



Minutes TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION May 9, 2007

Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission at 6 p.m. on May 9, 2007, at the Tempe Public Library Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Scott Burge, Chair
Paul Hubbell, Vice Chair
Scott Essex
Betsy Fahlman
Nancy Goren
Donna Goyette
Lise Hawkos
Shirlee King
Lisa Morley
Linda Sleight

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Robert Bortfeld
Ed Coyoli
Kate Hanley
Richard Strange

City Staff Present:

Adrienne Richwine, Fine Arts Supervisor
Don Fassinger, Tempe Center for the Arts Administrator
Elizabeth Lagman, Public Art Specialist
Rachael Peterson, Cultural Services Division Admin.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to order

Scott Burge called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Commission Retreat Minutes

MOTION: Betsy Fahlman moved to approve the minutes.
SECOND: Lisa Morley seconded.
DECISION: Minutes approved.

Agenda Item 3 – Director’s Report

- Adrienne Richwine said that the city of Tempe summer class session registration process was underway; about one half of the art instructional program classes have reached their maximum enrollment numbers. Adrienne encouraged TMAC members to view new teen class offerings in the summer brochure material and also mentioned that the Art Instructional Program surpassed its revenue goal before the beginning of summer class registration on April 30.
- Richwine announced that the city of Tempe Community Center Complex Courtyard is the location for the Reels in Motion movie series in the fall.
- Don Fassinger said that there was nothing new to report regarding the city of Tempe Community Galleries exhibitions.

Agenda Item 4 – Chairperson’s Report

- Scott Burge said that Chris Salomone, city of Tempe Community Development Manager, will be attending the June 13 TMAC meeting. Salomone will discuss the RFP process for the development west of the TCA.

Agenda Item 5 – New Business

- A discussion was held regarding the TMAC Bylaws (Reference: Ordinance No. 88.62) distributed to the commission at the April 21 TMAC retreat. Richwine said that an additional revision of the bylaws would be distributed at the June 13 commission meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – TCA Update

- Fassinger confirmed that the TCA’s exterior glass was deinstalled as a result of installation concerns related to the building’s original glass subcontractor. He added that the reinstallation of the exterior glass seemed to be a smoother, faster process than originally planned.
- Fassinger said that the TCA is being acclimatized; the temperature and humidity of the building are being stabilized. Additionally, the woodwork is complete in the patron bar, the Donor Room and the Lobby. He said that artist Brower Hatcher is installing the TCA sculpture garden piece “Aurora” in mid-May. This 17-foot-tall collection of leaf-like forms, LED lighting and glass is the first public art piece of several to be installed in the 5,700 square foot garden.
- Fassinger announced that Ned Kahn completed an overhead panel of steel decking, glass marble and stainless steel mirrors outside of the main entrance of the TCA.
- Betsy Fahlman inquired about the Mayme Kratz TCA public art piece. Fassinger said that the piece was temporarily put on hold due to a problem with the fiber optics of the piece. “True North” is a fire piece that may be seen from both inside and outside of the TCA because it pierces the north lobby wall. The 10-foot-high piece marks the compass direction of north.
- Fassinger said that the orchestra shell was installed in the TCA Theatre.

Agenda Item 7a – Public Art/AIPD Committee

- Fahlman announced that artist Becky Ross was selected to design and carryout an AIPD project at the Papago Gateway Center. Ross, using colored tumbled glass separated by perforated metal dividers, will create a multiple-part artwork consisting of four water features with various levels, spanning a total length of 170 feet throughout the center. Fiber optic lighting under the glass will enable the project to have a subtle nighttime presence.

MOTION: Linda Sleight moved to approve the AIPD project.

SECOND: Paul Hubbell seconded.

DECISION: Papago Gateway Center AIPD project approved.

- A discussion was held regarding integrating Filippo Tagliati’s prints into a published city of Tempe Public Art Plan.

Agenda Item 7b– Grants Committee

- Linda Sleight announced that the Grants Committee and city staff were well-prepared for the 2007-2008 city of Tempe Art Project Grant Applicant Review Panel meeting taking place on May 11, in the Tempe Historical Museum Board Room. Sleight said that there were about 20 applicants and was pleased to announce that many were first-time city of Tempe art grants applicants.
- Burge requested that the 2008-2009 grant applicant guidelines be updated to request a mandatory submission of supplemental materials of all grant applicants.

Agenda Item 7c– Communication/Advocacy Committee

- A discussion was held regarding the grand opening celebration of the TCA scheduled for September 7, 8 and 9. Fassinger announced the hiring of an event producer, Judy Yates, for the weekend-long celebration.
- Donna Goyette presented two articles written in local publications featuring exhibits in city of Tempe community galleries.
- Goyette announced that the Communications/Advocacy Committee outlined five goals that it would like to accomplish within the next six months. The goals are:
 1. More TCA involvement – working with Nikki Ripley, city of Tempe Communication and Media Relations Director, in the planning stages of the TCA grand opening celebration.
 2. Transitioning Tempe Arts News into a calendar piece for the TCA and all other Cultural Services Division programs and events.
 3. More art-related press.
 4. Assist subcommittees with public relations efforts.
 5. To communicate with the Tempe City Council and/or other pertinent entities.
- Burge recommended that the Communication/Advocacy Committee help facilitate an event where 2007-2008 art grant recipients may thank the Tempe City Council for its support of local art organizations and their respective programming.

Agenda Item 7d– Facility Committee

- No new business.

Agenda Item 8 – Discussion of Retreat

- A discussion was held regarding the creation of a document entitled, “The State of the Arts.” Burge requested that this document be updated every two years; it may be something that may be distributed as a point of pride on behalf of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission. Burge also reminded the commission about the importance of educating the general public regarding the goals and objectives of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission. This document will not include public art.

Agenda Item 7 – Old Business

- Nancy Goren said that she would like the commission to be active in the imagination process for the development west of the TCA.
- Fahlman said that the Tempe City Council will ask for the commission’s input regarding the RFP process for the development west of the TCA at an appropriate time. Fahlman

also requested that an updated listing of the 2007-2008 committee and commission meeting dates be distributed to the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission members.

- Scott Essex announced that the Friends of the TCA is meeting with Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman on May 10.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on June 13 in the Library Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Prepared by: Rachael A. Peterson

Reviewed by: Jody Ulich

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Position/Title