

Minutes Historical Museum Advisory Board February 4, 2010

Minutes of the Historical Museum Advisory Board held on February 4, 2010, 9:00 a.m., at the Tempe History Museum Board Room, 809 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe, Arizona.

Board Present:

Lisa Roach, Chair
Anne Chandler
Betty Enz
Shirley McKean
Robert McKinley
Julie Symopoulos

City Staff Present:

Adrienne Richwine, Deputy Community Services Manager, Library and Cultural Services
Amy Douglass, Museum Administrator
Jerrri Copenhaver, Administrative Assistant

Guests Present:

Victor Linoff

Meeting convened at 9:02 a.m.

Chair Lisa Roach called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes for January 7, 2010

MOTION: Betty Enz moved to approve the minutes of January 7, 2010.

SECOND: Robert McKinley

DECISION: Carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 2 – Communications

- **Dr. Amy Douglass** said there has been good coverage of the museum renovation. There is an article in the February issue of *Tempe Today*. She also said that the **Cronkite School of Journalism at Arizona State University** had filmed an interview with her for a television news program they produce.
- **Dr. Douglass** encouraged the Board to attend one of the museum's History Interpreter training sessions that would be held on February 13, 16 and 19.
- She also distributed new **Tempe History Museum** cloisonné pins to each Board member.
- **Chair Lisa Roach** reminded the Board to RSVP for the opening reception on February 26.

Agenda Item 3 – Renovation Project

Dr. Amy Douglass reported that the museum **renovation project** is nearing completion.

- The artifacts and case labels are being installed. The exploration stations, the interactive map, and the audio-visual components are almost complete.
- The art exhibit, *Tom Harter: Picturing Change in Tempe*, has been installed and the museum store is being set up.

Agenda Item 4 – Reopening Event Planning

Dr. Amy Douglass reported that the joint committee that is planning the **reopening events** met on February 2.

- She indicated that all of the plans are in place and the entertainers and booths have been confirmed.
- **Dr. Douglass** said the joint committee will have one more meeting on February 16 to work on the final logistics.
- **Chair Lisa Roach** showed one of the trophies that will be given to the Tempe elementary school students that win the essay contest, which is being held in conjunction with the museum's **reopening**.

Agenda Item 5 – Budget

Dr. Amy Douglass reported on the status of the City's **budget** deficit.

- She said the proposed **budget** would be submitted to the City Council that evening.
- Community forums will be held in February and the City Council will make their final decision on March 4.
- **Dr. Douglass** distributed schedules showing the dates and locations for the community **budget** forums. She also indicated that the proposed **budget** is available online.
- **Chair Lisa Roach** said she has worked on refining the letter that the Board plans to send to the Mayor and City Council, expressing their concerns about **budget** cuts at the museum.
- She asked **Jerri Copenhaver** to read the letter to the Board.
- **Ms. Roach** indicated that she still needs to add the correct staffing numbers to the letter.

MOTION: Julie Symopolous moved to approve the letter with the [needed] amendments, to have the Chair sign and forward it to the [City] Council.

SECOND: Betty Enz

DECISION: Carried unanimously.

- **Robert McKinley** said it will be important to recruit and train new volunteers, in light of the upcoming staff reductions. A lengthy discussion about volunteering followed, with several suggestions being offered.

Agenda Item 6 – Fundraising

There was no discussion or report.

Agenda Item 7 – Election of Vice Chair

Chair Lisa Roach nominated **Julie Symopolous** for Vice Chair.

MOTION: Betty Enz moved to nominate Julie Symopolous for Vice Chair.

SECOND: Anne Chandler

DECISION: Carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 8 – Board Standing Committee and Representative Reports

8A Petersen House Endowment Committee

The position is vacant. There was no report.

8B Public Programs Representative

Chair Lisa Roach said the **Public Programs Committee** has not met.

8C Policy, Procedures and Accessions Representative

Anne Chandler read the **Policy, Procedures and Accessions Committee** report for January.

- The collections volunteers have primarily been working on preparing and mounting artifacts for the exhibit renovation.
- There were four new provisional deposits, making a total of 12 provisional deposits. There were seven new incoming loans and no new accessions.

8D Historic Preservation Representative

Chair Lisa Roach volunteered to fill the vacant **Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)** representative position. **Shirley McKean** volunteered to be the Public Programs representative, replacing **Ms. Roach** in that position.

- **Ms. Roach** asked **Victor Linoff** to give an update on the January **HPC** meeting.
- **Mr. Linoff** indicated that **Mayor Hugh Hallman** attended the meeting, made a presentation, and discussed the **Hayden Flour Mill**.

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- He also mentioned some of the agenda items for the **HPC** meeting on February 11. Included on the agenda were dialogs with the candidates for City Council about their views on historic preservation and the **E.M. White Dairy Barn**.

8E Tempe Historical Society Representative

Betty Enz reported on the activities of the **Tempe Historical Society (THS)**.

- She said that the next **THS** Lunch Talk will be on February 10, with **John Akers** presenting, *Phoenix Then and Now*. She said **Doug Kupel** will present *Tempe's First Families* on March 10.
- **Ms. Enz** also reported that the **THS** has given the museum a donation of \$7500 for 2009 and \$1310 from the 2008 *Tree of Lights* fundraiser.

8F Diversity Awareness Representative

Julie Symropolous said she was unable to attend the **African American Advisory Committee** meeting on January 8.

- She distributed information about the **Regional Unity Walk** that will take place in Tempe on February 6.

8G Oral History Representative

Robert McKinley reported that the **Oral History Committee** met on January 12.

- He said the **Oral History Committee** is working on developing a list of criteria for potential interviewees.
- **Mr. McKinley** read the **Oral History** report for January, which indicated there would be three oral history workshops in February.
- The **Oral History Committee** will continue meeting bi-monthly. The next meeting will be March 9.

Agenda Item 9 – Board Announcements

- **Robert McKinley** announced that the **Arizona Highland Games** would be held on February 27 and 28 at Steele Indian School Park.

Agenda Item 10 – Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items.

The Board's next meeting will be March 4, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Prepared by: Jerri Copenhaver

Lisa Roach
Chair, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board