

# Minutes

## TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

### November 21, 2022

Minutes of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission (TACC) meeting recorded at 6:00pm on November 21, 2022, held via Teams.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Jacqueline Bernatt  
William Carr  
Jeff Davis – Chair  
Maureen Kobierowski – Vice-chair  
Harper Lines  
Lisa Roach  
Randall Schmidt  
Justin Stewart  
Ginny Sylvester

**City Staff Present:**

Brendan Ross, Deputy Director – Arts & Culture Division  
Brenda Abney, Manager – Tempe History Museum  
Maja Aurora, Manager – Tempe Community Arts  
Rebecca Blume Rothman, Manager – Tempe Public Art

**Guest(s) Present:**

None

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Haylee Mills  
Jennifer Song

**Call to Order**

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

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

- None

**Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the October 10, 2022 Commission Minutes**  
To be presented and approved at the December meeting.

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

- **Brendan Ross**, Deputy Director for Arts & Culture,
  - Arizona Theater Company has announced that they have signed a one-year rental agreement with City of Tempe and will be moving their season of approximately 80 shows to Tempe Center of the Arts.
    - They will hold five productions at about 12 shows each
    - We hope that this will pave the way for a longer-term partnership
  - TCA is currently assessing the gaps and opportunities to strategize attracting a range of companies for diverse creative offerings.

**Agenda Item 4 – Nomination for Chair & Vice-chair**

- Jeff Davis has nominated Maureen Kobierowski for TACC Chair, she has accepted
- Ginny Sylvester has nominated Jacqueline Bernatt for TACC Vice-chair, she has accepted

**Agenda Item 5 – Approval: 2022 TACC Annual Report**

- **J. Davis** presented the draft of the 2022 TACC Annual Report for review and discussion. No edits were requested by the commission.

**J. Davis asked the commissioners to approve the proposed 2022 Arts & Culture Commission Annual Report.**

- MOTION:** Justin Stewart moved to approve the proposed 2022 TACC Annual Report  
**SECOND:** Jacqueline Bernatt seconded  
**AYES:** Jacqueline Bernatt, William Carr, Jeff Davis, Maureen Kobierowski, Harper Lines, Lisa Roach, Justin Stewart, Randall Schmidt, Ginny Sylvester  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**NAYS:** None  
**RESULT:** Motion passed with a 9-0 vote  
**ABSENT:** Haylee Mills, Jennifer Song

**Agenda Item 6 – Update: General Plan 2050**

- **Justin Stewart** gave an update on planning activity for General Plan 2050.
  - The committee closely reviewed GP 2040 to determine growth within GP 2050. Discussion focused on density, rezoning, Innovation Hubs, and land use.

**Agenda Item 7 – Update: IDEA Campus**

- **M. Kobierowski** updated TACC about the most recent decisions for the next phase of IDEA Campus:
  - Boyer presented their research findings to council at the end of October. They received direction to secure a hotel, and will contact the Tempe Arts & Culture Commission for input on design and programming

**Agenda Item 8 – Discussion: Tempe Arts & Culture Awards**

- **B. Ross** invited commissioners to volunteer for coordinating the next round of Arts & Culture Awards.

**Agenda Item 9 – Discussion: January 2023 TACC Retreat Planning**

- **M. Kobierowski** led a discussion about activities for the next TACC retreat:
  - Discuss annual goal activations
  - Formulate a few key points to discuss in depth
  - Include a team building activity to learn about each other
  - Include any important staff initiatives
  - Hold at TCA for three hours in late January

**Agenda Item 10 – Official TACC Representation**

- a. Previous events
  - Maureen – Attended “The Ghost of Bogota” in the Studio at TCA, a thought pro
  - Jacqueline – Tempe Jam was a blast, TACC liaison for Fire Station 2 public art,
  - Lisa – volunteered as a “Spiritual Guide” for the Chasing Ghosts on Mill Avenue tour
  - Ginny – attended D’dat; TACC liaison for Summer Reading public art project
  - Justin – Tempe Jam was fun, serving on the Renaming Committee, DJing at Tempe Festival of the Arts at noon on Saturday
  - Harper – enjoyed Tempe Jam, attended the paper lantern event at Kiwanis Park
- b. Upcoming Events
  - First three weekends in December – Christmas at Petersen House Museum
  - December 3 – TCA Presents Caro Pierotto: Bossa Christmas
  - December 10 – Glo at TCA
  - December 11 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays on Mill – Tempe Community Arts booth

**Agenda Item 11 – Future Agenda Items**

- TACC Awards
- Retreat Planning
- TCA Program Plan Update
- State of the Arts with Corey Woods
- Public Art Update

- How to best support Arts & Culture Staff

**Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm**

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