



Minutes TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION January 14, 2009

Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission recorded at 6 p.m. on January 14, 2009, in the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) 201 Lounge, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Betsy Fahlman, Vice Chair
Robert Bortfeld
Judy Ellison
Donna Goyette
Kate Hanley
Paul Hubbell
Shirlee King
Richard Strange
Frank Williams

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Linda Sleight, Chair
Ed Coyoli
Nancy Goren
Lisa Morley

City Staff Present:

Adrienne Richwine, Deputy Community Services Manager
Elizabeth Lagman, Public Art Specialist
Rachael Peterson, Cultural Services Division Admin. Asst.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to order

- Betsy Fahlman called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of the Dec. 10 Commission Minutes

MOTION: Kate Hanley moved to approve the minutes.
SECOND: Judy Ellison seconded.
DECISION: Minutes approved.

Agenda Item 3 – Cultural Services Director’s Report

- Adrienne Richwine, city of Tempe Deputy Community Services Manager – Cultural Services Division, reported that an Orbit mini-bus route to the TCA has been discussed; however, until city revenues increase, a route to the TCA is not feasible. Richwine added that Tempe residents may submit their feedback in regards to the Tempe In Motion program to the city of Tempe Transportation Department via telephone call at 480.350.2739.
- A. Richwine provided the commission members with an update in regards to the new commission member process; Richwine stated that prospective commission members visit the following website to print and submit their preferred commission application(s):
<http://www.tempe.gov/clerk/Boards&Commissions.htm>

Richwine added that all complete applications are submitted to Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman; Mayor Hallman reviews the applications and appoints new members with the approval of the Tempe City Council.

- Paul Hubbell announced that he solicited TMAC membership at Arizona State University (ASU).
- On behalf of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC), Betsy Fahlman, Vice Chair, volunteered to write a letter to Mayor Hallman and the Tempe City Council discussing the need to fill five TMAC member vacancies.
- A. Richwine presented the commission with an update in regards to “Elements,” the development west of the TCA. Richwine affirmed that the Tempe City Council has authorized \$6.5 million dollars for the remediation and infrastructure of the “Elements” project; Richwine added that city development agreements are complete (approved and signed) with the Roberto-Venn School of Luthiery and Meltdown Glass. Development agreements with Childsplay and Arizona Bronze are nearly complete.
- A. Richwine encouraged the TMAC members to contact Nancy Ryan, Rio Salado Manager, via email message at Nancy_Ryan@tempe.gov with any questions or comments regarding “Elements.”
- A. Richwine invited the TMAC members to attend a free jazz concert sponsored by the Friends of TCA featuring Grammy-nominated jazz pianist Judy Roberts and local favorite, vocalist Dennis Rowland, at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 6 in the TCA Studio. Richwine also encouraged the TMAC members to join the Friends of TCA; Richwine added that the Friends of TCA is playing host to an arts career day on Jan. 15 at the TCA.
- A. Richwine announced that the Friends of TCA is also playing host to a new, free program titled, “Performance with a View.” Richwine further reported that violinist Eva Lundell and pianist Kathy Rood are set to perform pieces by Mozart and Beethoven at 10 a.m. on Feb. 17 in the TCA Lakeside Room.
- B. Fahlman inquired about the success of the New Year’s Eve event hosted by the Friends of TCA; Kate Hanley reported that the Friends of TCA generated revenue at their New Year’s Eve and Fourth of July events. Hanley also encouraged the TMAC members to join the Friends of TCA and reminded the commission members that the Feb. 6 jazz concert is a free event for members of the Friends of TCA.
- A. Richwine reported that the Gallery at TCA is playing host to *NCECA: 2009 Regional Student Juried Exhibition*. Richwine added that the exhibition, co-sponsored by the National Council on the Education for the Ceramic Arts and the Gallery at TCA, showcases the emerging talents of ceramic artists in a 10-state region. A free, public reception is set to take place at 7 p.m. on Jan. 25 in the Gallery at TCA; the Friends of TCA is playing host to a reception with Friends of TCA members and the NCECA exhibition artists at 6 p.m. on Jan. 24 in the TCA 201 Lounge. Finally, the Friends of TCA and NCECA reception with the exhibition artists is set to take place at 6 p.m. on April 9 in the TCA Lakeside Room and Gallery. Richwine encouraged the TMAC members to visit the following website for additional information:
<http://www.tempe.gov/TCA/Gallery/exhibitions.htm>
- A. Richwine reminded the commission members that the winter '09 city of Tempe Art Instructional Program Class Session is underway; 22 classes have filled.
- A. Richwine encouraged the commission members to view the “2009: Showing at the Tempe Center for the Arts” placard included in the January meeting packet for additional information related to special events at the TCA.

- A. Richwine reminded the commission that the Edna Vihel Center for the Arts Lobby was updated; updates included modern lighting, fresh paint and new hanging systems to showcase artwork (similar to the existing system in the Art Connections Café – Tempe Public Library). Richwine stated that the updates create a gallery atmosphere in the Vihel Lobby, a space that emphasizes a goal of creating a campus of culture between the Tempe Public Library, the Tempe Historical Museum and the Edna Vihel Center for the Arts.
- A. Richwine reported that a performance by the Tempe Symphony Orchestra (TSO) is set to take place at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 23 in the TCA Theater.
- A. Richwine distributed a postcard to the commission members submitted by the Arizona Academy of the Performing Arts announcing the Academy's 8th Annual Benefit Dinner taking place at 6 p.m. on March 20 at the Arizona Grand Resort, 8000 S. Arizona Grand Parkway, Phoenix, AZ.
- B. Fahlman encouraged the commission members to view the *NCECA: 2009 Regional Student Juried Exhibition* at the Gallery at TCA. Fahlman added that the exhibition will run Jan. 24 – April 11.
- B. Fahlman reminded the commission that the Desert Botanical Garden is playing host to the exhibition *Chihuly: The Nature of Glass*. Artist Dale Chihuly has been influential within the Studio Glass Movement; working in a free-form manner, Chihuly's approach has been described by viewers as "liquid light." Tickets are required to view Chihuly's exhibition; admissions may be purchased online at dbg.org or by phone at 480.481.8188.

Agenda Item 4 – Chairperson's Report

- Betsy Fahlman advised the commission members to complete their 2009 TMAC Committee Preference Form; Adrienne Richwine added that the completed needed to be submitted to Rachael Peterson, Cultural Services Division Administrative Assistant.
- B. Fahlman announced that visual artist Esmerelda DeLaney completed an additional standpipe for the University Heights Neighborhood.
- B. Fahlman stated that the Friends of TCA is seeking support from the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) in regards to the designation of the East Promenade at the TCA in honor and memory of the late E.J. and Virginia Tinsley. Fahlman added that the Friends of TCA Board of Directors believes that it is appropriate and fitting to recognize the Tinsleys for their major contributions to the arts in Tempe by designating the East Promenade as the Tinsley Promenade at the TCA. Fahlman further reported that the Friends of TCA is requesting that the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission generate a letter of support for the Friends of TCA.
- Kate Hanley further explained that a letter was submitted to the Tempe City Council in June, 2008; the letter went before the Council in November, 2008.
- Discussion was held in regards to generating a letter of support for the Friends of TCA; Fahlman suggested that the letter be generated by the TMAC Advocacy/Communications' Committee. Fahlman stated that it appeared to be the consensus of the commission to generate a letter of support for the Friends of TCA; Donna Goyette, Advocacy/Communications' Committee Chair, stated that she would generate a letter on behalf of the commission with assistance from the TMAC members.
- B. Fahlman inquired about integrating an artist-designed plaque into the East Promenade at the TCA.

Agenda Item 5 – New Business

- Richard Strange inquired about the TSO ticketing procedure; A. Richwine encouraged Strange to contact Don Fassinger, Cultural Facilities Administrator, for additional information regarding the TSO ticketing procedure.
- R. Strange requested that the commission members receive an update in regards to the the Tempe Town Lake Pedestrian Bridge.
- Frank Williams reported that he met with Linda Essig, director of the ASU School of Theatre and Film. Williams stated that he discussed that possibility of designing a collaborative program between the downtown Tempe community, ASU, the city of Tempe and Harkins Theatres. Williams added that L. Essig intends to present the possible program to additional ASU faculty members; Williams stated that he'd like to create a program that serves as a template for any community.
- K. Hanley suggested that F. Williams contact the Tempe Convention and Visitor's Bureau for additional support.

Agenda Item 6a – Public Art/AIPD Committee

- No report.

Agenda Item 6b– Grants Committee

- Kate Hanley reported that the Arts Project, Organizational Development and MiniGrant applications are in the process of being revised; Hanley explained that the committee members were asked to submit feedback in regards to the city of Tempe Arts Grant Applications.

Agenda Item 6c– Communications/Advocacy Committee

- Donna Goyette reported that in December, 2008, the TMAC members signed greeting cards that were distributed to the Tempe City Council members, thanking the Council members for their continued support of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission and the city of Tempe Cultural Services Division.

Agenda Item 6d– Facilities Committee

- No report.

Agenda Item 7 – Commission Member's Announcements

- Shirlee King announced that her son's photographs of the Iditarod will be on permanent display in a scrapbook at the Tempe Historical Museum.
- Betsy Fahlman encouraged the TMAC members to join the Friends of TCA.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Feb. 11 in the TCA 201 Lounge, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Prepared by: Rachael Peterson

Reviewed by: Adrienne Richwine

Authorized Signature
Position/Title