

## Minutes Historical Museum Advisory Board June 5, 2008

Minutes of the Historical Museum Advisory Board held on June 5, 2008, 9:00 a.m., at the Tempe Historical Museum Board Room, 809 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe, Arizona.

**Board Present:**

Gail Fisher, Chair  
Jean Berry, Vice Chair  
Anne Chandler  
Marcia Cypert  
Betty Enz  
Dan Killoren  
Lisa Roach

**Board Absent:**

Robert McKinley  
Frank Schmuck

**City Staff Present:**

Mark Vinson, Principal Architect, Community Development  
Amy Douglass, Museum Administrator  
Jerri Copenhaver, Administrative Assistant

**Guest Present:**

Victor Linoff

**Meeting convened at 9:00 a.m.**

**Chair Gail Fisher** called the meeting to order.

**Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes: May 1, 2008**

**MOTION:** Berry Enz moved to approve the minutes of May 1, 2008.

**SECOND:** Lisa Roach

**DECISION:** Carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item 2 – Communications**

- **Dr. Amy Douglass** said she received a notice about two public hearings, conducted by **Valley Metro**, that will provide updates and gather community comments about transit improvements in Tempe and Chandler. They will take place on June 10 at the **Tempe Public Library** and June 11 at **Corona del Sol High School**.
- **Dan Killoren** said he attended the **Coordinating Committee for History in Arizona's (CCHA)** workshop for planning Arizona's Centennial in 2012. He encouraged the Board to begin planning museum events that would take place during the celebration.

**Agenda Item 3 – Eisendrath House Rehabilitation – Mark Vinson**

**Mark Vinson**, City of Tempe Principal Architect, gave a presentation and showed display boards about the **Carl Hayden Campus for Sustainability**.

- He discussed the buildings and land areas that are part of the campus, including the **Eisendrath House** and the **Sandra Day O'Connor House**.
- He gave an update on some of site improvements, including landscaping, parking and construction of a new access road to the **Johnny G. Martinez Water Treatment Plant**.

- **Mr. Vinson** showed a site plan and the new architectural floor plan for the rehabilitated **Eisendrath House**. He said the construction should start by 2009.
- He explained some of the uses for the structure and an adjacent new structure, including interpretative exhibits, meeting spaces, and offices for the City's water conservation staff.
- **Mr. Vinson** said about \$1.2 million is currently available for the rehabilitation, but additional fundraising is needed. There is also a need for operation and maintenance funds.
- He discussed the history of the **Sandra Day O'Connor House** and said it will be moved from Paradise Valley to the **Carl Hayden Campus for Sustainability**.
- **Mr. Vinson** showed a rendering of the house and explained its proposed reuse.

#### **Agenda Item 4 – Museum Renovation**

**Dr. Amy Douglass** reported on the planning for the **museum renovation**.

- **Dr. Douglass** said **Brignall Construction** has been selected to be the construction contractor for the renovation project. She read a list of some of their past projects.
- She said one of their strengths is their experience at safely maintaining ongoing operations at buildings that are undergoing renovation construction.
- **Dr. Douglass** said the steering committee will be meeting with representatives from **Brignall Construction** on June 11.
- She also reported that the final hearing on the request for additional funding for the renovation project is scheduled for June 19.

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Museum “Tag Line”**

There was no report.

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Lecture and Book Signing**

**Dr. Amy Douglass** said that online registration is now available for the fundraising **lecture and book signing** by the author of the book, “From Baghdad with Love.”

- **Chair Gail Fisher** reminded the Board that the event would be held on November 7 at the **Fiesta Inn**.

#### **Agenda Item 7 – Election of Board Officers and Committee Assignments**

**Chair Gail Fisher** read through the list of committee representatives and asked if anyone wanted to change their assignments.

- **Anne Chandler**, **Jean Berry** and **Betty Enz** will continue with their current assignments.
- **Lisa Roach** will be the Public Programs representative. **Dan Killoren** will be the Historic Preservation representative.
- **Marcia Cypert** said she is resigning from the Board, creating an opening for a Diversity Awareness representative.
- Another person is needed for the Petersen House Endowment Committee.

**MOTION: Betty Enz moved to nominate Gail Fisher as Chair and Lisa Roach as Vice Chair.**

**SECOND: Anne Chandler**

**DECISION: Carried unanimously.**

#### **Agenda Item 8 – Board Standing Committee and Representative Reports**

##### **8A Petersen House Endowment Committee**

**Jean Berry** said she attended a planning meeting for the **Petersen House** Danish Christmas.

- She was there to explore the possibility of selling ornaments at the event as a way to raise funds for the **Petersen House Endowment**.
- **Ms. Berry** might ask the **Tempe Historical Society** to donate the money to purchase “papier klip” ornaments from Denmark, which could be resold.
- **Dr. Amy Douglass** said volunteers would be needed to sell the ornaments.

##### **8B Public Programs Representative**

**Lisa Roach** reported that she attended the **Public Programs Committee** meeting on June 3.

- She said the programming ideas from the committee's prior meeting were broken down into

categories: primary focus, secondary focus, done by others, and existing programs and entertainment.

- **Ms. Roach** said the museum staff indicated that realistically they would only be able to do one program per month.
- The committee also discussed different kinds of events, ways to attract multiple age groups, and the possibility of starting a new program to train students to be volunteers.

### **8C Policy, Procedures and Accessions Representative**

**Anne Chandler** read a report listing the provisional deposits, loans and accessions for March, April and May.

- There are currently 31 provisional deposits, seven new provisional deposits were received, and there were 75 new acquisitions approved for the permanent collection.
- Three loans were received. One of those is a museum service loan of 27 Navajo rugs from Sage Memorial Hospital, which the museum will freeze, clean and number.
- The report also indicated that preparation work for the museum's renovation has begun in the 3-D and archival collection storage areas and in the research library.

### **8D Historic Preservation Representative**

**Lisa Roach** said she attended the **Historic Preservation Commission's (HPC)** meeting on May 8.

- She reported that the first public meeting was held for the designation of **Tempe [Hayden] Butte** as a historic property. She said the next public meeting would be on June 19.
- **Ms. Roach** said the **HPC** received updates on several items, including the **Roosevelt Addition** and **Date Palm Manor**.
- They also saw a template for the new historic district street signs.
- She said the **Hayden Flour Mill** designation and a proposal to officially change the name of **Tempe [Hayden] Butte** will not be pursued at this time.

### **8E Tempe Historical Society Representative**

**Betty Enz** reported on the **Tempe Historical Society's (THS)** recent and upcoming activities.

- She said the **THS** annual meeting and luncheon was held on May 3 at **Monti's La Casa Vieja**, and the **THS Board** officers for the upcoming year were elected.
- **Ms. Enz** said that **James Burns**, the museum's Curator of History, gave a report about the museum's oral history project at the **THS Board** meeting on May 14 and asked them to assist with the project.
- She also reported that the **THS Board** would meet at Friendship Village on July 9.

### **8F Diversity Awareness Representative**

**Marcia Cypert** reported that she attended the *Jewel in the Desert* exhibit advisory committee's meeting in May and **Dr. Amy Douglass** attended the committee's meeting on June 4.

- She said that **Ann Poulos**, the museum's Curator of Collections, spoke to the committee about the forms that need to be completed for artifacts that are loaned for the exhibit.
- **Ms. Cypert** listed several aspects that would be included in the exhibit and said they are still collecting oral histories and working on the exhibit storyboards.
- She said the advisory committee wanted her to ask the Board for their ideas about the types of information they would like to have included in the exhibit.
- **Dr. Douglass** reported that the committee viewed a video, "A Land Called Paradise," that will be included in the exhibit, at the meeting on June 4.
- She also said the City's Diversity Office has sent letters, seeking sponsors for the festival that is being planned for the opening of *Jewel in the Desert*.

### **Agenda Item 9 – Board Announcements**

- **Chair Gail Fisher** said the **Friends of the TCA** are having a fundraising barbecue and fireworks viewing event at the **Tempe Center for the Arts** on July 4.
- **Lisa Roach** reported that the **Elias-Rodriguez House** has been posted on the **National Trust for Historic Preservation's** "This Place Matters" website.

- **Ms. Fisher** thanked **Marcia Cypert** for her service on the Board.

**Agenda Item 10 – Future Agenda Items**

There were no future agenda items.

The Board's next meeting will be September 4, 2008.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.**

Prepared by: Jerri Copenhaver

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Gail Fisher  
Chair, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board