AGENDA ITEM 14

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Tempe

Minutes
TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION
December 10, 2008

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

(MEMBERS) Present:
Paul Hubbell, Chair
Linda Sleight, Vice Chair
Robert Bortfeld
Judy Ellison
Donna Goyette
Nancy Goren
Kate Hanley
Richard Strange
Frank Williams

(MEMBERS) Absent:
Ed Coyoli
Betsy Fahlman
Shirlee King
Lisa Morley

City Staff Present:
Adrienne Richwine, Deputy Community Services Manager
Elizabeth Lagman, Public Art Specialist
Rachael Peterson, Cultural Services Division Admin. Asst.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to order

- Paul Hubbell called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of the Nov. 12 Commission Minutes

MOTION: **Frank Williams moved to approve the minutes.**
SECOND: **Robert Bortfeld seconded.**
DECISION: **Minutes approved.**

Agenda Item 3 – Cultural Services Director's Report

- Adrienne Richwine, city of Tempe Deputy Community Services Manager – Cultural Services Division, thanked Paul Hubbell for his service as the Chair of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC). Richwine added that P. Hubbell intends to serve as a member of the Library Advisory Board; Hubbell's new term begins January, 2009.
- A. Richwine announced that Lisa Morley's TMAC term expired and acknowledged her six years of dedicated service to the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission.
- A. Richwine reported that there are five applicants being considered for TMAC membership.
- A. Richwine announced that the TMAC Nominating Committee met and discussed the 2009 TMAC Slate of Officers; Richwine stated that the TMAC Nominating Committee recommends the following slate of officers:

Chair – Linda Sleight
Vice Chair – Betsy Fahlman
MOTION: Kate Hanley moved to approve the 2009 TMAC Slate of Officers.
SECOND: Frank Williams seconded.
DECISION: 2009 TMAC Slate of Officers approved.

- A. Richwine stated that the city of Tempe Winter Opportunities Brochure may be picked up at the Edna Vihel Center for the Arts, 3340 S. Rural Road; Richwine added that the Tempe resident class registration began on Dec. 8.
- A. Richwine encouraged the TMAC members to attend the METRO Light Rail Grand Opening Celebration and the Tempe Transit Center Dedication events taking place beginning at 10 a.m. on Dec. 27. Richwine added that light rail demos are set to take place as early as 9 a.m. at 38th Street and Washington and will run all day.
- A. Richwine announced that the Cultural Services Division recently played host to the following events:
  - "A Danish Christmas at the Petersen House Museum" (Dec. 6, 2008 – Jan. 3, 2009; Petersen House Museum)
  - Holiday Fantasia (Dec. 6; Tempe Historical Museum)
  - TCA Biennial: Paper (Exhibition on display through Jan. 10 – hosted in conjunction with Friends of TCA; TCA Gallery)
  - Tempe Symphony Orchestra (TSO) Holiday Concert (7:30 p.m.; Dec. 1; ASU Gammage)
  - Senior Art Show Reception (Oct. 29; Library 2nd floor – hosted in conjunction with the Pyle Adult Center and the Parks and Rec. Dept.; show concludes Jan. 29, 2009)
  - Childsplay: "The Velveteen Rabbit" (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21; TCA Theater)
  - Conder/dance: "Breaking Ground/Choreographers' Showcase" (8 p.m.; Dec. 12 – 13; TCA Theater)
- A. Richwine announced that the Edna Vihel Center for the Arts Lobby is in the process of being updated; updates include modern lighting, fresh paint and new hanging systems to showcase artwork (similar to the existing system in the Art Connections Café – Tempe Public Library). Richwine added that the updates will create a gallery atmosphere in the Vihel Lobby, a space that emphasizes a goal of creating a campus of culture between the Tempe Public Library, the Tempe Historical Museum and the Edna Vihel Center for the Arts.
- A. Richwine reported that the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) was recognized as an award winner in the New Buildings $30-$100 million category at the 11th Annual National Council of Structural Engineers Association (NCSEA) Awards held in October in Cleveland, Ohio.

Agenda Item 4 – Chairperson's Report

- Paul Hubbell thanked A. Richwine for providing refreshments to the TMAC members.
- P. Hubbell reported that the Lounge at TCA is no longer serving lunch or dinner; Richwine added that the lounge will continue to serve refreshments during special engagements and may be booked as a venue space.
- Robert Bortfeld inquired about the city's contractual agreement with the RK Group; Richwine stated that the RK Group is not obligated by contract to provide lunch and/or dinner service at the TCA.

- Kate Hanley asked A. Richwine if the Lounge at TCA patrons provided city staff with feedback regarding the RK dining services; Hanley stated that she has not had a bad meal experience while dining at the lounge. Hanley also acknowledged that the lounge's minimal outdoor patio space limits the services rendered to its patrons.
- Frank Williams suggested that the RK Group reevaluate their menu options; Williams suggested that the dining menu be revamped to include casual options.
- A. Richwine stated that the RK Group intends to work with the TCA User Groups to determine which RK services best meet their needs. Richwine reiterated that the Lounge at TCA is now a rental space that has the potential to generate additional revenue.
- K. Hanley inquired about the possibility of expanding the Orbit Route System to include a stop at the TCA.
- A. Richwine explained that with the present status of the city of Tempe budget, Orbit routes are not being expanded.
- P. Hubbell recommended that the TMAC members receive an update regarding the specifics of Tempe in Motion's (TIM's) Orbit Route System.
- P. Hubbell reported that there are five commission vacancies; Hubbell encouraged the TMAC members to solicit TMAC membership.
- F. Williams inquired about the present slate of candidates for TMAC membership; A. Richwine stated that there are five applicants on file with the Tempe City Clerk's Office being considered for membership.
- K. Hanley requested additional information regarding the boards and commissions applicant process; Richwine stated that she would provide the commission with an update at its regularly-scheduled meeting taking place at 6 p.m. on Jan. 14 in the TCA 201 Lounge.
- F. Williams suggested that the commission develop a partnership with Arizona State University (ASU) to develop a cinema series sponsored by the city of Tempe. Williams added that independent films may be viewed in the TCA Theater or in TCA Lakeside.
- Judy Ellison expressed an interest in the potential partnership.
- A. Richwine encouraged F. Williams to contact Don Fassinger, city of Tempe Cultural Facilities Administrator, for additional information regarding space availability at the TCA. Richwine also suggested that the Friends of TCA be contacted to determine if they'd have an interest in the partnership.
- P. Hubbell suggested that the cinema series partnership be further explored by the TMAC Advocacy/Communications' Subcommittee.
- K. Hanley recommended that the Tempe Convention and Visitor's Bureau (TCVB) be contacted; F. Williams expressed the need to develop synergy between the Tempe arts community and ASU.
- R. Bortfeld inquired about "Elements," the proposed development west of the TCA. Bortfeld requested that the commission receive an update regarding the development at the TMAC meeting taking place on Jan. 14.
- F. Williams inquired about the Friends of TCA event taking place on Dec. 31, 2008; Richwine encouraged the commission to view additional information regarding the event at the following website: http://www.friendsoftca.org/.
- P. Hubbell reported that he enjoyed working with the commission; Richwine again expressed gratitude to Hubbell for his six years of dedicated service to the commission.

Agenda Item 5 – New Business

- No new business.

Agenda Item 6a – Public Art/AIPD Committee

- No report.

Agenda Item 6b– Grants Committee

- No report.

Agenda Item 6c– Communications/Advocacy Committee

- Donna Goyette requested that the TMAC members sign greeting cards to be distributed to the Tempe City Council members, thanking the Council members for their continued support of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission and the city of Tempe Cultural Services Division.

Agenda Item 6d– Facilities Committee

- No report.

Agenda Item 7 – Commission Member's Announcements

- No announcements.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Jan. 14 in the TCA 201 Lounge, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Prepared by: Rachael Peterson

Reviewed by: Adrienne Richwine

Authorized Signature
Position/Title