



## Minutes TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION February 11, 2009

Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) recorded at 6 p.m. on February 11, 2009, in the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) 201 Lounge, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Linda Sleight, Chair  
Betsy Fahlman, Vice Chair  
Robert Bortfeld  
Doris Parker Chamberlain  
Ed Coyoli  
Nikie Crawford  
Judy Ellison  
Nancy Goren  
Barbara Hanigsberg  
Shirlee King  
Richard Strange  
Frank Williams

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Donna Goyette  
Kate Hanley

**City Staff Present:**

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

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to order**

- Linda Sleight called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2 – Approval of the Jan. 14 Commission Minutes**

**MOTION:** Betsy Fahlman moved to approve the minutes.  
**SECOND:** Robert Bortfeld 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 three positions within the city of Tempe Cultural Services Division have been identified and are slated for elimination due to the present economic conditions; Richwine added that placement options will be offered to the employees presently in the positions slated for elimination.
- A. Richwine stated that the CIP dollars have not yet been determined for the upcoming fiscal year; current arts-related programming, including the administration of arts grants, is set to take place as normal.

- A. Richwine invited the TMAC members to view the following website for information related to special events taking place within the city of Tempe Cultural Services Division:
  - <http://www.tempe.gov/arts/events/>
- A. Richwine announced that the TCA is playing host to a new performing arts series for adults; singer, songwriter Walt Richardson is heading-up "Walk-In Wednesdays," an open-mic night set to begin at 7 p.m. on Feb. 11 in the TCA Lobby. Richwine added that reoccurring appetizer and drink specials will be available on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 6 p.m.
- A. Richwine reported that the 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 was a well-attended, successful event.
- A. Richwine announced that the Tempe Symphony Orchestra (TSO) is set to perform a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 23 in the TCA Theater. Dr. Richard Strange, TMAC member and TSO Conductor, added that tickets to the performance will be distributed at the doors at 6:30 p.m., prior to the start of the concert.
- A. Richwine encouraged the TMAC members to attend "Performance with a View," a free community outreach series sponsored by the Friends of TCA set to begin at 10 a.m. on Feb. 17 in the TCA Lakeside Room. Coffee service will be made available to those who wish to attend as early as 9:30 a.m.
- A. Richwine reported that the Tempe Community Center Complex Courtyard is playing host to Tempe Empty Bowls from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Feb. 28. Hand-crafted ceramic bowls and a light lunch will be made available to those in attendance for a \$10 donation.
- A. Richwine announced that the Arizona Academy of the Performing Arts 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Dinner titled, "Angels Among Us," is set to take place at 6 p.m. on March 20 at the Arizona Grand Resort, 8000 S. Arizona Grand Parkway, Phoenix, 85004. Richwine added that the keynote speaker is Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman; TMAC members may purchase tickets by visiting the event's website, <http://www.ArizonaAcademy.org/benefit>.
- A. Richwine presented the commission with a copy of the METRO Art Book, 2008.

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

- Linda Sleight, TMAC Chair, introduced the following new TMAC members:
  - Doris Parker Chamberlain
  - Nikie Crawford
  - Barbara Hanigsberg
- On behalf of the city of Tempe and the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission, Sleight welcomed the new members to the commission and thanked them in advance for their services. Sleight further thanked and acknowledged TMAC member Donna Goyette; Goyette's second term of service to the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission began in Jan., 2009.
- Frank Williams, TMAC member and TCA Docent, invited the new TMAC members to attend a tour of the TCA set to take place at noon on Feb. 13. Williams advised the new members that the tour begins in the TCA Lobby.

#### **Agenda Item 5 – New Business**

- Judy Ellison stated that she attended the jazz concert sponsored by the Friends of TCA on Feb. 6; Ellison inquired about the marketing of performances at the TCA. Ellison

reported that she had a discussion with a representative of a business that purchased space to advertise its services within the TCA program shell.

- Betsy Fahlman encouraged the TMAC members to attend the NCECA: 2009 Regional Student Juried Exhibition in the Gallery at TCA through April 11.
- B. Fahlman further encouraged the TMAC members to view visual artist Tom Strich's rusted steel geometric, window-like sculptures that frame Camelback Mountain, Papago Buttes, Piestewa Peak, the Salt River and Tempe Town Lake along the Rio Salado Southbank Multi-Use Path that runs from the TCA west to Priest Drive.

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

- Betsy Fahlman presented the commission with digital images submitted by visual artist Erin Shie Palmer for the Tempe Public Library Renovation Design Team Opportunity; Fahlman explained that the library panel unanimously agreed to choose E. Palmer for the public art opportunity.
- B. Fahlman reminded the committee that \$20,000 of Percent for Art Program funding was added to the Tempe Public Library Renovation Public Art Project Budget to be used to support a design team; the total budget for the Library Renovation Project, with proposed funding, is \$80,000.
- B. Fahlman reported that the Tempe Public Library Renovation Design Team Opportunity Call for Work was a national call; artist E. Palmer resides in Seattle, WA. Fahlman added that E. Palmer was drawn to the quiet environment of the library; Palmer explores non-tangible qualities of place and perception of space. Fahlman further reported that E. Palmer has previous experience integrating her work into a library setting; Palmer explained in her letter of interest that she creates richly-textured physical and psychological topographies working with architectural surfaces, space and objects in space.
- B. Fahlman stated that the Public Art/AIPD Committee met prior to the TMAC meeting to view E. Palmer's images; Fahlman added that the committee recommends the selection of E. Palmer to fulfill the Tempe Public Library Renovation Design Team Opportunity.

**MOTION: Robert Bortfeld moved to recommend the selection of artist Erin Shie Palmer.**

**SECOND: Frank Williams seconded.**

**DECISION: Visual artist Erin Shie Palmer selected to fulfill the Tempe Public Library Renovation Design Team Opportunity.**

#### **Agenda Item 6b– Grants Committee**

- Nancy Goren presented the TMAC members with a city of Tempe Arts MiniGrant Application submitted by the Tempe Artists Guild for a collaborative project titled, "Petersen House Art Festival." Goren explained that the collaborative project between the Tempe Artists Guild and the Tempe Historical Museum was organized to celebrate, showcase and support Tempe's vibrant art community. Goren further explained that the festival embodies the spirit of the art classes that were taught on the grounds of the Petersen House by Arizona State University (ASU) art professor, Tom Harter, more than half a century ago. The festival is set to take place at 10 a.m. on March 21 at the Petersen House Museum and Park, 1414 W. Southern Avenue.
- Linda Sleight stated that the proposed art festival features works on display from multiple visual artists; public participation in children's art activities as well as admittance to the Petersen House Museum Special Art Exhibit is free.

**MOTION:** Frank Williams moved to approve the Tempe Artists Guild MiniGrant Application.

**SECOND:** Ed Coyoli seconded.

**DECISION:** Tempe Artists Guild MiniGrant Application approved.

- N. Goren presented the TMAC members with an additional mini-grant application submitted by Art Renaissance Initiative (ARI)/Terpiscore Dance Company for a project titled, "Vivaldi's Four Seasons and An Evening of Dance Works." Goren explained that the project is set to take place at 8 p.m. on March 21 in the TCA Theater. Goren further explained that four dance companies participate in the initiative; Terpiscore Dance Company will fulfill the role of "Spring," CONDER/dance will fulfill the role of "Summer," Movement Source Dance Company will fulfill the role of "Autumn," and the Aaron McGloin Dance Company will fulfill the role of "Winter."
- N. Goren reported that ARI was created five years ago and is a non-profit organization dedicated to the creation, promotion and sharing of the arts.

**MOTION:** Ed Coyoli moved to approve the mini-grant application submitted by the Art Renaissance Initiative/Terpiscore Dance Company.

**SECOND:** Judy Ellison seconded.

**DECISION:** Art Renaissance Initiative/Terpiscore Dance Company MiniGrant Application approved.

#### **Agenda Item 6c– Communications/Advocacy Committee**

- No report.

#### **Agenda Item 6d– Facilities Committee**

- No report.

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

- Frank Williams provided the commission with an update in regards to the possibility of establishing a film forum in Tempe. Williams explained that he met with Linda Essig, director of the ASU School of Theatre and Film, to discuss viewing films at the Valley Art Theatre followed by an evening of coffee, desserts and discussion. Williams further explained that he met with Robin Trick, co-owner of Tempe's House of Tricks. Williams reported that both Essig and Trick expressed an interest in participating in a film forum; Williams stated that Essig intends to further discuss the forum with additional ASU staff and provide him with an update at a date to be determined.
- Ed Coyoli advised Williams to pursue a possible editorial and marketing outlet with Tempe Community, a magazine that presents the vitality, energy and diversity of Tempe.

The next TMAC meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on April 15 in the TCA 201 Lounge, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.**

Prepared by: Rachael Peterson

Reviewed by: Adrienne Richwine

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