

## Minutes TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION May 9, 2022

Minutes of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission (TACC) meeting recorded at 6:00pm on May 9, 2022, held via Teams.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Jacqueline Bernatt  
William Carr  
Jeff Davis – Chair  
Maureen Kobierowski – Vice-chair  
Harper Lines arrived at 6:07p  
Haylee Mills  
Justin Stewart  
Ginny Sylvester

**City Staff Present:**

Brendan Ross, Deputy Director – Arts & Culture Division  
Joy Higgins, Management Assistant – Arts & Culture Division  
Brenda Abney, Manager – Tempe History Museum  
Maja Aurora, Manager – Tempe Community Arts  
Rebecca Blume Rothman, Manager – Tempe Public Art  
Kara Osburn, Financial Analyst – Arts & Culture Division  
Maria Laughner, Deputy Director – Economic Development

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Bobby Nichols  
Randall Schmidt  
Jennifer Song

**Guest(s) Present:**

Heidi Kimball, Sunbelt Holdings

**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 April 11, 2022 Commission Minutes**

J. Davis asked the commissioners to review an unapproved TACC minutes document dated April 11, 2022.

**MOTION:** Haylee Mills moved to approve the April 11, 2022 Tempe Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes with edits.

**SECOND:** Jacqueline Bernatt seconded

**AYES:** Jacqueline Bernatt, William Carr, Maureen Kobierowski, Haylee Mills, Justin Stewart, Ginny Sylvester

**ABSTAIN:** Jeff Davis

**NAYS:** None

**RESULT:** Motion passed with a 6-0 vote

**ABSENT:** Harper Lines, Bobby Nichols, Randall Schmidt, Jennifer Song

**Agenda Item 5 – Presentation: Hayden Flour Mill**

Maria Laughner, Deputy Economic Development Director, and Heidi Kimball of Sunbelt Holdings presented proposal designs for the redevelopment of the Hayden Flour Mill and surrounding grounds.

Project information can be found here:

<https://www.tempe.gov/government/community-development/historic-preservation/hayden-flour-mill>

- Commissioner comments:
  - Include play equipment for kids
  - Appreciate curated retail plans, not contracting big chain retailers; more culturally inclusive retail

- Concern about partnerships with native community to foster and protect the butte and its importance to local cultures
- Encourage prioritizing the art component of the development and tailoring other plans to bolster the art. (ex. Millennium Park, Chicago)
- Please send ideas or questions to Maria\_Laughner@tempe.gov

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

- **Brendan Ross**, Deputy Director for Arts & Culture, provided brief updates on the following:
  - Council have met to discuss budgets; A+C budget requests are still active/have not been eliminated
- **Maja Aurora**, Manager – Community Arts  
**Arts in the Parks**
  - Requesting TACC feedback on concepts for future program plans
  - Arts & Culture Coordinators Dani Godreau and Ellen Sickenberger are the staff heading up program development
  - Partnering with Neighborhood Services and Parks staff to build successful community events
  - Parks locations
    - Parks adjacent to schools offers most impact through coordination with schools
    - Current installations are on fences accessible to the schools and adjacent parks
- **Rebecca Blume Rothman**, Manager – Public Art  
**Temporary Art**
  - How to offer programs and projects that connect with community
  - Looking locally, regionally, and nationally at what temporary public art has become
    - What makes Tempe distinctive?
      - Tempe is playful and vibrant
      - People riding bicycles to see art
      - “Tempeary”
    - Creating a space for nationally or internationally recognized artists to work with locally based artists for greater impact
    - Temporary art as visual and impactful as well as impactful with other areas of arts and culture
    - Most projects have a one-year duration
    - Arts in the Parks framework provides opportunity for temporary projects
    - Seeking feedback from TACC about program vision
  - Commissioner comment
    - Increase marketing strategies for greater impact

### **Agenda Item 6 – Official TACC Representation**

- Previous events
  - Boards & commissions event
    - Jacqueline Bernatt – inspiring to hear about people serving on commissions for 15 years; would like to hear more from long term commissioners; enjoyed learning about diversity initiatives from Human Relations Commission
    - Haylee Mills – enjoyed mingling with other commissioners
    - Justin Stewart – would like a longer event to talk to more people; spoke with commissioners from Historic Preservation Commission, and Development Review Commission
    - Please continue these events; make them longer in duration; include break out session; include activities like a scavenger hunt
  - Martha Redbone attended by Haylee Mills: she thoroughly enjoyed the storytelling and music combination
- Upcoming Events
  - **Arts in the Parks Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Public Art Reception, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Agenda Item 7 – Future Agenda Items**

- Shady Park/Mirabella
- Danelle status
- 2050 visioning

**Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm**

Prepared by: Joy Higgins