



Minutes TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION Sept. 12, 2007

Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission at 6 p.m. on Sept. 12, 2007, at the Tempe Center for the Arts Donor Room, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Scott Burge, Chair
Paul Hubbell, Vice Chair
Scott Essex
Betsy Fahlman
Nancy Goren
Kate Hanley
Lise Hawkos
Shirlee King
Lisa Morley
Linda Sleight
Richard Strange

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Robert Bortfeld
Ed Coyoli
Scott Essex
Donna Goyette
Chin-an Shen

City Staff Present:

Michelle Nichols Dock, Community Galleries Coordinator
Elizabeth Lagman, Public Art Specialist
Rachael Peterson, Cultural Services Division Admin. Asst.
Jody Ulich, Deputy Community Services Director

Agenda Item 1 – Call to order

Scott Burge called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Aug. 8 minutes

MOTION: Lisa Morley moved to approve the minutes.
SECOND: Paul Hubbell seconded.
DECISION: Minutes approved.

Agenda Item 3 – Director's Report

- Jody Ulich announced that the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) Grand Opening Celebration events were amazing; throughout the weekend of Sept. 7, 8 and 9, the TCA building looked incredible.
- Paul Hubbell thanked the Cultural Services Division staff members for a successful grand opening weekend and acknowledged their efforts throughout the planning stages and facilitation of the TCA Grand Opening Celebration events.
- Ulich thanked commissioner Shirlee King for her work with the Tempe Sister Cities to bring a stunning Chinese dragon to the Sept. 9 TCA Grand Opening Family Day.
- Ulich stated that 20,000 people attended the Sept. 9 TCA Grand Opening Family Day.
- Ulich announced that the first group of school children viewed a matinee performance of Childsplay's "Charlotte's Web" on Sept. 12. TCA staff assisted to ensure that the school-

age children were respectful of the Theatre and its performers while being introduced to a memorable, professional production.

- Ulich thanked Michelle Nichols Dock, Community Galleries Coordinator, for her efforts in facilitating the TCA Docents program. Ulich stated that numerous docents kept the public engaged in their presentations throughout the grand opening weekend.
- Ulich announced that Ballet Under the Stars is taking place at 7 p.m. on Sept. 21 at the TCA Amphitheater. Ulich encouraged Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) members to attend the free, evening performance.

Agenda Item 4 – Chairperson’s Report

- Scott Burge thanked Vice Chair, Paul Hubbell, for facilitating the August TMAC meeting.
- Burge announced that the TMAC’s “Thank You” presentation to the Tempe City Council will take place in conjunction with the Tempe Beautification Awards at 5 p.m. on Oct. 11 in the TCA Lakeside Room.
- Jody Ulich stated that a meeting would take place between Burge, Ulich and Fine Arts Supervisor, Adrienne Richwine, to plan specific details of the presentation prior to the Oct. 10 TMAC meeting.

Agenda Item 5 – New Business

- Michelle Nichols Dock provided TMAC members with a working copy of the current TCA Gallery schedule including information regarding a TCA Gallery Mission Statement, TCA Grand Opening exhibitions and juried calls for work.
- Linda Sleight expressed concern about the wording of the title, “Outsiders Within: New Work by Contemporary Native American and Chicano Artists of the Southwest 11/19/08 – 03/27/09.”
- Scott Burge stated that he was impressed by Dock’s gallery schedule and inquired about further programming past fall, 2009. Burge thanked Dock for her presentation and asked that she return in winter, 2008, to provide a Tempe Community Galleries update. Burge invited TMAC members to provide Dock with gallery programming/theme ideas at her next visit. Ulich reminded commission members that they may provide Dock with input at any time.
- Nancy Goren expressed concern about the presentation quality of the TCA Gallery’s Grand Opening exhibition, “But It’s a Dry Heat.” Goren stated that there was room for improvement.
- Betsy Fahlman expressed that she enjoyed “But It’s a Dry Heat.” Shirlee King stated that she was impressed by the family-friendliness of the interactive exhibition.
- Ulich reminded the commission that city of Tempe staff members and the general public anticipate a wide-variety of programming at the TCA Gallery; Ulich stated that city staff welcomed TMAC input and encouraged the commission to provide input at any time.
- Ulich commended Dock and her staff members for successful grand opening exhibitions.

Agenda Item 6 – TCA Update

- No new business.

Agenda Item 7a – Public Art/AIPD Committee

- Betsy Fahlman was pleased to announce that artist Thomas Strich is a finalist for a Valley Forward Art in Public Places Environmental Excellence Award. Strich’s piece,

"Play like a River," is located at the North Tempe Multi-Generational Center.

- Fahlman presented artist David Brandt's AIPD proposal, "The Enclave." Brandt's proposed project consists of six abstract, rusted steel structures that are eight-feet side and 10-feet high. The proposed "Enclave" will be located at Priest Drive and 17th Street.
MOTION: Lisa Morley moved to approve the AIPD project.
SECOND: Kate Hanley seconded.
DECISION: Project approved.
- Fahlman announced that the University Heights Neighborhood Association selected artist Esmeralda DeLaney to create four artist-adorned standpipes titled, "Memory Cylinders."

Agenda Item 7b – Grants Committee

- Nancy Goren stated that the grants committee was looking into making the project grants guide more user-friendly in an attempt to receive better essays and explanations of grant submissions.
- Lisa Morley recommended that the grant committee provide a grant-writing seminar for potential project grant applicants prior to the grant submission deadline.

Agenda Item 7c – Communication/Advocacy Committee

- Ulich presented the commission with numerous articles related to the TCA.

Agenda Item 7d – Facility Committee

- Lisa Morley reported that the facilities committee was working on clarifying the TCA Partner Program Criteria and Application.

Agenda Item 8 – Commission Member's Comments/Questions

- Ulich directed TMAC members to contact Skip Neeley in Communications/Media Relations at (480) 250-5241 to obtain any TCA Grand Opening Celebration event photography. Ulich also advised the commission to visit azcentral.com to view posted photographs of the TCA Grand Opening events.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Oct. 10 in the TCA Donor Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Prepared by: Rachael A. Peterson

Reviewed by: Jody Ulich

Authorized Signature
Position/Title