

## Unratified Minutes A.R.S. §38-431.05 Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board May 6, 2010

Minutes of the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board recorded at 9 a.m. on May 6, 2010, in the Tempe History Museum Conference Room, 809 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Lisa Roach, Chair  
Julie Syrmopoulos, Vice Chair  
Anne Chandler  
Betty Enz  
Robert McKinley  
Korri Turner  
Gerald Woodward

**City Staff Present:**

Amy Douglass, Administrator - Tempe History Museum  
Rachael Peterson, Administrative Asst. - Library and Cultural Services  
Adrienne Richwine, Deputy Manager - Library and Cultural Services

**Guest(s) Present:**

None

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Shirley McKean

Meeting convened at 9:05 a.m.

Lisa Roach, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

**Agenda Item 1 - Consideration of April 1, 2010, Meeting Minutes**

- **MOTION:** Julie Syrmopoulos, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Vice Chair, moved to approve the April 1, 2010, meeting minutes.
- **SECOND:** Betty Enz seconded.
- **DECISION:** April 1, 2010, meeting minutes approved.

**Agenda Item 2 - Communications**

- Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, reported that the Tempe Public Library Connections Café, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ, is playing host to a conversation and coffee hour in relation to the Tempe Connections Veterans History Project at 9:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of every month.
- A. Douglass added that Tempe Connections is the administrator of the East Valley Veterans History Project; Douglass further explained that the project's volunteers conduct interviews of veterans of all foreign wars up to the present.
- A. Douglass distributed material in relation to the Veterans History Project and stated that the project's local program coordinator is Larry Conway.

- A. Douglass further reported that the Veterans History Project is a nationwide memory collection program of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.
- A. Douglass announced that James Burns, Curator of History at the Tempe History Museum, submitted his resignation and will hold the position of Executive Director at the Desert Caballeros Western Museum in Wickenburg, AZ, effective June 1, 2010.
- A. Douglass further reported that the Curator of History position vacancy notice has been forwarded to the appropriate contacts within the City of Tempe.

### **Agenda Item 3 - Budget**

- Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, reported that Tempe voters will be asked to support an increase in the sales tax levied by the City (Prop 401) on Tuesday, May 18. Douglass urged the board members to cast their votes.
- Lisa Roach, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Chair, inquired about the direct impact of Prop 401 on the Tempe History Museum; A. Douglass encouraged L. Roach to view additional information related to Prop 401 online at the following website:
  - [www.tempefirst.com](http://www.tempefirst.com)
- L. Roach inquired about the proposed elimination of the City of Tempe Volunteer Program Coordinator; Adrienne Richwine, Deputy Manager - Library and Cultural Services Division, reported that although the Volunteer Program Coordinator position is slated for elimination, the person who currently holds that position will remain an employee within the Community Services Department, and that the management team within the City of Tempe Community Services Department will evaluate the need to reorganize staffing in under-resourced areas after the May 18 election.

### **Agenda Item 4 - Fundraising Event**

- Lisa Roach, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Chair, reported that she met with Vince Murray, Tempe Historical Society Board President, as well as the members of the Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Committee, to discuss the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board's fundraising event proposed to take place at Tempe's Double Butte Cemetery. Roach stated that both V. Murray and the Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Committee members were receptive to the Board's fundraising idea. Roach further reported that the Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Committee formed a subcommittee to assist with the Museum Board's fundraising efforts.
- L. Roach presented the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board members with proposed Double Butte Cemetery Tour highlights.
- Gerald Woodward inquired about the tour's proposed storytellers; L. Roach stated that in general, storytelling will be performed by Tempe History Museum docents, as well as by Tempe Historical Society members. Roach added that it is her goal for the storytellers to bring Tempe history to life.
- The members of the board discussed several elements of the proposed cemetery tour, such as food to be served, and logistics such as providing motorized carts for participants that cannot walk the full circuit of the tour.
- A. Douglass inquired about the possibility of forming a subcommittee of Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board members to address the needs of the board's proposed fundraising efforts; A. Chandler, K. Turner and L. Roach volunteered to participate on a fundraising subcommittee.

- L. Roach explained that all proceeds collected from fundraising efforts will be used to support all areas of programming at the Tempe History Museum.

#### **Agenda Item 5a - Petersen House Endowment Committee**

- Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, suggested that the Petersen House Endowment Committee disband since it has been inactive and committee members are difficult to recruit; Lisa Roach, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Chair, stated that she'd like the Petersen House Endowment Committee to be amended to include all fundraising efforts of the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board.

#### **Agenda Item 5b - Public Programs Representative**

- In the absence of Shirley McKean, Public Programs Representative, Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, reported that the Tempe History Museum Community Room is playing host to Broadmor student-produced theater skits at 7 p.m. on May 8. Douglass added that the theater skits are based on themes presented in the Museum's exhibit hall.
- A. Douglass further reported that the following Wild Wednesday events are scheduled to take place in June at the Tempe History Museum:
  - June 9; Desert Creatures (featuring the Phoenix Zoo Desert Connections)
  - June 16; Meet Your Neighbors
  - June 23; Sun Devil Fever
  - June 30; ARTastic

#### **Agenda Item 5c - Policy, Procedures and Accessions Representative**

- Anne Chandler, Policy, Procedures and Accessions Representative, presented the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board with a statistics report compiled by Josh Roffler, Curator of Collections at the Tempe History Museum.
- A. Chandler reported that 12 new pieces will be added to the Museum's artifact collection on behalf of former Tempe Mayor Neil Guiliano.

#### **Agenda Item 5d - Historic Preservation Representative**

- Lisa Roach, Historic Preservation Representative and Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Chair, reported that she met with Woody Wilson, Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation Chair.
- L. Roach stated that W. Wilson provided her with an update in relation to the Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation's efforts to preserve the Rose Eisendrath House. Roach further explained that the rehabilitated Eisendrath House is part of the Carl Hayden Campus for Sustainability.
- L. Roach reported that she and W. Wilson had a discussion regarding Tempe's historic districts; Roach stated that the Hudson Manor District may revisit its resident contribution criteria.
- L. Roach explained that City of Tempe capital improvement funding (CIP funding) will be reduced for the fiscal year 2010/2011; L. Roach added that Tempe's Historic Preservation Commission is seeking information related to additional funding sources for pending projects.

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**Agenda Item 5e - Tempe Historical Society Representative**

- Betty Enz, Tempe Historical Society Representative, reported that Monti's La Casa Vieja (in Tempe) played host to the Society's annual meeting and luncheon on Saturday, May 1. Enz further reported that Dr. F. Arturo Rosales was the keynote speaker at the event.

**Agenda Item 5f - Diversity Awareness Representative**

- No report.

**Agenda Item 5g - Oral History Representative**

- Robert McKinley, Oral History Committee Representative, reported that an Oral History Committee meeting is scheduled to take place on May 11.
- Gerald Woodward stated that he'd like the Oral History Committee and the Tempe History Museum staff to interview Len Copple, former Vice Mayor of the City of Tempe; R. McKinley added that Len Copple's wife is a sixth-generation Tempean.

**Agenda Item 6 – Board Announcements**

- No announcements were made.

**Agenda Item 7 - Future Agenda Items**

- Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, announced that Mark Vinson, Principal Architect for the City of Tempe, will be present at the next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board at 9 a.m. on June 3 in the Tempe History Museum's Board Room. Douglass explained that M. Vinson will provide the board members with an update in relation to the Carl Hayden Campus for Sustainability.

The next Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board meeting is scheduled to take place at 9 a.m. on June 3 in the Tempe History Museum Board Room, 809 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.**

Prepared by: Rachael Peterson

Reviewed by: Amy Douglass

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Lisa Roach, Chair  
Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board