

Minutes Historical Museum Advisory Board March 4, 2010

Minutes of the Historical Museum Advisory Board held on March 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, Vice Chair
Korri Turner
Gerald Woodward

City Staff Present:

Amy Douglass, Museum Administrator
Jerri Copenhaver, Administrative Assistant

Guests Present:

Victor Linoff

Meeting convened at 9:03 a.m.

Chair Lisa Roach called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes for February 4, 2010

MOTION: Julie Symopoulos moved to approve the minutes of February 4, 2010.

SECOND: Anne Chandler

DECISION: Carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 2 – Communications

- **Chair Lisa Roach** asked the Board and staff to introduce themselves to the Board's new members, **Korri Turner** and **Gerald Woodward**.
- **Dr. Amy Douglass** circulated two recent newspaper articles about the museum's reopening; one from the *State Press* and one, written by **Jay Mark**, from the *Tempe Republic*.
- **Ms. Roach** mentioned that a workshop, "Introduction to Historic Preservation," would be held on April 15 in Laughlin, Nevada, in conjunction with the **Arizona-Nevada History Convention**.

Agenda Item 3 – Proposal to Combine Boards

Dr. Amy Douglass said that on February 19, as part of a City Council Issue Review Session (IRS), the Council directed staff to review the potential of merging the **Historical Museum Advisory Board (HMAB)** with the **Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)**.

- **Dr. Douglass** said staff has also been directed to report back to the City Council at a future IRS meeting. She asked the Board to discuss the **proposal to combine the boards**.
- The Board had a lengthy discussion about the roles of the **HMAB** and the **HPC** and the ways that they differ.

- The Board did not think that it would be in the best interest of the City to combine the boards, for the following reasons:
 - The **HPC** is regulatory and the **HMAB** is advisory.
 - They are in two different departments, each with very different missions.
 - The **HPC** comes under federal and state statutes which might be adversely impacted if the two are merged. Additionally, there could be a Certified Local Government compliance issue.

MOTION: Julie Symropolous moved to forward back to the Council a lack of viability with that particular proposal for reasons bullet noted before.

SECOND: Betty Enz

DECISION: Carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 – Budget

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

- She said the City Council would be voting on the proposed **budget** that evening.
- **Dr. Douglass** said a workshop was taking place that morning to discuss the City Manager's priority list and to see which items might be reinstated, if the additional sales tax is approved.
- **Chair Lisa Roach** reported that she attended two of the community **budget** forums that were held in February.
- **Ms. Roach** said that the Mayor and Council received the letter that the Board sent, expressing their concerns about **budget** cuts at the museum

Agenda Item 5 – Fundraising

- **Shirley McKean**, who works for **Salt River Project (SRP)**, distributed **SRP** grant application guidelines. She said the **Tempe Historical Society (THS)** would be eligible to apply, since they are a 501(c)(3) organization.
- **Chair Lisa Roach** offered to send information about **Pepsi** grants to **Dr. Amy Douglass**.
- The Board discussed other **fundraising** ideas.
- **Ms. Roach** suggested scheduling a joint meeting with the **THS Board** to discuss some of the ideas.

Agenda Item 6 – Board Standing Committee and Representative Reports

6A Petersen House Endowment Committee

The position is vacant and a representative is needed. There was no report.

6B Public Programs Representative

The **Public Programs Committee** has not met.

6C Policy, Procedures and Accessions Representative

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

- A number of artifact loans were received for display in the renovated exhibit hall.
- The collections volunteers have been assisting with mounting artifacts for the exhibit hall.
- Two new provisional deposits were received, making a total of 14 provisional deposits.
- There were seven new incoming loans and no new accessions.

6D Historic Preservation Representative

Chair Lisa Roach reported that she attended the **HPC** meeting on February 11.

- She said that two candidates for City Council, and a representative for a third candidate, attended the meeting to answer questions about their views on historic preservation.
- **Ms. Roach** said the **HPC** discussed proposed changes to the **E.M. White Dairy Barn**, which will be opening as the **Tempe Tavern**.
- She said that among other things, they also discussed the National Register nomination for **Tempe (Hayden) Butte**.

6E Tempe Historical Society Representative

Betty Enz reported on the recent and upcoming activities of the **THS**.

- She said that **John Akers** presented *Phoenix Then and Now* at the **THS** Lunch Talk on February 10.
- **Ms. Enz** said **Doug Kupel** will present *Tempe's First Families*, in the museum's new community room, at the lunch talk on March 10. She encouraged everyone to attend.

6F Diversity Awareness Representative

Julie Symopolous said the next **African American Advisory Committee** meeting would be on March 12.

- She reported that the committee had a table at the museum's reopening event.

6G Oral History Representative

Robert McKinley reported that the **Oral History Committee** did not meet in February, due to their bi-monthly meeting schedule. They will be meeting on March 9.

- He said there were no new **oral history** interviews in February.
- **Mr. McKinley** said there would be an **oral history** workshop at the museum on March 6.
- He said the committee would be working on developing a list of criteria for potential interviewees during the March meeting.

Agenda Item 7 – Board Announcements

- **Julie Symopoulos** said the past weekend's reopening events were very impressive.
- **Chair Lisa Roach** announced that she had received many positive comments about the museum's exhibits and interactives.
- **Ms. Roach** also announced that Tempe elementary students submitted 559 entries for the essay contest that was held in conjunction with the museum's reopening.

Agenda Item 8 – Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items.

The Board's next meeting will be April 1, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Prepared by: Jerri Copenhaver

Lisa Roach
Chair, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board