

## Minutes TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION February 8, 2021

Minutes of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission (TACC) recorded at 6:00pm on February 8, 2021 and held in a virtual meeting via Webex.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Jacqueline Bernatt  
Jeff Davis – Vice-chair  
Maureen Kobierowski  
Harper Lines  
Peggy Moroney  
Randall Schmidt  
Jennifer Song  
Justin Stewart – Chair  
Ginny Sylvester

**City Staff Present:**

Brenda Abney, Manager-Visual Arts & Culture  
Joy Higgins, Management Assistant-Arts & Culture Division  
Keith Burke, Community Services Director  
Tanya Chavez, Sr Management Assistant-Community Services  
Maja Aurora, Director of Arts Engagement  
Kara Osburn, Financial Analyst for Arts & Culture

**Guest(s) Present:**

None

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

None

**Call to Order**

- **Justin Stewart**, TACC Chair, called the TACC meeting to order at 6:04pm.

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

- None

**Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the January 27, 2021 Commission Minutes**

J. Stewart asked the commissioners to review an unapproved TACC minutes document dated January 2021.

**MOTION:** Jennifer Song moved to approve the January 27, 2021 Tempe Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes with amendments.  
**SECOND:** Ginny Sylvester seconded  
**AYES:** Jacqueline Bernatt, Jeff Davis, Maureen Kobierowski, Harper Lines, Peggy Moroney, Randall Schmidt, Jennifer Song, Justin Stewart, Ginny Sylvester  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**NAYS:** None  
**RESULT:** Motion passed with an 9-0 vote  
**ABSENT:** None

**Agenda Item 3 – Update: Arts & Culture Division**

- **Brenda Abney**, Interim Deputy Director of Arts & Culture, gave the following updates:
  - The Deputy Community Services Director of Arts & Culture position is now posted for recruitment on the City of Tempe website and five external websites. First review of applications will be on March 1, 2021.

- The City Council will begin reviewing budget funding requests in the February 18<sup>th</sup> work study session. Budgets for fiscal year 2022 are adopted by City Council in February. Future council meetings are posted on the City of Tempe web calendar if commissioners would like to stay updated on budgets.
  - J. Stewart encourages commissioners to reach out to City Council in support of the Arts & Culture budget requests and stay involved in the budget process.

#### **Agenda Item 4 – Approval: Communicate to City Council regarding Danelle Plaza**

**J. Stewart asked the commissioners to approve TACC communication with City Council to request involvement in the RFP process for new development at Danelle Plaza.**

**MOTION:** Ginny Sylvester moved to approve TACC communication with City Council to request involvement in the RFP process for new development at Danelle Plaza.

**SECOND:** Peggy Moroney seconded

**AYES:** Jacqueline Bernatt, Jeff Davis, Maureen Kobierowski, Harper Lines, Peggy Moroney, Randall Schmidt, Jennifer Song, Justin Stewart, Ginny Sylvester

**ABSTAIN:** None

**NAYS:** None

**RESULT:** Motion passed with an 9-0 vote

**ABSENT:** None

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Discussion: Retreat follow up**

- **B. Abney** requested feedback on the discussion items at the annual retreat on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
  - Holding new member orientation separately and earlier than the retreat allowed for immediate immersion in discussion of important items during the retreat.
  - It would be appreciated if Arts & Culture staff would reach out to TACC for help with tasks outlined in the AMS recommendations.

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Arts & Culture Award Panel**

- **J. Higgins** sought volunteers to serve on the Tempe Arts & Culture Awards selection panel. Randall Schmidt, Jacqueline Bernatt, and Jennifer Song volunteered.

#### **Agenda Item 7 – Program Reports**

- **A. Community Arts** - Current events can be found in the written report and at [www.tempe.gov/arts](http://www.tempe.gov/arts) and [www.tempe.gov/ednaarts](http://www.tempe.gov/ednaarts).
- **B. Tempe Center for the Arts** – Current events can be found in the written report and at [www.tempecenterforthearts.com](http://www.tempecenterforthearts.com).
- **C. History Museum** – Current events can be found in the written report and at [www.tempe.gov/museumevents](http://www.tempe.gov/museumevents).
- **D. Tempe Public Art** – Current events can be found in the written report and at [www.tempe.gov/publicart](http://www.tempe.gov/publicart).

#### **Agenda Item 8 – Commission Member Announcements**

- Jeff Davis
  - Served on Country Club Way selection panel
  - Have stepped down from the Friends of Tempe Center for the Arts
- Maureen Kobierowski
  - Annual Neighborhood Olympics will not be having a live event this year. Please populate the Facebook page with photos of past events.
  - Neighborhood Olympics committee will conduct an online fundraising event for the Teen Resource Center during the week of February 22-28, 2021. Any donations are appreciated.
- Randall Schmidt
  - Developing a YouTube channel to post stories for youth about Arizona, “Arizona Kid” art

- Harper Lines
  - Will be attending the Tempe Community Action Agency's Bingo night on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>
- Justin Stewart
  - Has been in contact with council members about development plans for Danelle Plaza
  - Entered a short, 60-second film into a local film-festival – Untidy Story Telling – located in the Maple/Ash area.

**Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda Items**

- Update on Danelle Plaza developments and update from Professor Rocchi

**Agenda Item 8 – Adjournment**

- **Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm**

Prepared by: Joy Higgins

Reviewed by: Brenda Abney