



## Minutes TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION October 8, 2008

Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission recorded at 6 p.m. on October 8, 2008, at the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) 201 Lounge, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Paul Hubbell, Chair  
Linda Sleight, Vice Chair  
Robert Bortfeld  
Betsy Fahlman  
Nancy Goren  
Kate Hanley  
Shirlee King  
Lisa Morley  
Richard Strange  
Frank Williams

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Ed Coyoli  
Judy Ellison  
Donna Goyette  
Chin-an Shen

**City Staff Present:**

Don Fassinger, Cultural Facilities Administrator  
Elizabeth Lagman, Public Art Specialist  
Rachael Peterson, Cultural Services Division Admin. Asst.  
Maja Switzer, Arts Administrator

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to order**

- Paul Hubbell called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2 – Approval of the Sept. 10 Commission Minutes**

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

**Agenda Item 3 – Cultural Facilities Administrator’s Notes**

- Don Fassinger, city of Tempe Cultural Facilities Administrator, acknowledged that the fall '08 city of Tempe Art Instructional Program classes are in session. Fassinger added that the Art Instructional Program is facilitated by Lona Gearhart, city of Tempe Art Instructional Program Coordinator.
- D. Fassinger announced that the Cultural Services Division is playing host to the following events:
  - TCA Biennial Reception: Paper (Sept. 6; Exhibition on display through Jan. 10 - hosted in conjunction with Friends of TCA; TCA Gallery)
  - Art Connections Café: Flower and Fauna (Noon – 1 p.m.; Sept. 25; Connections Café, 3500 S. Rural Road)
  - Childsplay: “Miss Nelson is Missing” (Sept. 13 – Oct. 5; TCA Theater)
  - Ballet Under the Stars (7 p.m., Sept. 26; TCA lakeside amphitheater)

- JAMN Jazz: Judy Roberts and Jesse McGuire (8 p.m., Sept. 26; Lakeside)
- Paper Cup Exchange/TCA Biennial: Paper (7 p.m., Oct. 9; TCA Gallery)
- Desert Dance Theatre: Arizona Dance Festival (Oct. 10-11; TCA Theater)
- Tempe Symphony Orchestra (7:30 p.m., Oct. 13; TCA Theater)
- Childsplay: "Getting Near to Baby" (Oct. 25 – Nov. 9; TCA Theater)
- Arizona Wind Symphony (7:30 p.m., Oct. 29; TCA Theater)
- JAMN Jazz: Benny Green (8 p.m., Oct. 31; TCA Theater)
- Phoenix Youth Symphony (Nov. 2; TCA Theater)
- D. Fassinger reported that the Friends of TCA Gala is taking place at 6 p.m. on Nov. 1 at the Tempe Center for the Arts. Fassinger reminded the commission that the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) members will be issued one ticket for their attendance at the event. Fassinger added that the Friends of TCA encourages the TMAC members to join the Friends for an evening of hosted cocktails, food and a special performance by Franc D'Ambrosio, best known for his role in *The Phantom of the Opera* for which he earned the title, "The World's Longest Running Phantom," after playing the role over 3000 times. Fassinger advised the TMAC members to contact Rachael Peterson, Cultural Services Division Administrative Assistant, with their ticket requests.
- D. Fassinger commended the Cultural Services Division staff for their efforts in relation to Ballet Under the Stars. Fassinger added that the program has grown significantly since its inception with the city of Tempe approximately 10 years ago.
- D. Fassinger announced that the Tempe Tardeada is set to take place from noon to 8 p.m. on Oct. 12 in the Tempe Community Center Complex Courtyard located at 809 E. Southern Avenue.
- Richard Strange reported that the Tempe Symphony Orchestra (TSO) concert set to take place at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 13 in the TCA Theater is sold out; Strange added that the TSO dress rehearsal set to take place at 4 p.m. on Oct. 12 in the TCA Theater is free and open to the public.

#### **Agenda Item 4 – Chairperson's Report**

- Paul Hubbell encouraged the TMAC members to participate in a city of Tempe tree survey. Hubbell added that TMAC participation in the city surveying process gives commission members an opportunity to provide feedback regarding the general aesthetic of Tempe.
- Betsy Fahlman asked Rachael Peterson to provide the commission members with a link to the survey via email message.
- Nancy Goren expressed concern for the design of the light rail shade structures; P. Hubbell reminded the commission that additional landscaping and art elements will be integrated into the shade structures.
- B. Fahlman suggested that M.B. Finnerty, Valley Metro Rail and Glendale Public Art Coordinator, provide the commission with a light rail public art update. Fahlman also expressed an interest in coordinating a light rail public art tour for the commission members.

#### **Agenda Item 5 – New Business**

- Don Fassinger facilitated a PowerPoint presentation titled, "TCA: Year in Review."

- D. Fassinger encouraged the TMAC members to contact him for additional information related to the TCA presentation.
- Shirlee King requested a copy of a Tempe Sister Cities photograph that was part of D. Fassinger's TCA PowerPoint presentation.
- Lisa Morley inquired about the TCA revenue goals; D. Fassinger stated that the TCA surpassed its projected revenue goals within its first year of operation.

**Agenda Item 6a – Public Art/AIPD Committee**

- Betsy Fahlman announced that visual artist Aaron P. Hussey submitted an updated petroglyph proposal in regards to the Double Butte Cemetery Public Art Opportunity. Fahlman added that A. Hussey's project proposal will be reviewed by the Double Butte Cemetery Review Panel at a date to be determined.

**Agenda Item 7b– Grants Committee**

- No report.

**Agenda Item 7c– Communications/Advocacy Committee**

- No report.

**Agenda Item 7d– Facilities Committee**

- Lisa Morley reported that the Facilities Committee met and reviewed a TCA Partner Program Application submitted by Carley Conder on behalf of CONDER/dance. Morley added that upon reviewing the application, the Facilities Committee voted to recommend approval of CONDER/dance's partner application as the application did meet the necessary partner criterion requirements.  
**MOTION: Frank Williams moved to accept the CONDER/dance partner application.**  
**SECOND: Betsy Fahlman seconded.**  
**DECISION: CONDER/dance TCA Partner Program Application accepted.**

**Agenda Item 7 – Commission Member's Announcements**

- No announcements.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Nov. 12 in the TCA 201 Lounge, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.**

Prepared by: Rachael Peterson

Reviewed by: Adrienne Richwine

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Position/Title