



Minutes Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board March 3, 2011

Minutes of the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board recorded at 9 a.m. on March 3, 2011, in the Tempe History Museum Board Room, 809 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Bob McKinley, Chair
Anne Chandler
Betty Enz
Mark Hubble
Angela Lopez
Shirley McKean
Gerald Woodward

City Staff Present:

Dr. Amy Douglass, Administrator - Tempe History Museum
Rachael Peterson, Administrative Assistant - Library and Cultural Services
Adrienne Richwine, Deputy Director - Library and Cultural Services

Guest(s) Present:

None

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Julie Syrmopoulos, Vice Chair

Meeting convened at 9:05 a.m.

Bob McKinley, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1: Consideration of the February 3, 2011, Meeting Minutes

- **MOTION:** Betty Enz moved to approve the Feb. 3, 2011, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Meeting Minutes.
- **SECOND:** Angela Lopez seconded.
- **DECISION:** Feb. 3, 2011, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Meeting Minutes approved.

Agenda Item 2: Report - Communications

- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, introduced Mark Hubble, a new Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) member; Dr. Douglass thanked M. Hubble for his service to the Museum Board and further welcomed him to the meeting.
- Dr. Douglass reminded the Museum Board members that the Tempe History Museum (Museum) is playing host to a BBQ fundraiser event at 5:30 p.m. on March 4 sponsored by the Tempe Historical Society; Dr. Douglass explained that the event was scheduled to coincide with the opening of the Museum's new exhibit titled, "The Finley Boys:

Arizona's Royal Family of Rodeo." Douglass encouraged the Museum Board members to attend the BBQ, and requested that all members RSVP their attendance per the directions outlined by the event's invitation.

- Dr. Douglass further encouraged the Museum Board members to attend the free, public opening celebration for *The Finley Boys* exhibit scheduled to take place at 10 a.m. on March 5 within the Museum, and on the grounds of the Tempe Community Center Complex Courtyard. Douglass reported that the event opening will feature rodeo demonstrations, arts and crafts, games, rodeo skills competitions and live cowboy/bluegrass music by *The Hey Boyz*.
- Dr. Douglass acknowledged the following PR for the opening of *The Finley Boys* exhibit:
 - One (1) azcentral.com feature article by Jay Mark;
 - One (1) azcentral.com calendar listing;
 - One (1) City of Tempe Community Relations Department press release;
 - One (1) *Raising Arizona Kids Magazine* calendar listing.

Agenda Item 3: Board Meeting Time

- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, initiated a discussion related to the amendment of the regularly-scheduled meeting time of the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board).
- In the absence of Julie Syrmopoulos, Museum Board Vice Chair, Dr. Douglass read comments submitted by J. Syrmopoulos via email message.
- Per an email message, J. Syrmopoulos communicated that the present regularly-scheduled Museum Board meetings occur during standard work hours and may impact the attendance of existing Museum Board members, as well as discourage other possible members from submitting an application to serve on the Museum Board.
- Anne Chandler and Mark Hubble stated that they have more flexibility to attend afternoon meetings.
- Gerald Woodward suggested that the Museum Board meet every other month.
- Betty Enz reported that she is able to attend the Museum Board meetings during the mornings and afternoons, and that she doesn't have any schedule conflicts.
- Angela Lopez stated that she prefers to attend the Museum Board meetings on the first Thursday of every month, and would like the meetings to continue to occur on the first Thursday of every month.
- Shirley McKean and Anne Chandler suggested that the Museum Board meet at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, within the Tempe History Museum Board Room. All Museum Board members present at the meeting agreed to temporarily amend the regularly-scheduled meeting time of the Museum Board; Bob McKinley, Museum Board Chair, requested that a permanent amendment of the Museum Board's regularly-scheduled meeting time be placed on the agenda for consideration at the Museum Board meeting scheduled to take place at 4 p.m. on April 7.

Agenda Item 4: Report - Arizona Centennial Planning

- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum (Museum) Administrator, reminded the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) members that the Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation, in conjunction with City of Tempe staff members,

intends to guide Tempe through its participation in Arizona's Centennial programming and events. Douglass explained that the Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation formed a City-wide committee that encompasses City of Tempe staff members, as well as several important areas of Tempe, to address Tempe's participation in Arizona's Centennial Celebration.

- Dr. Douglass noted the following proposed Tempe-specific Arizona Centennial programming and events:
 - Eisendrath House Dedication;
 - Acknowledgement of the Carl Hayden Campus of Sustainability Amenities (Papago Park, the Sandra Day O'Connor House, the Arizona Historical Museum).
- Dr. Douglass further acknowledged that the Downtown Tempe Community may revive its role to facilitate cell phone and guided tours of Tempe.

Agenda Item 5A: Report - Double Butte Cemetery Tour Event Committee

- No report.

Agenda Item 5B: Report - Public Programs

- Shirley McKean, Public Programs Representative, acknowledged that the Tempe History Museum (Museum) is playing host to the following programs and events in March:
 - Public Opening of *The Finley Boys* Exhibit (10 a.m., March 5, Museum Community Room and Tempe Community Center Complex Courtyard);
 - Live Performance of "Unstoppable Me" by Phoenix Theatre's *Cookie Company* (2 p.m., March 13, Museum Community Room);
 - "Grandma Lives with Us," a Book Reading by Nazli Currim (11 a.m. and 1 p.m., March 15, Museum Community Room);
 - Storytelling by Stella Pope Duarte, and Discussions of Writings about Growing-up in the Barrio (11 a.m. and 1 p.m., March 16, Museum Community Room);
 - St. Patrick's Day Storytelling by Peggy Moroney (11 a.m. and 1 p.m., March 17, Museum Community Room);
 - Discussions of Stories from the Sonoran Desert led by Conrad Storad (11 a.m. and 1 p.m., March 18, Museum Community Room);
 - Live Performance of "Cesar Says," by Zarco Guerrero and the Guerrero Musicians (7 p.m., March 19, Museum Community Room);
 - "The Amazing Tempe Race," an All-Day Competition in which Six-to-Seven Teams of Boy Scouts will Research Historic Tempeans (March 12, Museum Exhibit Hall Space and Double Butte Cemetery);
 - Third Thirstday Night Café Book Signing and Discussion of Judy Moreillon's Book Titled, "Sing Down the Rain," a Collection of Cultural and Spiritual Traditions of the Tohono O'odham (7 p.m., March 17, Museum Community Room);
 - The Arizona Student Film Festival's Screening of Past Winners (7 p.m., March 25, Museum Community Room).

Agenda Item 5C: 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 26 current, provisional deposits in February, 2011. Chandler further noted that per J. Roffler, there were no new acquisitions or loans.
- A. Chandler acknowledged the following new provisional deposit:
 - Furniture and Household Items formerly-belonging-to the *Petersen/Decker Family*.

Chandler explained that the Museum received a rocker belonging to Susanna Petersen, as well as bed sheet sets and a silver serving dish. Chandler noted that the Hayden's Ferry Chapter Questers will reupholster the Susanna Petersen rocker.

- A. Chandler further noted the following:
 - The Museum Collections Area staff and volunteers have finished preparing and mounting artifacts for *The Finley Boys* exhibit ;
 - Collections Area staff and volunteers are currently working to return artworks borrowed for the de-installed *Tom Harter: Picturing Change in Tempe* exhibit;
 - Eight (8) mannequins featured during a fundraiser for a school in Timbuktu were loaned to Tempe Sister Cities for a display at the Hackett House;
 - Collections volunteers finished digitizing the Museum's postcard collection;
 - The Museum has scanned and created computer catalog records for the first 550 photographs within the *Jan Young Collection*.

Agenda Item 5D: Report - Tempe Historic Preservation Commission

- No report.

Agenda Item 5E: Report - Tempe Historical Society

- Betty Enz, Tempe Historical Society member, reminded the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) members that the Tempe History Museum, in conjunction with the Tempe Historical Society, played host to a celebration of African American History Month at the Tempe History Museum at 6 p.m. on February 5; B. Enz explained that the celebration featured the following:
 - Artwork from ABC (Artists of the Black Community);
 - Folk and Soul Tunes of Teneia Sanders;
 - Nu Jazz from Spooky Cool;
 - A Reading of Martin Luther King's, "I Have a Dream" Speech by Elmer Green;
 - Gospel Music from the Brighter Day Worldwide Deliverance Ministries' Praise Team.
- B. Enz further encouraged the Museum Board members to attend *The Finley Boys* BBQ hosted by the Tempe Historical Society at 5:30 p.m. on March 4 at the Tempe History Museum (Museum). Enz acknowledged that tickets must be purchased in order to attend the event; B. Enz stated that tickets for the event may be purchased at the Tempe History Museum.

- B. Enz noted that the Tempe History Museum is playing host to a lunch talk event sponsored by the Tempe Historical Society at 11:30 a.m. on March 9 within the Museum's Community Room. Enz encouraged the Museum Board members to attend, and reported that Adair Landborn will discuss the cultural practices of Flamenco dance and Spanish bullfighting.

Agenda Item 5F: Report - Diversity Awareness Committee

- In the absence of Julie Syrmopoulos, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) Vice Chair and Diversity Awareness Committee representative, Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum (Museum) Administrator reported that the African American Advisory Board met on February 5. Douglass further reported that members of the African American Advisory Board participated in a discussion panel on Feb. 17 at Desert Vista High School. Douglass explained that the panel addressed life as African Americans in the 1960s and 1970s, and answered questions from student groups.
- Dr. Douglass stated that Jared Smith, Curator of History at the Museum, is reviving an existing grant-funded project to generate a 26-page booklet reflecting African American history in Tempe.

Agenda Item 5G: Report - Oral History Committee

- Bob McKinley, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) Chair and Oral History Committee Chair, reported that the Oral History Committee met on February 22; B. McKinley further reported that Jared Smith, Curator of History at the Tempe History Museum (Museum), continues to familiarize himself with the Museum's Oral History Collection, specifically the location of tapes, transcripts, inventories, equipment, policies and procedures. McKinley explained that J. Smith created a notebook to house inventories and additional material related to the Oral History Program.
- B. McKinley announced that there is sufficient funding within the Oral History Program's budget to apply towards the hiring of a professional transcriber to complete pending, high-priority interviews. McKinley added that he is working with J. Smith to recruit and hire a professional transcriber.
- B. McKinley noted that the Oral History Committee (Committee) will meet at 11 a.m. on March 4; B. McKinley stated that the Committee will discuss pending, high-priority interviews, as well as additional Committee projects.

Agenda Item 6 - Board Member Committee Assignments

- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, reminded the Museum Board members of the following committee representation:
 - 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 Syrmopoulos; Diversity Committee;
 - Bob McKinley; Oral History Committee.

Agenda Item 7 - Board Member Announcements

- No announcements.

Agenda Item 8 - Future Agenda Items

- Bob McKinley, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) Chair, suggested that the following item be placed on a future board agenda for consideration:
 - Permanent Amendment of Regular Museum Board Meeting Time: Action Item.

The next meeting of the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board is scheduled to take place at 4 p.m. on April 7 in the Tempe History Museum Board Room, 809 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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

Bob McKinley, Chair
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