
Minutes Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board November 3, 2011

Minutes of the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board recorded at 4 p.m. on November 3, 2011, within the Tempe History Museum Board Room, 809 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Bob McKinley, Chair
Betty Enz
Mark Hubble
Angela Lopez
Dr. James Schoenwetter
Gerald Woodward

City Staff Present:

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

Guest(s) Present:

None

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Julie Syrmopoulos, Vice Chair
Anne Chandler
Shirley McKean

Meeting convened at 4 p.m.

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

Agenda Item 1: Consideration of the October 6, 2011, Meeting Minutes

- **MOTION:** Dr. James Schoenwetter moved to approve the October 6, 2011, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Meeting Minutes.
- **SECOND:** Betty Enz seconded.
- **DECISION:** October 6, 2011, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Meeting Minutes approved.

Agenda Item 2: Communications Report

- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, presented the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) members with an article from the *Tempe Daily News* dated January, 1978, titled, "***Palynology Lab Studies Dig Finds.***" Dr. Douglass explained that the article highlights the work of ***Dr. James Schoenwetter***, Museum Board member. Douglass credited Bob McKinley, Museum Board Chair, for locating the article.

- Dr. Douglass reported that the Tempe History Museum (Museum), in conjunction with the Tempe Historical Society, is playing host to the **Larry Campbell Tree of Lights** (Tree) reception at 3 p.m. on December 11 within the Museum's Community Room.
- Dr. Douglass explained that the Larry Campbell Tree of Lights is an annual fundraiser program; Dr. Douglass added that fundraiser participants may purchase a light and/or a take-home ornament to be placed on the Tree in memory or remembrance of a friend or family member. Douglass further explained that monies generated by the fundraiser benefit the Museum's Oral History Program.

Agenda Item 3: Fifth Grade Program Update

- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, reminded the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) members that the Tempe History Museum (Museum) plays host to an interactive **Fifth Grade Program** that instills in **Tempe Elementary School District Number 3** students a sense of ownership in the history of Tempe, connects students to their everyday lives and inspires students to preserve their own history.
- Dr. Douglass explained that the program was designed by **James Burns**, former Curator of History at the Tempe History Museum. Douglass further explained that the program is an inquiry-based program and was designed based-upon the following exhibits within the Tempe History Museum:
 - **Surviving in the Desert**,
 - **College Town**;
 - **Living Together**;
 - **Building Tempe**.
- Dr. Douglass reported that students participate in the following 30-minute activities:
 - **Scavenger Hunt**;
 - **Theatre Game**;
 - **Tempe Monopoly**;
 - **Water Bottle Production**.
- Dr. Douglass encouraged the Museum Board members to view the student pre-visit material by visiting the following website:
 - **http://www.tempe.gov/museum/fifth_grade_program.htm**.
- Dr. Douglass stated that she is pleased with the progress of the program; Dr. Douglass noted that the program does meet fifth grade learning standards and will run from 9:30 to 11:30 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings through December 15.
- Dr. James Schoenwetter praised the Fifth Grade Program and stated that it appears to be an excellent program certain to instill a sense of history and community within young Tempe students.

Agenda Item 4A: Report - Double Butte Cemetery Tour Event

- No report; Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, stated that a City of Tempe staff-led committee will meet on November 10, 2011, to discuss the **Double Butte Cemetery Tour Event** scheduled to occur in **March, 2012**.

Agenda Item 4B: Report - Public Programs

- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, reported that the Tempe History Museum played host to a **Retro Spook-Tacular** titled, "**Haunted Places, Nefarious Deeds and Other Oddities**," on October 28, 2011.
- Dr. Douglass further reported that the event was successful; Dr. Douglass noted that 65 people attended the event. Douglass further noted that **Marshall Shore** presented stories and images about Jerome, as well as a clip from the horror movie, "**Frogs**," featuring **Lynn Freyse**, Miss Arizona 1957, a relative of **Lizzie Borden**. Douglass stated that the event included a costume party; Dr. Douglass explained that prizes were awarded to participants in three categories:
 - **Most Historic;**
 - **Spookiest;**
 - **Funniest.**

Agenda Item 4C: Report - Policy, Procedures and Accessions (P.P.A.)

- No report.

Agenda Item 4D: Report - Tempe Historic Preservation Commission

- No report.

Agenda Item 4E: Report - Tempe Historical Society

- Betty Enz, Tempe Historical Society Representative, reported that she plans to attend a lunch talk (sponsored by the Tempe Historical Society) scheduled to occur at 11:30 a.m. on November 9, 2011, within the Tempe History Museum Community Room. Enz explained that **Scott Solliday**, Historian and Aztec Engineering Representative, will present the history of Tempe's iconic **Hayden Mill**.

Agenda Item 4F: Report - Diversity Awareness

- No report.

Agenda Item 4G: Report - Oral History Program

- Bob McKinley, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) Chair and Oral History Program Representative, reported that **Susan Jensen**, Oral History Program Volunteer, continues to complete pending transcriptions. McKinley stated that S. Jensen completed **21 transcriptions** within the timeframe of June through October, 2011.
- B. McKinley further reported that S. Jensen completed the following oral histories in October, 2011:
 - **Stan Kyle;**
 - **Corey Woods;**
 - **Arlean Davis;**
 - **Edward Smith.**
- B. McKinley stated that Jared Smith, Curator of History at the Tempe History Museum, continues to review the old **master list of oral history nominees** in order to determine which names should be maintained on the master list and which names may be removed. McKinley acknowledged the following decision-making criteria:

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- ***Insufficient Information*** (Background and Contact);
 - ***Lack of Recommendation Information;***
 - ***Interview Refusal;***
 - ***Pre-existing, Filed Interview;***
 - ***Relative of Notable, Historic Tempe Figure.***
- B. McKinley reported that Anne Chandler, Museum Board member, continues to work towards setting-up her first interview as an oral historian.
 - B. McKinley added that Lorraine Calbow, Oral History Program Volunteer, continues to work with the Veterans Oral History Program; B. McKinley explained that L. Calbow will facilitate veteran interviews. McKinley added that L. Calbow will also interview Dr. Staff, a long-time Tempe physician. McKinley noted that Dr. Staff will discuss his life, career and an upcoming exhibit related to the history of medicine in territorial Tempe.

Agenda Item 5 - Board Member Announcements

- No announcements.

Agenda Item 6 - Future Agenda Items

- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, suggested that the following items be placed on a future board agenda for discussion:
 - **Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation Presentation (Woody Wilson);**
 - **African American Advisory Committee Presentation (Dr. Fred Warren).**

The next meeting of the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board is scheduled to take place at 4 p.m. on December 1 within the Tempe History Museum Board Room, 809 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Prepared by: Rachael Peterson, Library and Cultural Services Division Administrative Assistant

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

Bob McKinley, Chair
Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board