Tempe

Minutes
TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION
Nov. 14, 2007

Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission at 6 p.m. on Nov. 14, 2007, at the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) 201 Lounge, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ.

(MEMBERS) Present:
Scott Burge, Chair
Paul Hubbell, Vice Chair
Robert Bortfeld
Ed Coyoli
Scott Essex
Betsy Fahlman
Nancy Goren
Kate Hanley
Lise Hawkos
Shirlee King
Chin-an Shen
Linda Sleight
Richard Strange

(MEMBERS) Absent:
Donna Goyette
Lisa Morley

City Staff Present:
Don Fassinger, Cultural Facilities Administrator
Rachael Peterson, Cultural Services Division Admin.
Adrienne Richwine, Arts Administrator
Nancy Ryan, Rio Salado/Tempe Town Lake Manager
Jody Ulich, Deputy Community Services Manager

Agenda Item 1 – Call to order
Scott Burge called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Oct. 10 Commission Minutes

MOTION: **Betsy Fahlman moved to approve the minutes.**
SECOND: **Paul Hubbell seconded.**
DECISION: **Minutes approved.**

Agenda Item 3 – Cultural Services Director's Report

- Jody Ulich encouraged the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) members to attend the city of Tempe Boards and Commissions Dinner taking place at 6 p.m. on Nov. 30 at the Tempe Center for the Arts. Ulich stated that the dress is business casual; Ulich reminded the TMAC members to RSVP and confirm their attendance to the dinner.
- Ulich announced that the TMAC Nominating Committee met and discussed the 2008 TMAC Slate of Officers.
- Nancy Goren inquired about the TMAC Nominating Committee membership; Scott Burge stated that according to the TMAC bylaws, any member serving their final TMAC term may serve as a member of the TMAC Nominating Committee.

- Ulich stated that the TMAC Nominating Committee recommended the following 2008 TMAC Slate of Officers:
  Chair – Paul Hubbell
  Vice Chair – Linda Sleight
  MOTION: Ed Coyoli moved to approve the 2008 TMAC Slate of Officers recommendation.
  SECOND: Bob Bortfeld seconded.
  DECISION: Recommendation approved.
- Ulich distributed miscellaneous press clippings to the TMAC members including letters written by school-age children praising Childsplay.

Agenda Item 4 – Chairperson's Report

- Scott Burge announced the resignation of Jody Ulich, city of Tempe Deputy Community Services Manager.
- Ulich announced that she had accepted a position as the President and CEO of the Arts Council of Fort Worth and Tarrant County.
- Ulich stated that her final day of service related to the city of Tempe Community Services Department and Cultural Services Division is Dec. 19, 2007.

Agenda Item 5 – New Business

- Nancy Ryan, Rio Salado/Tempe Town Lake Manager, presented "Elements," a potential development west of the TCA.
- Ryan stated that three artist groups might serve as anchors for "Elements;" Roberto-Venn School of Luthiery, Arizona Bronze and Meltdown Glass have expressed interest in being a part of "Elements."
- Ryan distributed materials related to "Elements;" a discussion was held regarding the potential development.
- Burge inquired about a public hearing related to the development west of the TCA; Burge recommended presenting any development plans to the surrounding neighborhoods, asking the neighborhoods to provide input related to the development.
- Ryan stated that the design process related to the pedestrian bridge connecting existing bike and pedestrian multiuse paths on the north and south sides of Tempe Town Lake is underway; the bridge will provide a link to the TCA, Scottsdale's Indian Bend Wash path system, and the Mill Avenue District. Ryan is willing to discuss the progress of the pedestrian bridge after January 2008; Ryan expects the design process to wrap-up in March 2008.
- Ryan discussed a multiuse path that will connect the TCA to Priest Drive. The proposed path, part of South Bank Linear Park, may include public art elements. Artists Tom Strich and Virgina Rae Senior are designing naturalistic, hap-hazard shade structures and resting points along the path. Ryan anticipates an eight to nine month construction period for the multiuse path.

Agenda Item 6a – Public Art/AIPD Committee

- Betsy Fahlman announced that the Hudson Park Panel Review was taking place at 1 p.m. on Nov. 29 in the Tempe Historical Museum Board Room.

- Fahlman stated that she would like to see artist-adorned neighborhood standpipes featured as part of the city of Tempe Cultural Services Division Public Art/Art in Private Development Programs' self-guided web tour.
- Goren inquired about the status of the creation of a public art/art in private development and community galleries committee; Fahlman stated that there is a definite interest in establishing a shared committee and also expressed the importance of collaborating with the city of Tempe Community Galleries.

Agenda Item 7b– Grants Committee

- No new business.

Agenda Item 7c– Communications/Advocacy Committee

- No new business.

Agenda Item 7d– Facilities Committee

- Ed Coyoli reported that the Facilities Committee proposes revising the TCA Partner Program Criteria and Application documentation.
- Coyoli stated that the present criteria and application documents do not require Tempe residency for preferred rates; the committee recommends that applicants be required to show proof of a 1, 2 or 3 year resident performance history.
- Coyoli expressed that it is the committee's goal to make the TCA Partner Program inclusive, rather than exclusive.
- Coyoli stated that the Facilities Committee recommends amending the present TCA Partner Program Criteria and Application documents.

  MOTION: **Betsy Fahlman moved to approve the recommended amendment of the TCA Partner Program documentation.**
  SECOND: **Linda Sleight seconded.**
  DECISION: **Recommendation approved.**

Agenda Item 8 – Commission Member's Comments/Questions

- No new business.

The next meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Dec. 12 at the Edna Vihel Center for the Arts, 3340 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Prepared by: Rachael A. Peterson

Reviewed by: Jody Ulich

Authorized Signature
Position/Title