



Minutes Historical Museum Advisory Board April 1, 2010

Minutes of the Historical Museum Advisory Board held on April 1, 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:

Adrienne Richwine, Deputy Community Services Manager, Library and Cultural Services
Amy Douglass, Museum Administrator
Jerri 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 March 4, 2010

MOTION: Betty Enz moved to approve the minutes of March 4, 2010.

SECOND: Shirley McKean

DECISION: Carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 2 – Communications

- **Anne Chandler** announced that she will appear on an upcoming episode of the television show, *Antiques Roadshow*. She said the program will air on April 19.

Agenda Item 3 – Upcoming Questers International Convention

Chair Lisa Roach reported that the **Questers International Convention** would be held in Phoenix in May at the Arizona Biltmore.

- **Ms. Roach** said a Tempe tour is available to people that are attending the convention. The tour, which will be on May 7, will include the **Elias/Rodriguez House**, the **Tempe History Museum**, the **Petersen House Museum** and **Monti's La Casa Vieja**.
- She explained that more than 900 chapters of **Questers** exist in the United States and Canada. Their purpose is the study and preservation of antiques, historic buildings, and historic sites.
- **Ms. Roach** said that about 500 to 600 people will attend the convention. Currently there are about 22 people registered to participate in the Tempe tour.

Agenda Item 4 – Budget

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

- She said the City Council approved the **budget** with the proposed cuts on March 4.
- **Dr. Douglass** said voters will be asked to approve a sales tax increase of two-tenths of a percent during the May 18 General Election.
- If the sales tax increase passes, some of the **budget** reductions would not be necessary.

Agenda Item 5 – Fundraising

- **Chair Lisa Roach** proposed having a **Double Butte Cemetery** tour on October 30, as a joint fundraiser with the **Tempe Historical Society (THS)**.
- She suggested that the tour could take place in the late afternoon or early evening and provide information and stories about some of the people that are buried at the cemetery.
- Ms. Roach will approach the THS to see if they are interested. She will also inform the staff contact for the City's **Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Committee** of the potential plan.
- **Dr. Amy Douglass** reported that a grant proposal has been submitted by the museum's **African American Advisory Committee** to the **Arizona Humanities Council**. This would help fund the publication of a booklet on the history of African Americans in Tempe.

Agenda Item 6 – Board Standing Committee and Representative Reports

6A Petersen House Endowment Committee

The position is vacant. **Chair Lisa Roach** asked for a volunteer to serve on this committee.

- **Dr. Amy Douglass** will give a report on the current **endowment fund** balance in May.

6B Public Programs Representative

Shirley McKean said the **Public Programs Committee** would meet on April 9.

6C Policy, Procedures and Accessions Representative

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

- The collections staff have been working to clean and organize the collection areas, following the renovation. An area is being cleared in preparation for new compact shelving that will house the archaeological collections.
- There are currently 17 provisional deposits. There was one incoming loan and no new accessions.

6D Historic Preservation Representative

Chair Lisa Roach said she was unable to attend the **Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)** meeting on March 11. She asked **Victor Linoff** to report on the meeting.

- **Mr. Linoff** said the **HPC** discussed the proposal to combine the Historical Museum Advisory Board and the HPC and reached the same conclusion that this Board had reached.
- Among other items included in the meeting was a quarterly update about the historic buildings at **Arizona State University** and the National Register nomination for **Tempe (Hayden) Butte**.
- The **HPC** also discussed design guidelines for the **Roosevelt Addition Historic District**.

6E Tempe Historical Society Representative

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

- She said attendance was very good for **Doug Kupel's** presentation, *Tempe's First Families*, at the **THS** Lunch Talk on March 10.
- **Ms. Enz** encouraged everyone to attend the next lunch talk on April 14, which will feature **Dr. Chris Smith** giving a presentation about American humor.

6F Diversity Awareness Representative

Julie Symopolous said she attended the **African American Advisory Committee's** meeting on March 12.

- She said the committee elected **Frederic Warner** as their new chair.
- **Ms. Symopolous** said members of the committee are continuing to conduct oral histories.

6G Oral History Representative

Robert McKinley reported that the **Oral History Committee** met on March 9.

- He said there were two new **oral history** interviews in March.
- **Mr. McKinley** said there are two more **oral history** workshops being held in April, one on April 12 and the other on April 16.
- He said the committee worked on developing a list of criteria for potential interviewees at their meeting in March.

Agenda Item 7 – Board Announcements

- **Chair Lisa Roach** announced that the **Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation** might hold their October fundraiser in the museum's new community room.
- **Ms. Roach** said the **City of Tempe Neighborhood workshop** and awards would be held on April 10.
- **Ms. Roach** also announced that the **National Trust for Historic Preservation's** *This Place Matters* program is currently taking place.
- **Ms. Roach** said **Jan Young**, longtime *Tempe Daily News* photographer, passed away in Belize in March.

Agenda Item 8 – Future Agenda Items

- Presentation by Woody Wilson, Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation.
- Presentation by the Historic Preservation Commission.
- Joint Meeting with the Tempe Historical Society.

The Board's next meeting will be May 6, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Prepared by: Jerri Copenhaver

Lisa Roach
Chair, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board