

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

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

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Jacqueline Bernatt  
Maureen Kobierowski  
Harper Lines  
Peggy Moroney  
Randall Schmidt – late arrival  
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, Community Arts Administrator  
Rebecca Rothman, Director of Public Art  
Kara Osburn, Financial Analyst for Arts & Culture  
Shawn Wagner, Deputy CS Director -Parks & Recreation

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Jeff Davis – Vice-chair

**Guest(s) Present:**

None

**Call to Order**

- **Justin Stewart**, TACC Chair, called the TACC meeting to order at 6:02pm.

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

- None

**Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the February 8, 2021 Commission Minutes**

J. Stewart asked the commissioners to review an unapproved TACC minutes document dated February 8, 2021.

**MOTION:** Maureen moved to approve the February 8, 2021 Tempe Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes.  
**SECOND:** Jacqueline Bernatt seconded  
**AYES:** Jacqueline Bernatt, Maureen Kobierowski, Harper Lines, Peggy Moroney, Jennifer Song, Justin Stewart, Ginny Sylvester  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**NAYS:** None  
**RESULT:** Motion passed with an 7-0 vote  
**ABSENT:** Jeff Davis, Randall Schmidt

### **Agenda Item 3 – Parks and Recreation Master Plan**

- **Shawn Wagner**, Deputy Community Services Director of Recreation, presented the ideas and strategies behind the draft Tempe Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The draft plan and other information can be found [HERE](#).
  - The draft is a flexible 10-year planning document meant to guide engagement with the community on how Tempe provides parks and recreation services and facilities. This process will help identify strategies to ensure short and long-term success.

### **Agenda Item 4 – Approval: Tempe Arts & Culture Awards Recommendations**

**J. Stewart** asked the commissioners to approve the recommendations for the 2021 Tempe Arts & Culture Awards.

- MOTION:** **Peggy Moroney** moved to approve the proposed Tempe Arts & Culture award recipients.
- SECOND:** **Ginny Sylvester** and **Maureen Kobierowski** seconded
- AYES:** **Jacqueline Bernatt, Maureen Kobierowski, Harper Lines, Peggy Moroney, Randall Schmidt, Jennifer Song, Justin Stewart, Ginny Sylvester**
- ABSTAIN:** **None**
- NAYS:** **None**
- RESULT:** **Motion passed with an 8-0 vote**
- ABSENT:** **Jeff Davis**

### **Agenda Item 5 – Update: Arts & Culture Division**

- **Brenda Abney**, Interim Deputy Director of Arts & Culture, gave the following updates:
  - City Council will be reviewing the Arts & Culture Division CIP budget requests at the March 18 meeting.
  - Reopening facilities: Currently planning a limited reopening of facilities on April 6<sup>th</sup> and include the Gallery at TCA and the Lobby and Community Room at the Museum with limited visitation into the gallery space. The opening will not include groups or rentals until Covid-19 numbers get to safe levels. Staff will continue to evaluate the situation each month. Some in-person events will be held outdoors in the courtyard with limited visitation numbers and social distancing.
- **Kara Osburn**, Financial Analyst – Arts & Culture, requested feedback on what TACC would like to be informed about in financial reports.
  - TACC requests that Kara use her best judgement on what to include, then TACC can give feedback on any edits.
- **Eileen May**, General Manager of Tempe Center for the Arts, spoke about new ways to boost revenue for the next fiscal year and finding ways to recover lost revenue during the pandemic:
  - Shuttered Venues Grant (Operators Grant) is specifically for live event venues and those impacted with sale of tickets. TCA will be applying in April.
  - Currently business planning for the following: bring back lost clients, attract new clients, food and beverage services, membership programs in collaboration with Friends of TCA.

### **Agenda Item 6 – 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).

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### **Agenda Item 7 – Commission Member Announcements**

- Ginny Sylvester
  - Participated in painting in the park – she loves these type of community events.
  - Watched SHFT RESO – great performance.
- Harper Lines
  - Participated in Painting in the Park – he thought it was a wonderful program, emailed feedback.
  - Will be performing at Unity through Community on March 30<sup>th</sup> for their fundraiser.
- Jacqueline Bernatt
  - Participated in the TAC Awards panel – she appreciated meeting other members of the community and learned a lot from reading the nominations and doing more research.
  - Speaking and planning with others in Tempe to partake in the Tempe 150 Scavenger Hunt.
  - Orienting a group bike ride around Tempe Public Art projects.
- Jennifer Song
  - Participated in the TAC Awards Panel – she had fun getting to know artists in the city.
- Maureen Kobierowski
  - Neighborhood Olympics raised \$1200 during a fundraiser and scavenger hunt that support the Threads Teen Resource Centers at Tempe High and Marcos de Niza High.
- Peggy Moroney
  - Attended TCA Docent training
  - Will be performing Leprechaun Stories for neighbors on St. Patrick's Day
- Randall Schmidt
  - Visited Danelle Plaza – he enjoyed the experience
  - Yaqui Easter Ceremony on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup>. Please don't wear shorts, take photographs, or record any content.
- Justin Stewart
  - Sat in with Mayor Woods first public forum meeting about the Tempe Sesquicentennial.
  - Had a conversation with Mayor Woods regarding the RFP on Danelle Plaza. Justin and Jeff had a short window of opportunity to review the RFP document and gave feedback. TACC will have representation on the selection panel for a developer.

### **Agenda Item 8 – Future Agenda Items**

- Presentation about Danelle, possibly include Professor Rocci
- Tour of Danelle by Rob Moore
- Hear from Community Engagement about Tempe Playlist
- Update on Public Art Maps from Tempe Public Art

### **Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment**

- **Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm**

Prepared by: Joy Higgins

Reviewed by: Brenda Abney