



Minutes TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION December 9, 2009

Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) recorded at 6 p.m. on Dec. 9, 2009, in the Edna Vihel Center for the Arts Multipurpose Room, 3340 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Linda Sleight, Chair
Betsy Fahlman, Vice Chair
Robert Bortfeld
Doris Parker Chamberlain
Judy Ellison
Nancy Goren
Kate Hanley
Hotchy Kiene
Shirlee King
Frank Williams

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Ed Coyoli
Nikie Crawford
Donna Goyette
Barbara Hanigsberg
Richard Strange

City Staff Present:

Maja Aurora, Arts Coordinator
Rachael Peterson, Administrative Assistant - Cultural Services Division
Adrienne Richwine, Deputy Manager - Library and Cultural Services Division

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

- Linda Sleight, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Chair, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of the Oct. 14 Commission Minutes

- **MOTION:** Betsy Fahlman moved to approve the minutes.
SECOND: Doris Parker Chamberlain seconded.
DECISION: Minutes approved.

Agenda Item 3 – Cultural Services Division Director's Report

- Adrienne Richwine, Deputy Manager - Library and Cultural Services Division, thanked Linda Sleight, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Chair, for her dedicated service to the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission and the Tempe community; Richwine reported that L. Sleight's final three-year-long TMAC term is set to expire effective December 31, 2009.
- L. Sleight encouraged the TMAC members to continue to be advocates for art-related programming in Tempe schools.
- A. Richwine announced that the City of Tempe Resident Class Registration process began on December 7; Richwine added that the Tempe Opportunities Brochure has

"gone green." Richwine further encouraged the TMAC members to view the Tempe Opportunities Brochure online at www.tempe.gov/brochure.

- A. Richwine encouraged the TMAC members to attend the following events:
 - **"Tempe Town Lake Turns 10"** (3 p.m., Dec. 12, Tempe Beach Park)
 - **Childsplay's, "Junie B in Jingle Bells, Batman Smells!"** (Tempe Center for the Arts Theater through December 27)
- A. Richwine reported that the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) played host to Walk-In Wednesday's Songwriters' Showcase on December 2 in TCA Lakeside; Richwine stated that the event was well-attended.
- A. Richwine further reported that the TCA is playing host to numerous event bookings; Frank Williams inquired about feedback in relation to the services rendered by Santa Barbara Catering. Adrienne Richwine affirmed that she continues to receive positive comments related to Santa Barbara Catering's services.
- A. Richwine announced that Friends of TCA is hosting a New Years Eve party at the TCA; Richwine encouraged the TMAC members to view additional information related to the event at www.friendsoftca.org.
- A. Richwine reported that the Petersen House Museum is playing host to a Danish Christmas celebration December 5, 2009, through January 2, 2010. Richwine encouraged the TMAC members to view the Petersen House event flier within the TMAC meeting packet.
- A. Richwine further reported that the second floor of the Tempe Library is playing host to the Larry Campbell Tree of Lights. Richwine stated that a donation of \$5 will place a light on the tree; a donation of \$10 will place a light and a take-home ornament on the tree. Richwine encouraged the TMAC members to attend a reception related to the tree scheduled to take place at 3 p.m. on Dec. 13 on the second floor of the Tempe Library, 3500 S. Rural Road.
- A. Richwine announced that the newly-renovated Tempe History Museum is playing host to a free, public, grand reopening celebration at 10 a.m. on February 27, 2010.
- A. Richwine announced that the City of Tempe is addressing a budget deficit of approximately 22.4 million dollars; Richwine reported that the City of Tempe Community Services Department and the Recreation Department are combining to form an expanded Community Services Department. Richwine further reported that the timeline for the department's reorganization is unknown; Richwine encouraged the TMAC members to contact Rachael Peterson via email message at Rachael_Peterson@tempe.gov with any questions or concerns related to the budget deficit.

Agenda Item 4 – Chairperson's Report

- Linda Sleight, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Chair, reported that the TMAC Nominating Committee met and recommended approval of the following 2010 TMAC Slate of Officers:
 - Chair: Betsy Fahlman
 - Vice Chair: Robert Bortfeld
- MOTION:** Frank Williams moved to approve the recommended 2010 Slate of Officers.
- SECOND:** Judy Ellison seconded.
- DECISION:** 2010 Slate of Officers approved.

Agenda Item 5a – Public Art/AIPD Committee

- Betsy Fahlman, Public Art/AIPD Committee Chair, presented a proposed AIPD concept and maquette submitted by David Brant to the commission; Fahlman reported that the proposed concept is to be part of a new development titled, "Fountainhead Plaza." Fahlman stated that Fountainhead Plaza consists of a six-story office building, a 10-story office building and a six-level parking structure development and is located near Priest and Broadway roads.
- B. Fahlman further reported that the scope of the proposed concept features a bridge element as well as a site works composition. Fahlman added that the proposed bridge will span 60 feet; Fahlman explained that a 3/8" crushed aggregate surface with stained concrete accents will extend the bridge and its surrounding environment 180 feet on an east/west axis.
- B. Fahlman stated that the proposed concept includes an integration of interlocked charcoal and sand-colored pavers to connect the bridge and a lakeside plaza pier element; Fahlman added that a historic grove of Pecan Trees will provide shade to the development's lakeside plaza.
- B. Fahlman explained that the lake edge is defined by a series of artist-designed bollards; Fahlman further stated that the artwork concept is envisioned as an element that will be visually significant during the day and at night.
- B. Fahlman reported that the bridge will have an aluminum finish; Fahlman added that eight-foot, 16-foot and 20-foot tall, four-inch wide diameter poles impart the connecting elements of a classical suspension bridge. Fahlman further explained that a cable railing will stand off of each pole and will be illuminated with low-voltage well lights.
- B. Fahlman stated that the Fountainhead Plaza construction documents are to be submitted on December 15, 2009, with a proposed start date of February 1, 2010.
- Frank Williams inquired about the number of shade structures within the development; Shirlee King reported that the grove of Pecan Trees, as well as the tilted angles of the development's structures, will produce an adequate amount of shade within the development.
- F. Williams requested that the TMAC members receive an invitation to view David Brant's AIPD elements upon their completion.

MOTION: Frank Williams moved to approve David Brant's proposed Fountainhead Plaza AIPD elements as presented.

SECOND: Robert Bortfeld seconded.

DECISION: David Brant's Fountainhead Plaza AIPD elements approved as presented.

- Betsy Fahlman reported that the Daley Park Public Art Opportunity Panel Review took place at 9:15 a.m. on Dec. 1 in the Tempe Public Library Connections Café, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ.
- B. Fahlman reminded the TMAC members that the budget for the Daley Park Public Art Opportunity is approximately \$51,000. Fahlman added that the Daley Park Panel reviewed and discussed 16 artist submissions; Fahlman further reported that upon review and discussion of the artist submissions, the panel unanimously recommended the selection of the artist team of Laurie Lundquist and Rebecca Ross to fulfill the public art element at Daley Park.
- B. Fahlman encouraged the TMAC members to review the artist team's cover letter and resume' included in the commission members' meeting packet.

- Maja Aurora, City of Tempe Arts Coordinator, presented the committee with 10 digital images submitted by the artist team of Laurie Lundquist and Rebecca Ross; Aurora explained that the images were part of the project's required submission materials.
- B. Fahlman explained that both artists are quite familiar with Daley Park; Fahlman added that the artist team hopes to work with the Daley Park Neighborhood to create a space full of delight, discovery and reflection within Daley Park.

MOTION: Hotchy Kiene moved to approve the selection of the artist team of Laurie Lundquist and Rebecca Ross to fulfill the public artwork element at Daley Park.

SECOND: Frank Williams seconded.

DECISION: Recommended selection of the artist team of Laurie Lundquist and Rebecca Ross approved to fulfill the public artwork element at Daley Park.

Agenda Item 5b– Grants Committee

- Nancy Goren, Grants Committee Chair, reported that she audited a student recital at Carminati Elementary School; Goren reminded the TMAC members that Carminati Elementary School was the recipient of a City of Tempe Arts Project Grant award. Goren further reported that additional funding from a City of Tempe Arts Project Grant allowed Carminati's Music Department Director, Del Adams, to purchase additional student instruments.

Agenda Item 5c– Communication/Advocacy Committee

- Shirlee King reminded the TMAC members that the Communication/Advocacy Committee, on behalf of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC), will display information related to City of Tempe arts-related facilities, programming and services at the Tempe Town Lake Turns 10 event taking place at 3 p.m. on Dec. 12 at Tempe Beach Park. King added that the Communication/Advocacy Committee's table will display handouts and posters of Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) partner events, bookmark lists of City event sources, a survey drawing and costumed TCA partner personnel. King further reported that the committee's table will display an interactive pin map highlighting City of Tempe Public Art and Art in Private Development pieces; King acknowledged that the map was designed by Hotchy Kiene.
- S. King further acknowledged the following participating TCA partner organizations:
 - Arizona Academy of the Performing Arts
 - Arizona Wind Symphony
 - Childsplay
 - CONDER/dance
 - Desert Dance Theater
 - Tempe Community Chorus
 - Tempe Little Theatre
 - Tempe Symphony Orchestra
- S. King added that the Friends of TCA will also be present at the Tempe Town Lake Turns 10 event; King further reported that TCA partner organizations generously donated performance tickets to be awarded to winners of the committee's survey drawing.
- S. King affirmed that all costs related to the event have been donated; King added that she intends to display floating balloons to draw attention to the committee's table.

- Frank Williams, Communication/Advocacy Committee Chair, thanked S. King for her work in relation to the committee's presence at the Tempe Town Lake Turns 10 event.
- F. Williams presented the TMAC members with a map that he obtained in New Orleans, LA, that highlights 19 public art pieces within New Orleans. Williams encouraged Maja Aurora to produce a similar map to highlight the City of Tempe's public art and art in private development pieces.

Agenda Item 5d– Facilities Committee

- No report.

Agenda Item 6 – Commission Member's Announcements

- Robert Bortfeld announced that his son's art work is on display in the Harry Wood Gallery at Arizona State University (ASU).
- Frank Williams reported that the newly-renovated Tempe History Museum is scheduled to reopen Feb. 27, 2010; Williams stated that he'd like the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission members to be present at the Museum's reopening celebration.
- Hotchy Kiene announced that *The Phoenix New Times* collaborated with visual artists to paint newspaper distribution stands located on Mill Avenue in Tempe.

Agenda Item 7 – Public Appearances

- No appearances.

The next TMAC meeting is scheduled to take place at 6 p.m. on Jan. 13 in the TCA 201 Lounge, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Prepared by: Rachael Peterson

Reviewed by: Adrienne Richwine

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Position/Title