

Minutes

TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

November 17, 2020

Minutes of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission (TACC) recorded at 6:00pm on November 17, 2020 held in a virtual meeting via Webex.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Jeff Davis
Lisa Hobson
Maureen Kobierowski
Kiyomi Kurooka
Peggy Moroney
Jennifer Song
Justin Stewart – Chair
Ginny Sylvester

City Staff Present:

Brenda Abney, Manager-Visual Arts & Culture
Joy Higgins, Management Assistant-Arts & Culture Division
Maja Aurora, Director of Arts Engagement
Rebecca Blume Rothman, Director of Public Art

Guest(s) Present:

Brandon Sobiech, Dig Studio

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Michael Bennett
Michael Rohd

Call to Order

- **Justin Stewart**, TACC Chair, called the TACC meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

- None

Agenda Item 2 – Deputy Director Update

- **Ralph Remington**, Deputy Community Services Director of Arts and Culture, announced that he will be leaving the City of Tempe in December to assume the role of Director of Cultural Affairs for the City of San Francisco. He thanked the Commission for their service and the investments they have made in arts and culture.

Agenda Item 3 – Presentation: Community Center Master Plan

- Kiyomi Kurooka, DWL Architects, and Brandon Sobiech, Dig Studio, presented an update to the Community Center Master Plan. It has been 30 years since the Community Services campus was last updated. Improvements need to be made to accommodate the growth of Human Services and the Arts & Culture Division.
 - Three configuration and design options for the campus improvement were presented, and input is sought from TACC regarding the options.
 - Commissioner comments include:
 - Option 3 would place Human Services in a more separate location from the rest of the campus, which may serve those patrons with better privacy. It would also place the senior center directly adjacent to the Edna Arts Center which makes program partnerships much more convenient.
 - It would be useful to activate the spaces around the History Museum for events, there is much space available. The exposure of events to passers-by would be beneficial. If

there is a way to mitigate noise to the space on the north side of the History Museum facing Southern Avenue, that would be ideal.

- The amphitheater and sunken garden is brilliant.
- Many people rely on the classes at the Pyle Center. It would be detrimental to move Human Services in the Pyle Center before a new building is ready for the senior center to move into.
- The sunken children's area would be a great addition if there is an ability to build in containment for the kids to be able to explore freely and safely.

Agenda Item 4 - Approval of the October 20, 2020 Commission Minutes

J. Stewart asked the commissioners to review an unapproved TACC minutes document dated October 20, 2020.

MOTION: Ginny Sylvester moved to approve the October 20, 2020 Tempe Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes as presented.

SECOND: Lisa Hobson seconded

AYES: Jeff Davis, Lisa Hobson, Maureen Kobierowski, Kiyomi Kurooka, Peggy Moroney, Jennifer Song, Justin Stewart, Ginny Sylvester

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

RESULT: Motion passed with an 8-0 vote

ABSENT: Michael Bennett, Michael Rohd

Agenda Item 5 – Approval: TACC Annual Report

J. Stewart asked the commissioners to review the 2020 TACC Annual Report.

MOTION: Jennifer Song moved to approve the 2020 TACC Annual Report with amendments to streamline the statements while maintaining the content.

SECOND: Jeff Davis seconded

AYES: Jeff Davis, Lisa Hobson, Maureen Kobierowski, Kiyomi Kurooka, Peggy Moroney, Jennifer Song, Justin Stewart, Ginny Sylvester

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

RESULT: Motion passed with an 8-0 vote

ABSENT: Michael Bennett, Michael Rohd

Agenda Item 6 – Nomination: 2021 TACC Chair and Vice-chair

- Lisa Hobson nominated Justin Stewart for Chair, he accepted
- Justin Stewart nominated Jeff Davis for Vice-chair, he accepted
- Peggy Moroney nominated Ginny Sylvester for Vice-chair, she declined

Agenda Item 7 – Discussion: 2021 Tempe Arts & Culture Awards

- **Joy Higgins, Management Assistant**, opened discussion about the Arts & Culture Awards Guidelines and any edits that TACC members may suggest for future years. It was decided to keep the guidelines as they are.

Agenda Item 8 – Program Reports

- **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 9 – Commission Members & Staff Announcements

- Ginny Sylvester
 - Watched the Sacred G perform, who were a grant recipient in the last cycle
 - On selection panel for new temporary art installation at Tempe Town Lake, there are three interviews next week
- Lisa Hobson
 - University Park has been having music performance in the neighborhood, 15th and McAllister as well as Broadmor neighborhood
- Jeff Davis
 - FTCA online shop should be launching next week, Joy will email out the link once it's open
- Jennifer Song
 - Kierland Pop Art in Unexpected Places Festival to see art and musicians
 - Interviewing three finalists this week for Tempe Youth Library public art installation
- Kiyomi Kurooka
 - went to Scottsdale Canal Convergence, would like to see something like that in Tempe
- Peggy Moroney
 - The Women's Club raised money to purchase a boulder for mounting a marker commemorating territorial suffragettes, like Sally Hayden, in partnership with the Historic Preservation Foundation
- Maureen Kobirowski
 - University Park Music Sessions, call out to Julie Akerly and Paul Kent who did a great job
 - Compliments to Tempe Public Art for quickly fixing the INFLUX project at Daley Park
 - Neighborhood Olympics committee is trying find ways to continue events held in Daley Park in the midst of Covid, please pass along any ideas
- Justin Stewart
 - In communication with Rob Moore and Mayor Woods regarding Danelle Plaza and the vision for the plaza
 - Threw an impromptu art celebration on Sunday, festival-esque art in the lawn for drive-by viewing

Agenda Item 10 – Future Agenda Items

- None

Agenda Item 11 – Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm

Prepared by: Joy Higgins

Reviewed by: Brenda Abney