



Minutes Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board January 5, 2012

Minutes of the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board recorded at 4 p.m. on January 5, 2012, within the Tempe History Museum Board Room, 809 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Bob McKinley, Chair
Anne Chandler
Mark Hubble
Gerald Woodward

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Julie Syrmopoulos, Vice Chair
Betty Enz
Angela Lopez
Shirley McKean
Dr. James Schoenwetter

City Staff Present:

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

Guest(s) Present:

Earl Oats, Tempe African American Advisory Board
Fred Warren, Tempe African American Advisory Board

Meeting convened at 4:02 p.m.

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

Agenda Item 1: Consideration of the December 1, 2011, Meeting Minutes

- Bob McKinley, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) Chair, tabled ***Agenda Item 1: Consideration of the December 1, 2011, Meeting Minutes*** due to a lack of a voting quorum.
- B. McKinley stated that the tabled agenda item will be placed on the January 2, 2012, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board meeting agenda document.

Agenda Item 2: Communications Report

- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, presented a news article to the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board members from a ***Tempe Republic*** issue dated Saturday, December 31, 2011. Douglass reported that the article highlighted the work of ***Tempe's African American Advisory Board*** (Board), as well as the contributions of the Board's past chair, ***Edward Smith***.

Agenda Item 3: African American Advisory Committee Update

- Bob McKinley, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Chair, introduced **Fred Warren**, Chair of **Tempe's African American Advisory Board** (Board), and **Earl Oats**, Board member, and further welcomed F. Warren and E. Oats to the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) meeting.
- E. Oats explained that Tempe's African American Advisory Board consists of 30 Tempe citizens; F. Warren acknowledged the following accomplishments of the Board:
 - **Tempe Oral History Program Interview Contributions;**
 - **Brochure Publications;**
 - **Tempe Resident Notebook Composition and Publication.**
- F. Warren stated that the Tempe African American Advisory Board (Board) was created by Edward Smith as a means to represent African Americans in Tempe. Warren noted that E. Smith served as Chair of the Board through his death.
- F. Warren reported that Tempe's African American Advisory Board sponsors a celebration of **Black History Month** at **6 p.m.** on **February 25, 2012**, within the Tempe History Museum's Community Room. Warren encouraged the Museum Board members to attend, and further explained that the celebration features the following:
 - **Art from ABC (Artists of the Black Community);**
 - **"I Have a Dream" Martin Luther King speech by Elmer Green;**
 - **Gospel music from the Brighter Day Worldwide Deliverance;**
 - **Ministries' Praise Team;**
 - **Teneia Sanders' original folk and soul tunes;**
 - **Nu Jazz from Spooky Cool.**
- F. Warren stated that Tempe's African American Advisory Board is willing to partner with the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) as a means to be an active voice in the review of exhibitions within the Tempe History Museum. Warren further praised the Museum Board for its support of the African American Advisory Board.
- E. Oats reported that Tempe's African American Advisory Board facilitated a **discussion panel** at **Desert Vista High School**. Oats explained that the panel consisted of six members of Tempe's African American community, and that the panel addressed student inquiries during an all-school assembly presentation.

Agenda Item 4: 2012 Slate of Officers

- Bob McKinley, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) Chair, tabled **Agenda Item 4: 2012 Slate of Officers** due to a lack of a voting quorum.
- B. McKinley stated that the tabled agenda item will be placed on the January 2, 2012, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board meeting agenda document.

Agenda Item 5: Review of Vision Statement

- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum (Museum) Administrator, presented the following **Museum vision statement** to the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) members:
 - **The Tempe History Museum is a center where the community comes together to celebrate Tempe's past and ponder the future.**

- Dr. Douglass encouraged the Museum Board members to review the Museum's vision statement.
- Mark Hubble, Museum Board member, suggested that it may be more beneficial for the Museum staff members to review the Museum's vision statement, revise as necessary, and present the statement to the Museum Board members for review and approval.
- Dr. Douglass noted the importance of receiving input from the Museum's many volunteers, as well as from Museum staff members and Museum Board members.

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

- Gerald Woodward, Double Butte Cemetery Tour Event representative, stated that a City of Tempe (City) staff-led committee continues to meet to discuss the ***Double Butte Cemetery Tour Event*** scheduled to occur at **2 p.m.** on **March 4, 2012**.
- G. Woodward reported that this year's tour event will follow a similar format as in the past; G. Woodward noted that the tour will begin with a shot-gun start and three (3) groups will be led along a tour guided by presenters dressed in character.
- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, acknowledged the following historically-significant notables along the tour:
 - ***Carol Smith;***
 - ***Carl Spain;***
 - ***Curt Miller;***
 - ***Estelle Hackett;***
 - ***The Decker Family.***
- G. Woodward encouraged Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) members to attend, and explained that ***tickets*** for the event are **\$15** and may be purchased via the ***CLASS Registration Program*** at any community center within the City of Tempe that accepts instructional program registration.
- G. Woodward stated that the next meeting of the Double Butte Cemetery Tour Committee (City of Tempe staff-led committee) is scheduled to occur at **6 p.m.** on **January 19, 2012**.

Agenda Item 6B: Report - Public Programs

- In the absence of Shirley McKean, Public Programs representative, Bob McKinley, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) Chair, reported that the Tempe History Museum played host to the following event in December, 2011:
 - ***Performance of the Nutcracker by the Paradise Winds Ensemble*** (7 p.m., December 9, 2011).
- B. McKinley, Museum Board Chair, reported that the Tempe History Museum will play host to the following events in January, 2012:
 - ***The Pictures Tell the Story: Continuity and Change in Tempe*** (Photo Exhibit opening January 7, 2012);
 - ***Third Thirstday Night Café at the Museum: Research Matters - An Exhibit of the Latest and Greatest Arizona State University (re)Photography*** (7 p.m., January 19, 2012).

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

- Anne Chandler, Policy, Procedures and Accessions (P.P.A.) Representative, presented

the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) members with a statistics report compiled by **Josh Roffler**, Curator of Collections at the Tempe History Museum (Museum), specific to deposits, acquisitions and loans in **December, 2011**.

- A. Chandler reported that the Museum received **13 provisional deposits** in December, 2011. Chandler further noted that there were **no new acquisitions**.
- A. Chandler acknowledged the following provisional deposits:
 - **Photographs of the Tempe Knights of Pythias, 1950s and 1960s** donated by **Warren Van Egmond**;
 - **Papers and Photographs of Michael Goodwin** donated by **Sam Goodwin**.
- A. Chandler acknowledged the following **incoming loan**:
 - **Six display cases containing holiday-themed Lego brick sculptures** for display within the Tempe History Museum Lobby from **Cactus Brick Lego Club**.
- A. Chandler further reported the following information:
 - Tempe History Museum staff members and Policy, Procedures and Accessions (P.P.A.) representatives have made a number of visits to the home of the late architect Michael Goodwin;
 - Fourteen (14) boxes of Goodwin's papers and photographs are to be reviewed by Policy, Procedures and Accessions (P.P.A.) representatives.

Agenda Item 6D: Report - Tempe Historic Preservation Commission

- In the absence of Shirley McKean, Tempe Historic Preservation Commission representative, Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, reported the following information:
 - The Tempe Historic Preservation Commission will pursue the addition of **Tempe City Hall** and **Tempe Double Butte Cemetery** to **Tempe's Historic Properties Register**;
 - Woody Wilson provided an update in relation to **Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation** activities;
 - **Historic District Design Guidelines** for the **Borden House Subdivision** were discussed;
 - A **Historic Property Survey and Inventory** of the **Gage Addition** and **Park Track** to identify pre-1941 properties were discussed to produce additional individual Tempe Historic Property Register nominations.

Agenda Item 6E: Report - Tempe Historical Society

- No report.

Agenda Item 6F: Report - Diversity Awareness

- No report.

Agenda Item 6G: 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 **25 transcriptions** within the timeframe of March through December, 2011.

- B. McKinley further reported that S. Jensen completed the following oral histories in December, 2011:
 - **Sandra Clark Moman;**
 - **Don Campbell;**
 - **Dr. Leonard Staff.**
- B. McKinley acknowledged that **Michael Wady**, an African American resident of Tempe, member of the Tempe Afro-American Club and graduate of Tempe High School, was recently added to the master list of oral history nominees, as well as **Jean Stroud Crane.**
- B. McKinley confirmed that work is underway by volunteer oral historians to schedule the following interviews:
 - **Glen Jepsen;**
 - **Betty Jane Rundle;**
 - **Gustavo "Gus" Gutierrez.**
- B. McKinley further reported that guests of **Tempe's Veterans' Oral History Project** visited the **Pima Air and Space Museum** on December 12, 2011.

Agenda Item 7 - Board Member Announcements

- Bob McKinley, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Chair, reported that the **Guess Birchett Chapter of Questers** is playing host to a quilt show on March 9 and 10, 2012, at the Elias Rodriguez House.
- Anne Chandler announced that the **Hayden's Ferry Chapter of Questers** will play host to antique seminars every Tuesday in February, 2012.

Agenda Item 8 - Future Agenda Items

- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, suggested that the following items be placed on a future board agenda for discussion:
 - **Consideration of the December 1, 2011, Meeting Minutes (Tabled);**
 - **2012 Slate of Officers (Tabled);**
 - **Review of Museum Vision Statement.**

The next meeting of the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board is scheduled to take place at 4 p.m. on February 2, 2012, within the Tempe History Museum Board Room, 809 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

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Bob McKinley, Chair
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