Culture
Joy Higgins, Management Assistant-Arts & Culture Division
Eileen May, Managing Director-Tempe Center for the Arts
Ralph Remington, Deputy Director-Arts & Culture Division
Keith Burke, Director – Community Services
Maja Aurora, Arts Engagement Director

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Michael Bennett
Lisa Hobson
Maureen Kobierowski
Michael Rohd
Jennifer Song

Guest(s) Present:

Anne Tracht, ConsultArt Inc.
Joe Norman, Artist
Brandon Dillingham, Hines
Will Creyer, Cousins
Bill Blake, AMS Planning & Research

Call to Order

- **Justin Stewart**, TACC Chair, called the TACC meeting to order at 6:11 pm.

Agenda Item 1 – Presentation: Arts & Culture Statement

- **Ralph Remington**, Deputy Director of Arts & Culture, read the Tempe Arts & Culture Statement on racial equity and inclusion.
The full statement can be found here: <https://www.tempecenterforthearts.com/about/arts-culture-statement>

Agenda Item 2 – Update – Art in Private Development: 100+ Mill

- **Anne Tracht**, ConsultArt Inc., gave an overview of the artist selection process and criteria for 100 Mill, a development on the southwest corner of Mill Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway. The development will include an office building, a hotel, and the rehabilitation of Hayden House (formerly Monty's).
- **Joe Norman**, Artist, described the double-image, three-dimensional sculptures he has designed and will be fabricating for installation at 100 Mill.
 - The sculptures will feature coyotes visible from one angle, and jazz musicians from the opposite angle.
 - One publicly visible interior site within the office building and four exterior sites along the center of the complex are planned.
 - The sculptures will be made with stainless steel and painted with a two-part automotive paint.
 - Colors will be bold versions of the local landscaping: greens, browns, and oranges.
 - Fabrication will begin in late 2020, installation is planned for the second quarter of 2021.
- Q&A
 - Was there any exploration into considering images of indigenous musicians?
 - No, but that's a great idea.

- Was the Tempe Prequalified Artist List used as a reference for this project?
 - It was not as ConsultArt was not aware of the list before the artist selection process.

Agenda Item 3 – Presentation: Defining Success for Tempe Arts & Culture

- **Bill Blake**, AMS Consulting Services, presented an update on the scope of work, data collection, and research leading to recommendations that aim to optimize operations, understand the market, and define success as the Arts & Culture Division works to unify the Tempe History Museum, the Edna Vihel Arts Center, Arts Engagement, Tempe Public Art, and Tempe Center for the Arts. A final report and implementation plan will be presented to the Tempe Arts & Culture Commission in September ahead of a Tempe City Council Works Study Session presentation in October.

Agenda Item 4 – Public Appearances

- None

Agenda Item 5 - Approval of the May 19, 2020 Commission Minutes

J. Stewart asked the commissioners to review an unapproved TACC minutes document dated May 19, 2020.

MOTION: Ginny Sylvester moved to approve the May 19, 2020 Tempe Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes with amendments.

SECOND: Jeff Davis seconded

AYES: Jeff Davis, Kiyomi Kurooka, Peggy Moroney, Justin Stewart, Ginny Sylvester, Aaron Thacker

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

RESULT: Motion passed with an 6-0 vote

ABSENT: Michael Bennett, Lisa Hobson, Maureen Kobierowski, Michael Rohd, Jennifer Song

Agenda Item 6 – Approval: August Commission meeting decision

- No Action
- A Doodle Poll will be sent out to determine if a quorum will be met for the August meeting.

Agenda Item 7 – Program Reports

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

Agenda Item 8 – Commission Members' Announcements

- Commissioners shared their own recent activities and projects.

Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda Items

- Mural program
- How TACC can contribute to planning for the sesquicentennial event in 2021
- Creating a list of resources for artists in this time of COVID-19

Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm

Prepared by: Joy Higgins

Reviewed by: Brenda Abney