

## Minutes TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION February 23, 2022

Minutes of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission (TACC) retreat meeting recorded at 5:00pm on February 23, 2022, held via Teams.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Jacqueline Bernatt  
William Carr  
Jeff Davis – Chair  
Maureen Kobierowski – Vice-chair  
Harper Lines  
Haylee Mills  
Peggy Moroney  
Bobby Nichols  
Randall Schmidt  
Jennifer Song  
Justin Stewart  
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  
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:**

None

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

None

**Call to Order**

- **Jeff Davis**, TACC Chair, called the TACC meeting to order at 5:08 pm.

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

- None

**Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the January 20, 2022 Commission Minutes**

J. Davis asked the commissioners to review an unapproved TACC minutes document dated January 20, 2022.

**MOTION:** Randall Schmidt moved to approve the January 20, 2022 Tempe Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes with edits.

**SECOND:** Jacqueline Bernatt seconded

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

**ABSTAIN:** None

**NAYS:** None

**RESULT:** Motion passed with an 11-0 vote

**ABSENT:** None

**Agenda Item 3 – Commissioner & Staff Introductions**

Commissioner introduced themselves and gave a short personal background.

**Agenda Item 4 – Update: Arts & Culture Division**

- **Brendan Ross**, Deputy Director for Arts & Culture, provided brief updates on the following:
- **Tempe Center for the Arts**
  - TCA has launched a new member program, over 100 memberships have been purchased. [INFO](#)
- **Tempe Public Art**
  - The Downtown Tempe Utility Box projects are underway, artists have been busy painting.
- **Tempe History Museum**
  - THM is playing a key role in the renaming process for certain Tempe roads. Justin Stewart will be representing TACC as a member of the ad hoc committee for the renaming efforts. [INFO](#)
- **Community Arts**
  - Arts in the Parks has 47 activations scheduled in parks across Tempe over the next year, the team will be busy! [INFO](#)

**Agenda Item 7 – Discussion: Signature Event Strategy**

- J. Davis opened a conversation about a signature event strategy for Tempe Arts & Culture.
  - See Attachment A

**Agenda Item 8 – Discussion: Arts & Culture Outbound Strategy**

- J. Davis opened a conversation about how the Arts & Culture Division can connect better with the Tempe community.
  - See Attachment B

**Agenda Item 8 – Discussion: Maker District & Smith Innovation Hub Strategy**

- J. Davis opened a conversation about two large innovation hubs currently in the study phase: Tempe Maker District and Smith Innovation Hub.
  - See Attachment C

**Agenda Item 9 – Summary of Retreat**

- Takeaway opportunities:
  - Artist summit that TACC could organize/plan
  - Research project of what models are good examples of successful maker hubs
  - Keep revisiting these three points to see where progress is and how TACC can contribute

**Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment**

- **Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm**

Prepared by: Joy Higgins