Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) recorded at 6 p.m. on April 9, 2014, within the Transportation Center, Don Cassano Community Room, 200 E 5th Street, Tempe 85281.

(MEMBERS) Present:
Susan Bendix
Celina Chiarello
Christine Cirillo-Ching
Hilary Harp
Dave Kephart – Vice Chair
Kiyomi Kurooka
Robert Moore
Kelly Nelson – Chair
Celeste Plumlee

City Staff Present:
Maja Aurora, Arts Coordinator – Arts Grants, Public Art, Art in Private Development
Joy Higgins, Public Art Assistant
Shelley Hearn, Community Services Director

Guest(s) Present:
Jason Griffiths, Artist – Broadway Road Streetscape Public Art
Isaac Caruso, Artist – BIKEiT (Bicycle Wayfinding)

(MEMBERS) Absent:
Hotchy Kiene
David Lucier
Gail Natale

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order
- Kelly Nelson, TMAC Chair, called the TMAC meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the March 12, 2014, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Meeting Minutes Document
- Kelly Nelson asked the TMAC members to review an unapproved TMAC minutes document dated March 12, 2014.
- Christine Cirillo-Ching asked that the word “clarified” be removed from Agenda Item 6.
- SECOND: David Kephart seconded.
- DECISION: Approved as amended.
Agenda Item 3 – Chairperson’s Announcements
- **Kelly Nelson**, TMAC Chair, made the following announcements:
  - Janis Webb has resigned from TMAC, effective immediately.

Agenda Item 4 – IN FLUX Initiative, Public Art
- Commission members visited the IN FLUX art installation by artist **Nathaniel Lewis** at University House at Veteran’s Parkway and College Avenue, titled *Big Head Day*, currently on view through October, 2014. The artist was present to discuss his artwork [http://influxaz.com/nathaniel-lewis.html](http://influxaz.com/nathaniel-lewis.html)

Agenda Item 5 – BIKEiT (Bicycle Wayfinding), Public Art
- **Isaac Caruso**, artist, presented his wayfinding graphics proposal for the BIKEiT (Bike in Tempe) project currently underway. His designs will be used to identify BIKEiT designated routes on printed materials and wayfinding signage throughout Tempe. These graphics complement Tempe’s Orbit and TIM logos.
- **MOTION**: Hillary Harp moved to recommend the BIKEiT Public Art proposal as presented.
  
  **SECOND**: Celeste Plumlee seconded.
  
  **DECISION**: Recommended as presented.

Agenda Item 6 – University Drive Streetscape, Public Art
- **Jason Griffiths**, artist, presented his proposal for the University Drive Streetscape Project. His “deconstructed house” sculptures, titled *The Median Home*, will be installed within medians at two locations: University Drive just east of Priest Avenue and University Drive just east of Wilson Street. [www.tempe.gov/UniversityDrive](http://www.tempe.gov/UniversityDrive)
- **MOTION**: Christine Cirillo-Ching moved to recommend the University Drive Streetscape Public Art proposal as presented.
  
  **SECOND**: Susan Bendix seconded.
  
  **DECISION**: Recommended as presented.

Agenda Item 7 – El Paso Gas line Multi-use Path, Public Art
- **MOTION**: David Kephard moved to recommend the El Paso Gas Line Multi-use Path Public Art proposal as presented.
  
  **SECOND**: Celeste Plumlee seconded.
  
  **DECISION**: Recommended as presented.
Agenda Item 8 – Utility Boxes, Public Art

- Maja Aurora gave an update on the Mill Avenue District Utility Box project. Phase two includes four artists; each chosen to paint a utility box located in the Mill Avenue District, set to be painted by the end of April:
  - Andy Brown – 5th Street & College Avenue
  - Chris Boyd – Ash Avenue & 5th Street
  - Tawny Gamboa – Ash Avenue & 3rd Street
  - Jesa Townsend – Ash Avenue & Rio Salado Parkway

Agenda Item 9 – Mary O’Connor Bus Shelter

- Maja Aurora described the Mary O’Connor Memorial Bus Shelter, designed by John Kane with Architekton, to be located in front of City Hall on the south side of 5th Street east of Mill Avenue, with a ribbon cutting in fall 2014. [http://documents.tempe.gov/sirepub/cache/0/ukr24z55fcavvm451gecdtab/1804427204162014040940282.PDF]

Agenda Item 10 – Update: Arts and Culture Master Plan

- Shelley Hearn gave an update on the proposed Arts and Culture Master Plan. It is her intent to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) to select a consultant to assist with the development of an Arts and Culture Master Plan. TMAC members gave feedback on the draft Scope of Work drafted by Community Services staff, that would be part of the RFP.

Agenda Item 11 – Arts Grants Process and Panel Opportunities

- Maja Aurora described ways that TMAC members can get involved in City arts processes and events:
  - Serve on selection panels for Project Grants and Organizational Grants
  - Serve on jury panels for the Gallery at TCA and Community Galleries
  - Volunteer time as a City arts representative for community events such as the YMCA Healthy Kids Day event, Saturday April 26, 9am – noon. [http://www.valleyymca.org/branch/newsD.cfm?bid=16]
  - Contact Maja via email if you are interested in participating: maja_aurora@tempe.gov

Agenda Item 12 – Commission Member’s Announcements

- David Kephart announced that he is starting a non-profit agency which will match attorneys with people of low income as well as help non-profits raise funds.

Agenda Item 13 – Public Appearances

- No appearances.

Agenda Item 14 - Adjournment

- The next Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) meeting will be held at 6pm on May 14, 2014 at Downtown Tempe Community, 310 S. Mill Avenue, Suite A-201, Tempe, AZ 85281.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.