# Minutes
# TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION
# March 2, 2012

**Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) recorded at 10 a.m. on March 2, 2012, within the Tempe Public Library Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ, 85282.**

**(MEMBERS) Present:**
Nancy Goren, Chair
Susan Bendix
Hotchy Kiene
Kiyomi Kurooka
Robert Moore
Kelly Nelson
Shiela Schmidt
Janis Webb
Frank Williams

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**
Patrick Fanning
Hilary Harp
Dave Kephart
Nikie Crawford
Celeste Plumlee

**City Staff Present:**
Maja Aurora, Arts Coordinator - Grants; Public Art/Art in Private Development
Kathy Berzins, Community Services Department Director
Don Fassinger, Cultural Facilities Administrator
Wydale Holmes, Senior Learning and Organizational Development Associate - Tempe Learning Center
Rachael Peterson, Administrative Assistant - Library and Cultural Services Division

**Guest(s) Present:**
None

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**Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order**

- Nancy Goren, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Chair, called the TMAC meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.
- Don Fassinger, City of Tempe Cultural Facilities Manager, announced the passing of Shirlee King, TMAC Vice Chair. Fassinger praised S. King for her dedication to public service, as well as for her many efforts to provide support to and advocacy for programming and services specific to the City of Tempe Community Services Department.

**Agenda Item 2A - Public Art/Art in Private Development (AIPD) Report**

- Maja Aurora, City of Tempe Art Grants and Public Art/Art in Private Development Program Coordinator, reported that a **request for qualifications** was released to the public on November 15, 2011, soliciting proposals for temporary art installations in and amongst vacant and active storefronts located in downtown Tempe. Aurora explained

that **IN FLUX** began as a pilot program funded by the City of Scottsdale Public Art Program in October, 2010, but has since formed a strategic partnership with the City of Tempe Public Art/Art in Private Development (AIPD) program.

- M. Aurora reported that a selection panel met to review **IN FLUX Cycle 2** artist proposals on and between the dates of January 5 through January 13, 2012; M. Aurora stated that Tempe had the following panel representation:
    - **Lisa Collins (City of Tempe Community Development)**;
    - **Sara Eason (Downtown Tempe Community)**;
    - **Patrick Fanning (Tempe Municipal Arts Commission)**.
- M. Aurora explained that two (2) artists and one (1) artist team were selected to fulfill the IN FLUX Cycle 2 Public Artwork Opportunity in Tempe; M. Aurora confirmed the following selections:
    - **Peter Bugg**;
    - **Christina Mesiti**;
    - **Todd Ingalls and Mary Bates Neubauer**.
- M. Aurora distributed artwork proposals to the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) members for review and consideration.
- M. Aurora noted that the main component of visual artist Peter Bugg's proposed installation, **New Beginnings**, is a quotation from first century playwright Seneca that reads, "Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." Aurora explained that the quotation will be cut out of metallic vinyl and will be adhered to the Mill Avenue windows of the former Borders building at 7$^{TH}$ Street and Mill Avenue.
- M. Aurora stated that visual artist Christina Mesiti's IN FLUX storefront installation is a proposed sculptural continuation of C. Mesiti's map drawings. Aurora further noted that the installation will be specific to the downtown Tempe neighborhood, and will explore the role of memory and time in understanding one's personal relationship to a place in transition. Aurora explained that C. Mesiti's artwork proposal includes six (6) paper-covered windows, plywood and paper advertisements on transparent mylar.
- M. Aurora reported that the artist team of Todd Ingalls and Mary Bates Neubauer proposed the creation of interactive glass windows where viewers may become part of a virtual window-front environment where illumination and floating art-forms respond with intelligence and liveliness to movement. Aurora stated that the artwork will be monsoon-themed, silk-screened imagery with a luminescent glow and a slight sonification.
- M. Aurora explained that each artwork site will be identified and will have a QR code that will direct visitors to the IN FLUX Cycle 2 website. Aurora further explained that a guide map will be available on the site of the artwork installations.
- Nancy Goren, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission Chair, inquired about the completion schedule for the three (3) artwork installations; M. Aurora affirmed that the artwork installations will be complete by no later than the end of the month in March, 2012.
- Kiyomi Kurooka inquired about an opening celebration for the artwork installations. Aurora stated that an opening may occur in mid-April, 2012.
- Robert Moore inquired if the installations will be complete before the Downtown Tempe Community's **Spring Festival of the Arts (Festival of the Arts)**. Maja Aurora explained that the installations are scheduled to be completed prior to the Festival of the Arts.
- **MOTION: Hotchy Kiene moved to approve the IN FLUX Cycle 2 artwork designs as presented.**
  **SECOND: Janis Webb seconded.**

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**DECISION: IN FLUX Cycle 2 artwork designs approved as presented.**

**Agenda Item 3 - Commission Members' Announcements**

- Rachael Peterson, City of Tempe Library and Cultural Services Division Administrative Assistant, introduced **Shiela Schmidt**, a newly-appointed Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) member, and further welcomed S. Schmidt to the TMAC meeting.
- Frank Williams asked that any information in regards to **Shirlee King's funeral services** be forwarded to the members of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission accordingly.
- Hotchy Kiene announced that the **Phoenix New Times** is playing host to a **food truck festival** at 11 a.m. every Friday through the end of March, 2012, on 12TH and Jefferson Streets in Phoenix.
- Maja Aurora, City of Tempe Art Grants and Public Art/Art in Private Development Program Coordinator, thanked the TMAC members for attending the meeting.

**Agenda Item 4 - Public Appearances**

- No appearances.

**Agenda Item 5 - Adjournment**

- The next Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) meeting is scheduled to take place at 6 p.m. on March 14, 2012, within the Tempe Public Library Conference Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, 85282.
- **Meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.**

Prepared By: Rachael Peterson

Reviewed By: Don Fassinger

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Nancy Goren
Chair, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission

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