



## Minutes Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board January 6, 2011

Minutes of the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board recorded at 9 a.m. on Jan. 6, 2011, in the Tempe History Museum Board Room, 809 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Lisa Roach, Chair  
Anne Chandler  
Betty Enz  
Angela Lopez  
Shirley McKean  
Bob McKinley  
Gerald Woodward

**City Staff Present:**

Dr. Amy Douglass, Administrator - Tempe History Museum  
Rachael Peterson, Administrative Assistant - Library and Cultural Services  
Jared Smith, Curator of History - Tempe History Museum

**Guest(s) Present:**

None

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Julie Symopoulos, Vice Chair

Meeting convened at 9 a.m.

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

**Agenda Item 1: Consideration of the Dec. 2, 2010, Meeting Minutes**

- **MOTION:** Betty Enz moved to approve the Dec. 2, 2010, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Meeting Minutes.
- **SECOND:** Shirley McKean seconded.
- **DECISION:** Dec. 2, 2010, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Meeting Minutes approved.

**Agenda Item 2: Report - Communications**

- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, reported that Tempe is moving forward with the first phase of the Veterans Memorial Project at Tempe Beach Park that includes the restoration of the Ash Avenue Bridge and the creation of walkways between the area's elevation changes. Douglass explained that she is excited about the project and will continue to report its development progress to the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board members.
- Dr. Douglass further reported that Korri Turner, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) member, resigned from the Museum Board effective immediately; Dr. Douglass acknowledged that multiple schedule conflicts do not allow K. Turner to continue to regularly-attend the scheduled Museum Board meetings. Douglass further noted that K. Turner enjoyed attending the Museum Board meetings, and will continue to be an advocate for the Tempe History Museum.

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**Agenda Item 3: Report - Curator of History Recruitment**

- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, announced the hiring of Jared Smith to fulfill the Tempe History Museum's Curator of History position. Douglass introduced J. Smith to the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) and further welcomed J. Smith to the Museum Board meeting.
- J. Smith stated that he is excited and grateful to join the Tempe History Museum team; J. Smith discussed his educational and professional accomplishments, and noted his interest in the Valley's agricultural history.
- Lisa Roach, Museum Board Chair, further congratulated J. Smith on his selection to fulfill the responsibilities of the Tempe History Museum's Curator of History position.

**Agenda Item 4: Report - Communication with the Tempe City Council**

- Lisa Roach, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) Chair, attended a City of Tempe Sports, Tourism, Recreation, Arts and Cultural Development Council Committee meeting on Dec. 8 as a means to be a voice for the Tempe History Museum.
- L. Roach reported that the City of Tempe received a \$50,000 donation from NCAA on behalf of its Youth Initiative and legacy program in alliance with the Tostidos Fiesta Bowl to replace the electrical panel at Tempe's Benedict Sports Complex. Roach explained that the panel was damaged in a fire in 2010; Roach further stated that Benedict Sports Complex is a 20-acre multipurpose sports facility, and is one of the most popular facilities within the Tempe Park System. Roach added that the City of Tempe will begin to offer Stand-up Paddleboarding (SUP) at Tempe Town Lake during in spring, 2011.
- L. Roach reported that she discussed Tempe's participation in Arizona's Centennial programming and events with the members of the Sports, Tourism, Recreation, Arts and Cultural Development Council Committee; Roach stated that the committee members were receptive to the idea of Tempe playing host to Arizona Centennial-sanctioned programming and events. Roach further reported that Mark Mitchell, Tempe Councilmember and liaison to the Sports, Tourism, Recreation, Arts and Cultural Development Council Committee, indicated that the formation of a Tempe Centennial Committee is important to begin to address Tempe's participation in Arizona's Centennial.
- L. Roach encouraged the Museum Board members to attend scheduled Tempe City Council Committee meetings, specifically the Sports, Tourism, Recreation, Arts and Cultural Development Committee; L. Roach noted that the Sports, Tourism, Recreation, Arts and Cultural Development Council Committee meetings occur at 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month in the third floor conference room of Tempe's City Hall, 31 E. Fifth Street.

**Agenda Item 5: Report - Arizona Centennial Planning**

- Lisa Roach, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) Chair, reported that she met with the Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation; Roach stated that the Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation intends to guide Tempe through its participation in Arizona Centennial programming and events. Roach further explained that the Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation is in the early stages of forming a committee encompassing several important areas of Tempe to address Tempe's participation in Arizona's Centennial; L. Roach noted the following participating areas:

- Transit
- Parks and Recreation
- Public Works
- Tempe Historic Preservation Commission
- Tempe Historical Preservation Foundation
- Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board
- Library and Cultural Services Division (Tempe History Museum)
- L. Roach reminded the Museum Board members that she has begun to compile a list of one hundred notable sites in Tempe to present to the Arizona Centennial Commission in an attempt to create a large-scale scavenger hunt in Tempe featuring, as well as to foster geo-caching and the development of a history crawl.
- Bob McKinley reminded the Museum Board members that several events were programmed in Tempe for Arizona's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration; B. McKinley encouraged L. Roach to reference Tempe's participation in Arizona's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for additional Tempe programming and event ideas.
- L. Roach stated that she will continue to pursue possible Tempe-based Arizona Centennial programming and events; L. Roach further encouraged the Museum Board members to continue brainstorming and discussing possible Centennial-sanctioned programming and events.

**Agenda Item 6A: Report - Double Butte Cemetery Tour Event Committee**

- No report; Lisa Roach, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board and Double Butte Cemetery Tour Event Committee Chair, stated that the Double Butte Cemetery Tour Event Committee will reconvene in spring, 2011.

**Agenda Item 6B: Report - Public Programs**

- Shirley McKean, Public Programs representative, reported that the Tempe History Museum Community Room played host to an *East Valley Children's Theatre* performance of "All I Want for Christmas" on Dec. 10; S. McKean noted that the event was well-attended and also featured craft projects for youth in the Museum's lobby.
- S. McKean stated that the Tempe History Museum and the Arizona State University (ASU) Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts partnered to sponsor a sculpture exhibition of works from the ASU Sculpture Program; S. McKean added that the exhibition was on display Dec. 18 through Dec. 30, 2010.
- S. McKean reported that the Museum is playing host to an acoustic blues music performance and discussion lead by Rob Spindler and Lee Poole of *Les Izmore* at 7 p.m. on Jan. 8 within the Museum's Community Room.
- S. McKean further reported that the Museum Community Room will house a Third Thirstday Night Café series event at 7 p.m. on Jan. 20 featured a book-signing and discussion lead by Dr. Donald R. Campbell, author of "Tough Life? So What! Move Beyond Struggle."
- S. McKean further reported that the Tempe History Museum's Community Room also played host to a screening from the Arizona Student Film Festival at 7 p.m. on November 13.
- S. McKean encouraged the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Members to view an exhibit within the Museum's Changing Gallery titled, "Tom Harter: Picturing Change in

Tempe.” McKean explained that the exhibit is on display through the end of Jan., 2011, and portrays rural Tempe during the 1950s and 60s. McKean added that upon the conclusion of the Harter exhibit, an exhibit titled, “The Finley Brothers: Arizona’s Royal Family of Rodeo” will be installed. McKean further encouraged the Museum Board members to attend the Finley Brothers exhibit.

**Agenda Item 6C: Report - Policy, Procedures and Accessions (P.P.A.) Committee**

- Anne Chandler, Policy, Procedures and Accessions (P.P.A.) Committee Representative, presented the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) with a statistics report compiled by Josh Roffler, Curator of Collections at the Tempe History Museum.
- A. Chandler reported that the Tempe History Museum (Museum) received 21 current, provisional deposits in Dec., 2010. Chandler further noted that per J. Roffler, there were no new provisional deposits or acquisitions.
- A. Chandler acknowledged the following new loan:
  - Historic Sedona Quilt (Ruth Woolf Jordan)
- A. Chandler further noted the following:
  - Many volunteers helped to prepare the Petersen House Museum for its Danish Christmas program;
  - The Museum continues to prepare and mount artifacts for its upcoming Finley Boys exhibit ;
  - The Museum is currently scanning and creating computer catalog records for the Young photograph collection;
  - The Museum continues to digitize its postcard collection;
  - Photographs from one of the Museum’s family albums and the Finley Boys collection will appear in upcoming issues of *Phoenix Magazine*.

**Agenda Item 6D: Report - Tempe Historic Preservation Commission**

- Lisa Roach, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) Chair and Tempe Historic Preservation Commission Representative, reported that she attended a Tempe Historic Preservation Commission (Historic Preservation Commission) meeting on Dec. 9; L. Roach reported that the Historic Preservation Commission discussed the following:
  - The Tempe Historic Property Register nomination of the Sandra Day O’Connor House;
  - Tempe’s participation in Arizona’s Centennial;
  - Historic preservation budget plans for fiscal year 2011-12;
  - Advocacy for Tempe’s at-risk historic properties (the Gonzales Martinez House, the Laird Rental House);
  - Intern involvement in Tempe’s on-going historic preservation projects and activities.
- L. Roach encouraged the Museum Board members to attend the Tempe Historic Preservation Commission meetings as a voice for the Tempe History Museum; L. Roach noted that the Tempe Historic Preservation Commission meetings take place at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in Hatton Hall, 34 E. Seventh Street.

**Agenda Item 6E: Report - Tempe Historical Society**

- Betty Enz, Tempe Historical Society member, reported that this year's *Danish Christmas* display at the Petersen House Museum was wonderful, and praised all who helped to decorate the Petersen House.
- B. Enz acknowledged that monetary proceeds from the *Larry Campbell Tree of Lights* helped to benefit the Museum's Oral History Program.
- B. Enz noted the following events in Jan., 2011, at the Tempe History Museum (Museum), sponsored by the Tempe Historical Society:
  - Performances at the Museum - *Red, Green and the Blues: Les Izmore* (7 p.m., Jan. 8, Community Room);
  - Lunch Talk - *Willie, Waylon, Buck and Merle: Nashville Outlaws and the American West* (11:30 a.m., Jan. 12, Community Room);
  - Third Thirstday Night Café - Dr. Donald R. Campbell's, "Tough Life? So What! Move Beyond Struggle" Book Discussion (7 p.m., Jan. 20, Community Room).

**Agenda Item 6F: Report - Diversity Awareness Committee**

- In the absence of Julie Symopoulos, Diversity Awareness Committee Representative, Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, acknowledged the following Tempe Human Relations Commission MLK Diversity Awards:
  - Cecilia Denogean Esquer, Individual Adult Award;
  - Edward Smith, Individual Adult Award;
  - African American Advisory Committee, Community Group Award.
- Dr. Douglass explained that the Tempe Human Relations Commission MLK Diversity Awards honor Tempe community members and groups who have demonstrated a commitment to diversity in Tempe.

**Agenda Item 6G: Report - Oral History Committee**

- Bob McKinley, Oral History Committee (Committee) Chair, reported that the Oral History Committee met on Dec. 14; B. McKinley reported that the Committee discussed the Committee's Criteria for Evaluating Proposed Interviewees, specifically a numeric ranking system developed by James Burns, former Curator of History at the Tempe History Museum, to minimize bias. McKinley explained that the Committee agreed to prioritize its Criteria prior to scheduling proposed history interviewees.
- B. McKinley noted that the Committee further discussed Dr. Arturo Rosales' Interview Indexing Project; B. McKinley explained that indexing is necessary to allow future researchers to use search engines to locate specific portions of recorded interviews. McKinley added that Dr. Rosales has used Tape Logs as the source of interview index titles; however, a standardized procedure for generating Tape Logs does not exist.
- B. McKinley reported that the Oral History Program's budget is approximately \$1700, not including a portion of the monetary proceeds from the *Larry Campbell Tree of Lights*
- B. McKinley noted that the Oral History Committee membership has decreased; B. McKinley added that the Committee currently has 4 to 5 members. McKinley further added that he'd like to see an increase in Committee membership.

### **Agenda Item 7 - Board Member Committee Assignments**

- Lisa Roach, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) Chair, initiated a discussion related to the Museum Board committee representation; L. Roach noted that the following individuals expressed an interest to serve as Museum Board Committee Representatives:
  - Gerald Woodward; Double Butte Cemetery Event Committee
  - Shirley McKean; Public Programs Committee
  - Anne Chandler; Policy, Procedures and Accessions Committee
  - Shirley McKean; Historic Preservation Committee
  - Betty Enz; Tempe Historical Society Committee
  - Julie Symopoulos; Diversity Committee
  - Bob McKinley; Oral History Committee

### **Agenda Item 8 - Board Member Announcements**

- Lisa Roach, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) Chair, announced her resignation from the Museum Board effective immediately. Roach thanked the members of the Museum Board for the opportunity to serve as Chair, as well as for their help to facilitate the *Tales from Double Butte* fundraising event. Roach stated that she plans to explore new opportunities, but will continue to remain an advocate for the Tempe History Museum.
- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, thanked L. Roach for her service to the Museum Board, as well as to the Tempe History Museum.
- Betty Enz announced that the Tempe History Museum is playing host to Questers' seminars at 7 p.m. on February 1, 8, 15 and 22.
- Anne Chandler further distributed information related to the seminars facilitated by the Hayden's Ferry Chapter Questers organization. Chandler encouraged the Tempe Museum Board members to take advantage of the Questers' programming.

### **Agenda Item 9 - Future Agenda Items**

- Lisa Roach, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) Chair, suggested that the following item be placed on a future board agenda:
  - Museum Board Slate of Officers: 2011

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

**Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.**

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Reviewed by: Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator

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Julie Symopoulos, Vice Chair  
Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board