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**Minutes**  
**TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION**  
**September 10, 2008**

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Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission at 6 p.m. on September 10, 2008, at the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) 201 Lounge, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Paul Hubbell, Chair  
Robert Bortfeld  
Ed Coyoli  
Judy Ellison  
Betsy Fahlman  
Nancy Goren  
Donna Goyette  
Kate Hanley  
Shirlee King  
Lisa Morley  
Richard Strange  
Frank Williams

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Linda Sleight, Vice Chair  
Chin-an Shen

**City Staff Present:**

Elizabeth Lagman, Public Art Specialist  
Rachael Peterson, Cultural Services Division Admin. Asst.  
Adrienne Richwine, Deputy Community Services Manager  
Maja Switzer, Arts Administrator

**Guests:**

Nancy Ryan, Rio Salado Manager  
David Saar, Childsplay Artistic Director  
Mark Vinson, city of Tempe Principal Architect

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to order**

- Paul Hubbell called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2 – Approval of the August 13 Commission Minutes**

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

**Agenda Item 3 – Cultural Services Director's Report**

- Adrienne Richwine, Deputy Community Services Manager – Cultural Services Division, reminded the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) members that four projects had been submitted to the Valley Forward Environmental Excellence Awards for consideration. The submissions are as follows:
  - Tempe Center for the Arts
    - Buildings and Structures: Public Assembly
    - Art in Public Places
    - Site Development
  - Mitchell School
    - Buildings and Structures: Historic Preservation

- Richwine announced that the “Tempe Center for the Arts – Buildings and Structures: Public Assembly” submission received a Crescordia award at the Valley Forward Association’s 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Excellence Awards Gala that took place at 6 p.m. on Sept. 6 at the Westin Kierland Resort. Richwine added that the “Tempe Center for the Arts: Site Development” submission received an award of merit.
- Richwine acknowledged that the fall '08 Art Instructional Program Classes are in session.
- Nancy Goren inquired about the monsoon storm damage to the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA); Richwine stated that 44 trees had been damaged as a result of the monsoon.
- Richwine reported that the Friends of TCA Gala is taking place on Nov. 1. Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) members will be issued one ticket for their attendance at the event. Richwine added that the Friends of TCA encourages the TMAC members to join the Friends for an evening of hosted cocktails, food and a special performance by Franc D'Ambrosio, best known for his role in *The Phantom of the Opera* for which he earned the title, “The World’s Longest Running Phantom,” after playing the role over 3000 times. Richwine advised the TMAC members to purchase any additional gala tickets by no later than Sept. 26; TMAC members may contact Rachael Peterson, Cultural Services Division Administrative Assistant, with their ticket requests via email message at Rachael\_Peterson@tempe.gov.
- Richwine reported that the TCA is playing host to the following events:
  - TCA Biennial Reception: Paper (Sept. 6; exhibition on display through Jan. 10 - hosted in conjunction with Friends of TCA)
  - Tempe Little Theatre: “Last of the Red Hot Lovers” (Sept. 12 – 21; TCA Studio)
  - Childsplay: “Miss Nelson is Missing” (Sept. 13 – Oct. 5; TCA Theater)
  - Ballet Under the Stars (7 p.m., Sept. 26; TCA lakeside amphitheater)
  - JAMN Jazz: Judy Roberts and Jesse McGuire (8 p.m., Sept. 26; Lakeside)
  - Paper Cup Exchange/TCA Biennial: Paper (7 p.m., Oct. 9; TCA Gallery)
  - Tempe Symphony Orchestra (7:30 p.m., Oct. 13; TCA Theater)
  - Arizona Wind Symphony (7:30 p.m., Oct. 29; TCA Theater)
  - JAMN Jazz: Benny Green (8 p.m., Oct. 31; TCA Theater)
  - Friends of TCA Gala (6 p.m., Nov. 1)
- Richwine encouraged the TMAC members to view the 2008 – 2009 TCA Gallery Educational Resources brochure.
- Frank Williams reported that the TCA Biennial Paper Reception was well-attended.

#### **Agenda Item 4 – Chairperson’s Report**

- Paul Hubbell announced that the Desert Botanical Garden is playing host to the exhibition *Chihuly: The Nature of Glass*. Artist Dale Chihuly has been influential within the Studio Glass Movement; working in a free-form manner, Chihuly’s approach has been described by viewers as “liquid light.” Tickets are required to view Chihuly’s exhibition; admissions may be purchased as early as Oct. 12 online at dbg.org or by phone at 480.481.8188.
- Hubbell encouraged the TMAC members to view an article in their packets titled, “One Hundred Degrees of Design,” written by Walt Lockley. Hubbell stated that he discussed the article with Lockley and John Kane of Architekton. Hubbell reminded the TMAC

members of the importance for the commission to have continued awareness of Tempe's environment, architecture and landscape.

### **Agenda Item 5 – New Business**

- Nancy Ryan, Rio Salado Manager, and Mark Vinson, city of Tempe Principal Architect, provided the TMAC members with an update in regards to Elements: a development west of the TCA. Ryan and Vinson facilitated a PowerPoint presentation highlighting specifics of the proposed development. Ryan distributed PowerPoint slide images to the TMAC members.
- Ryan announced that general plan amendment council public hearings are set to take place Oct. 2 and 16; Ryan added that the proposed rezoned development may become home to the following artisan groups:
  - Arizona Bronze
  - Childsplay
  - Meltdown Glass
  - The Roberto-Venn School of Luthiery
- Nancy Goren inquired about the security of the site; Paul Hubbell acknowledged that the site's security is a valid concern.
- Ryan stated that upon receiving feedback from the TMAC members, she would report the importance of finding a delicate balance between the openness of the site and the commission's security concerns to Chris Salomone, city of Tempe Community Development Manager.
- Goren inquired about the on-site parking; Vinson stated that parking needs are being addressed by the artisan organizations.
- Ryan announced that the Tempe City Council Issue Review Session to secure the funding for Elements is taking place on Sept. 11; upon securing funding, a development agreement will be produced. Ryan encouraged the TMAC members to contact her with inquiries related to the general plan amendment via telephone call at 480.350.8096 or via email message at Nancy\_Ryan@tempe.gov. Ryan added that questions regarding the Elements arts-related development may be directed to Chris Salomone at 480.350.8294 or Chris\_Salomone@tempe.gov.
- Paul Hubbell introduced David Saar, Childsplay Artistic Director.
- Saar thanked the TMAC members for their continued support of Childsplay and its programming.
- Saar distributed a post card to the commission members with information related to Childsplay's latest show titled, "Ms. Nelson is Missing!" Saar encouraged the commission members to attend one of the show's performances. "Ms. Nelson is Missing!" opens Sept. 13 at the TCA.
- Saar invited the TMAC members to attend a preview of "Getting Near to Baby," Childsplay's interpretation of a new play that depicts a family coming to terms with a loss. "Getting Near to Baby" premieres at 4 p.m. on Oct. 19 in the TCA Studio.
- Saar announced that Childsplay moved into its newest facility, the Sybil B. Harrington Campus of Imagination and Wonder at Mitchell Park, 900 S. Mitchell Drive, on May 31. Saar added that 600 children attended summer classes at the campus.
- Saar reported that Childsplay's 2008 – 2009 season has been successful; 52,620 teachers and students have visited the TCA Theater since the TCA's grand opening in

Sept., 2007. A total of 210,000 young people, families and teachers have attended Childsplay productions at the TCA.

- Saar invited the TMAC members to attend Childsplay's "Breakfast Backstage," an event taking place at 8 a.m. on Sept. 18 in Childsplay's green room at the TCA.
- Shirlee King expressed her gratitude to Childsplay for providing the commission members with tickets to Childsplay shows.
- Lisa Morley inquired about the target audience age group for "Getting Near to Baby;" Saar stated that the production hopes to target audience members ages seven and older.
- Hubbell thanked Saar for his presentation.

#### **Agenda Item 6a – Public Art/AIPD Committee**

- Betsy Fahlman announced that the Kitchell Development Company selected visual artist Joan Baron to fulfill Kitchell's art in private development (AIPD) requirement for the Lakes Towne Center, a development located on the corner of Rural and Baseline. Fahlman added that the 11-acre development will house Lowes and a strip mall.
- Elizabeth Lagman, city of Tempe Public Art Specialist, reported that Kitchell's budget for Baron's piece is \$76,000; Kitchell's required budget is \$71,823.
- Fahlman presented Baron's rammed-earth design maquette to the commission and explained that Baron's proposed AIPD piece focuses on sustainability and the reclamation of materials; Baron was able to save, reuse and reinvent dirt and automobile parts from the site's original, demolished Earnhardt Ford development to create three monolithic sculptural forms that are 13', 9' and 7' tall.
- Fahlman stated that the colors of the sculptural forms exist because of natural oxides and minerals that have been added to the reclaimed soil; the recycled automobile parts will become part of the sculptural forms as they are caged behind structural steel in small channels in the forms. Fahlman affirmed that the forms are sturdy designs.

**MOTION: Ed Coyoli moved to approve the Lakes Towne Center Phase I AIPD project as presented.**

**SECOND: Lisa Morley seconded.**

**DECISION: Lakes Towne Center Phase I AIPD project approved.**

- Fahlman reported that the Double Butte Cemetery Public Art Opportunity Artist Selection Panel met at 2 p.m. on Aug. 27 in the Edna Vihel Center for the Arts Multipurpose Room to review four proposals submitted by the following finalists:
  - Seyed Alavi
  - Jim Hirschfield and Sony Ishii
  - Aaron P. Hussey
  - Nina Solomon and Heidi Dauphin
- Fahlman announced that upon reviewing and discussing the submitted finalist proposals, the Double Butte Cemetery Public Art Opportunity Artist Selection Panel unanimously agreed to select visual artist Aaron P. Hussey to participate in the Double Butte Cemetery Public Art Opportunity.
- Lagman explained that she will contact Hussey and provide him with panel feedback in regards to his proposal. Lagman added that she will provide the panel members with proposal updates via email message and continue to keep the Public Art/AIPD Committee and the TMAC members informed about the status of the Double Butte Cemetery Public Art Opportunity project.

**Agenda Item 7b– Grants Committee**

- Nancy Goren stated that the Grants Committee did not meet in August; Goren requested that Rachael Peterson schedule a Grants Committee meeting to take place at 4 p.m. on Sept. 16 in the Tempe Public Library Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road.
- Goren reported that a mini-grant application was submitted by Tempe High School; Goren added that the Grants Committee will discuss the mini-grant application at its Sept. 16 meeting.

**Agenda Item 7c– Communications/Advocacy Committee**

- Donna Goyette distributed press clips to the TMAC members; Goyette reported that the city of Tempe was well-represented at the Valley Forward Environmental Excellence Awards.
- Goyette stated her intent to share information with the commission members via weekly email message updates.
- Goyette added that she is preparing thank-you cards on behalf of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) to be forwarded to Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman and the Tempe City Council.
- Nancy Goren inquired about the status of the Boards and Commissions Dinner; Adrienne Richwine stated that upon receiving information about the Boards and Commissions Dinner, she will provide the TMAC members with an updated report.

**Agenda Item 7d– Facilities Committee**

- No new business.

**Agenda Item 7 – Commission Member’s Announcements**

- Shirlee King announced that Oktoberfest is taking place Oct. 3-5 at Tempe Beach Park; Oktoberfest is produced by Tempe Sister City volunteers to raise money for international student/teacher exchanges and humanitarian projects with Tempe's seven sister cities.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Oct. 8 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



Authorized Signature  
Position/Title