

Minutes TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION November 8, 2021

Minutes of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission (TACC) meeting recorded at 6:00pm on November 8, 2021 and held both in-person at Tempe Public Library and virtually via Webex.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Jacqueline Bernatt
Jeff Davis – Vice-chair
Maureen Kobierowski
Haylee Mills
Peggy Moroney
Robert Nichols
Randall Schmidt
Jennifer Song
Justin Stewart – Chair
Ginny Sylvester

City Staff Present:

Brendan Ross, Deputy Director – Arts & Culture Division
Joy Higgins, Management Assistant – Arts & Culture Division
Kara Osburn, Financial Analyst – Arts & Culture Division
Keith Burke, Director – Community Services
Brenda Abney, Museum Manager – Tempe History Museum
Eileen May, Managing Director – Tempe Center for the Arts
Maja Aurora, Arts Administrator – Tempe Community Arts
Rebecca Blume Rothman, Arts Administrator – Tempe Public Art

Guest(s) Present:

NA

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Harper Lines

Call to Order

- **Justin Stewart**, TACC Chair, called the TACC meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

- None

Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the October 11, 2021 Commission Minutes

J. Stewart asked the commissioners to review an unapproved TACC minutes document dated October 11, 2021.

MOTION: Jacqueline Bernatt moved to approve the October 11, 2021 Tempe Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes with edits (agenda item 2).
SECOND: Ginny Sylvester seconded
AYES: Jacqueline Bernatt, Jeff Davis, Maureen Kobierowski, Harper Lines, Haylee Mills, Peggy Moroney, Robert Nichols, Randall Schmidt, Jennifer Song, Justin Stewart, Ginny Sylvester
ABSTAIN: Jeff Davis, Robert Nichols
NAYS: None
RESULT: Motion passed with an 8-0 vote
ABSENT: Harper Lines

Agenda Item 3 – Update: Arts & Culture Division

- **Brenda Abney**, Museum Manager, described the process of renaming Tempe assets that have been named after community members with an association to the Ku Klux Klan.

- Much research has been performed to discover more about the allegations.
- Ad-hoc committees will be reviewing research and decide how to handle names/renaming. The City Manager's Office will create the committees and ensure all work is transparent with the community.
- **Brendan Ross**, Deputy Director for Arts & Culture, provided brief updates on the following:
 - The Tempe 150 Celebration at Tempe Town Lake on November 7th was a great success with full collaboration by all areas of the Arts & Culture Division, as well as other departments within the City of Tempe.
 - Currently assessing Arts & Culture Master Plan items not yet fulfilled and will discuss priorities in the near future. TACC will be brought in on the conversations as they happen.

Agenda Item 4 – Discussion: 2021 TACC Annual Report

- **Joy Higgins**, Management Assistant for Arts & Culture, presented the draft 2021 TACC Annual Report for discussion. The Commission reorganized the Goals into groups and made some minor edits to vocabulary.

Agenda Item 5 – Approval: 2021 TACC Annual Report

J. Stewart asked the commissioners to approve the 2021 TACC Annual Report with revisions discussed.

MOTION: Jeff Davis moved to approve the 2021 TACC Annual Report with revisions.

SECOND: Jacqueline Bernatt seconded

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

ABSTAIN: Jeff Davis, Robert Nichols

NAYS: None

RESULT: Motion passed with an 8-0 vote

ABSENT: Harper Lines

Agenda Item 6 – Program Reports

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

Agenda Item 7 – Nominations: 2022 TACC Chair & Vice-chair

Jeff Davis is nominated for Chair by Justin Stewart – nomination accepted

Maureen Kobierowski for Vice-chair by Justin Stewart – nomination accepted

Agenda Item 8 – Commission Member Announcements

- Justin Stewart:
 - DJ'd for the first time in 600 days at Yucca Tap Room
 - Volunteered at Tempe 150
 - Will be DJ-ing on Dec 5th at Tempe Festival of the Arts at 10am
- Jacqueline Bernatt:
 - Served as a TACC Liaison for the Tempe Streetcar Public Art
- Haylee Mills:
 - Served as a TACC Liaison for the Downtown Tempe Utility Boxes Public Art project
- Peggy Moroney:
 - Is proud of all the people that have supported her, especially Brenda Abney; she is a treasure.

- Ginny Sylvester:
 - Saw Brandon Marsalis live in Scottsdale
- Maureen Kobierowski:
 - Saw the play Mean Girls at Gammage Auditorium
 - Will serve as a TACC Liaison for the upcoming INFLUX public art projects
- Robert Nichols:
 - Volunteered at Tempe 150 in the TACC/A+C booth
 - Took wedding engagement photos at the Van Gogh Experience
- Jeff Davis:
 - Will be opening an exhibition in New York City in two weeks

Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda Items

- Discuss an Arts & Culture premier art event

Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment

- **Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm**

Prepared by: Joy Higgins