

Minutes

Post Renovation Opening Committee of the Historical Museum Advisory Board

May 19, 2009

Minutes of the Post Renovation Opening Committee on May 19, 2009, 6:00 p.m., at the Tempe Public Library Connections Café, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona.

Historical Museum Advisory Board Present:

Anne Chandler

Tempe Historical Society Board Present:

Mary Ann Kwilosz

City Staff Present:

Amy Douglass, Museum Administrator

Meeting convened at 6:00 pm

Agenda Item 1 - Opening Events Planning

- The committee discussed further the week of programming for the post renovation opening of the museum.
 - The Friday evening preview reception and the Saturday public opening will feature PowerPoint presentations of the demolition and construction on video screens in the lobby.
 - An extreme makeover theme is still being considered for the Saturday opening.
- Other days of the opening week will feature:
 - Sunday: Tempe Historical Society barbeque dinner and tour of museum
 - Monday: TBD (see below)
 - Tuesday: TBD (see below)
 - Wednesday: Tempe Historical Society lunch talk or Central Arizona Museum Association lunch for museum professionals
 - Thursday: Third Thirstday evening program
 - Friday: afternoon for elementary school children that are on early release; evening for a teen event
 - Activities for Monday, Tuesday and Thursday during the day could target seniors, the community groups with which the museum has worked (Southeast Asians, Muslims, Hispanics, African Americans), community organizations that support the museum (Tempe Garden Club, Questers, Kiwanis), and/or other friends groups (Tempe Library and Tempe Center for the Arts).
 - Volunteer recruitment should be an activity during this week.
- It was decided that the committee's ideas will be presented to the Community Relations staff and a planning process will be established before the committee meets again.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.