



Minutes Grants Committee Tempe Municipal Art Commission December 11, 2008

Minutes of the Grants Committee - Tempe Municipal Arts Commission - recorded at 4 p.m. on December 11, 2008, in the Tempe Public Library Conference Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Nancy Goren, Chair
Kate Hanley
Linda Sleight
Richard Strange

(MEMBERS) Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Rachael A. Peterson, Cultural Services Division Administrative Assistant
Maja Switzer, Arts Administrator

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

- Nancy Goren called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Update: MiniGrant Application and Project Grant Application

- Maja Switzer, city of Tempe Arts Administrator, presented the committee with updated city of Tempe Arts MiniGrant and Arts Project Grant application documents. Switzer thanked the committee members for submitting their feedback in regards to both applications.
- M. Switzer stated that the updated application documents are similar to the grant documents utilized by other cities; M. Switzer explained that she utilized committee member feedback and documentation from the city of Phoenix, Scottsdale and the Arizona Commission on the Arts, to update the city of Tempe Arts Grant Program applications as a means to make the documents easier to comprehend.
- M. Switzer invited the committee members to read and evaluate the updated grant documents; Switzer added that the committee members may contact her with additional feedback via email message at Maja_Switzer@tempe.gov, before the next regularly-scheduled meeting of the city of Tempe Grants Committee in Jan., 2009.
- Kate Hanley suggested that a score sheet be integrated into the arts grant application documents as a means to set the grant applicants up to be successful.

- M. Switzer reported that the transportation barriers were removed from the previous arts grant application documents; K. Hanley stressed the importance of making school-age children eligible for travel to grant-funded programming.
- Nancy Goren reminded the committee members about the possibility of an online, interactive grants program; M. Switzer stated that she and Rachael A. Peterson, Cultural Services Division Administrative Assistant, are attending the city of Tempe web design classes. Switzer added that it is the goal of the Cultural Services Division to facilitate elements of the grants program online.
- K. Hanley reported that the Tempe Community Council utilizes a program titled “Easy Impact;” Hanley directed M. Switzer to contact Jayson Matthews at the Tempe Community Council for additional information related to the program.
- Linda Sleight requested copies of the grant applications that M. Switzer received from the city of Phoenix, Scottsdale and the Arizona Commission on the Arts.
- Richard Strange recommended that M. Switzer fill out a grant application document as a means to determine if the application documents are more user-friendly.
- L. Sleight inquired about the possibility of establishing a city of Tempe MiniGrant specified to support Tempe visual artists.
- N. Goren suggested a community grants partnership with the Tempe Artists Guild.

Agenda Item 3 – Update: 2008 – 2009 Grants Calendar

- Maja Switzer presented the committee with a calendar document that highlighted grant recipient events taking place in Dec., 2008, and Jan., 2009.
- M. Switzer reported that she attended a Phoenix Symphony Classroom Concert Series performance at Carminati Elementary School; Switzer stated that the program was interactive and engaging. Switzer added that the program culminated with a student question and answer series as well as an introduction to the ensemble’s instrumentation.
- Richard Strange inquired about the size of the group; M. Switzer stated that there were 20 – 30 performers present.
- Nancy Goren acknowledged the Phoenix Symphony’s ability to integrate their performance into the school’s curriculum.
- N. Goren reported that she attended Tempe Little Theatre’s performance of “Kiss Me Kate.” Goren added that she will also be attending CONDER/dance’s performance of “Breaking Ground 2008.”
- N. Goren expressed the importance of visiting and evaluating city of Tempe arts grant recipients.
- Linda Sleight praised Childsplay for their interpretation of “The Velveteen Rabbit.”
- L. Sleight inquired about ticketing for grant recipient performances; M. Switzer stated that in general, city of Tempe Grants Committee members will receive one ticket to attend arts grant recipient performances.

Agenda Item 4 – Committee Discussion

- No discussion was held.

Agenda Item 5 – Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Prepared by: Rachael A. Peterson

Reviewed by: Maja Switzer