

Minutes TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION March 10, 2010

Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) recorded at 6 p.m. on March 10, 2010, in the Edna Vihel Center for the Arts Multipurpose Room Space, 3340 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Robert Bortfeld, Vice Chair
Doris Chamberlain
Nikie Crawford
Judy Ellison
Nancy Goren
Donna Goyette
Kate Hanley
Hilary Harp
Hotchy Kiene
Shirlee King
Janis Webb
Frank Williams

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Betsy Fahlman, Chair
Barbara Hanigsberg

City Staff Present:

Maja Aurora, Arts Coordinator
Kathy Berzins, Interim Manager - Community Services Department
Rachael Peterson, Administrative Asst. - Library and Cultural Services Division
Adrienne Richwine, Deputy Manager - Library and Cultural Services Division

Guest(s) Present:

None

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order

- Robert Bortfeld, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the Feb. 10, 2010, Commission Minutes

- **MOTION:** Frank Williams moved to approve the minutes.
SECOND: Hotchy Kiene seconded.
DECISION: Minutes approved.

Agenda Item 3 - Cultural Services Division Director's Report

- Adrienne Richwine, Deputy Manager - Library and Cultural Services Division, reported that the Tempe Community Center Complex Courtyard played host to Tempe Empty Bowls on February 20; Richwine further reported that the event was successful.
- A. Richwine stated that the Tempe History Museum's Reopening Celebration took place on February 27; Richwine thanked the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) members for their representation at the event and added that the celebration was well-received by the Tempe Community.

- A. Richwine confirmed that the newly-renovated computer commons at the Tempe Library is open for public use.
- A. Richwine reported that the free, public opening reception for “Chuck Amuck,” an exhibition of original sketches, paintings and animation cells highlighting the life and art of legendary artist, animator and director Chuck Jones, was well-attended; Richwine explained that C. Jones helped bring-to-life famous, well-known characters such as Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck and Wile E. Coyote. Richwine further reported that the “Chuck Amuck” exhibition works are on display in the Gallery at Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) and in the Tempe Library’s lower-level Youth Library Gallery through June 19.
- Frank Williams encouraged the TMAC members to view the “Chuck Amuck” exhibition in the Gallery at TCA, as well as in the Tempe Youth Library Gallery; in addition, Williams praised City of Tempe staff for their efforts related to the Tempe Library Renovation Project.
- A. Richwine encouraged the TMAC members to audit Free Art Friday, an event that features visual art projects for participants, ages 3 to 5 years, and also includes creative movement parent/child activities. Richwine reported that Free Art Friday is a collaborative effort of the Edna Vihel Center for the Arts staff; Richwine added that Free Art Friday will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. on March 12 in the Edna Vihel Center for the Arts Multipurpose Room Space, 3340 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ, 85282.
- A. Richwine reported that the Edna Vihel Center for the Arts will play host to Census 2010 assistance through Thursday, April 15.
- Hotchy Kiene inquired about the installation timeline for the public artwork element to be placed within the Tempe Library; Maja Aurora, City of Tempe Arts Coordinator, reported that artist Erin Shie Palmer has been contacted in regards to the production progress of her proposed public artwork element.

Agenda Item 4 - Chairperson’s Report

- Robert Bortfeld introduced the following new Tempe Municipal Arts Commission members:
 - Hilary Harp
 - Janis Webb
- R. Bortfeld welcomed H. Harp and J. Webb to the meeting and thanked them, in advance, for their services to the Tempe Community.

Agenda Item 5 - Budget Update: Kathy Berzins, Interim Manager - City of Tempe Community Services Department

- Kathy Berzins, Interim Manager – City of Tempe Community Services Department, reported that the City of Tempe (COT) will incur serious cuts to its General Operating Budget.
- K. Berzins stated that the COT Community Services Department was asked to prepare a proposed plan to meet a target monetary reduction value of 1.9 million dollars; K. Berzins added that the target reduction value was established by the City’s Management Team.
- K. Berzins further reported that the Community Services Department’s Target Reduction Budget Team consisted of the following COT employees:
 - Kathy Berzins

- Adrienne Richwine
- Don Fassinger
- Kim Bauman
- Keith Burke
- Clay Workman
- K. Berzins stated that the Community Services Department's Target Reduction Budget Team proposed budget cuts in the best interest of maintaining integral services rendered to the Tempe Community. Berzins added that the department's budget proposal outlining a reduction of staff, a revenue-generating plan and a plan to reduce department expenses, was presented to Charlie Meyer, Tempe City Manager, on February 4.
- K. Berzins further reported that the Tempe City Council reviewed all department budget reduction proposals in a special issue review session on February 5.
- K. Berzins explained that the Community Services Department will merge with the Recreation element of the Parks and Recreation Department. The Parks element of the City's Parks and Recreation Department will merge with the City's Public Works Department.
- K. Berzins further explained that the Tempe Mayor and City Council met on March 4 to discuss all department budget reduction proposals; Berzins added that the Mayor and City Council proposed a .2-cent sales tax increase (not including a tax on food) that will be part of the May 18 election ballot. Berzins reported that the Mayor and City Council prioritized department budget cuts; Berzins explained that the approval of the sales tax increase will reinstate approximately 9 million dollars into the COT General Operating Budget and will retain integral services within the Community Services Department rendered to the Tempe Community.

Agenda Item 6a - Public Art/Art in Private Development (AIPD) Committee

- Judy Ellison, Public Art/AIPD Committee Chair, presented the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) members with the proposed final design element (Garden Lines) information submitted by Wilco Art and Design (Laurie Lundquist and Rebecca Ross) for the Daley Park Public Artwork Opportunity. Ellison explained that the proposed final design element (Garden Lines) information included images, an installation plan, a detailed budget and additional material information related to the proposed artwork element and its environment.
- J. Ellison explained that the Garden Lines are only one element of the Daley Park Public Artwork Opportunity; Ellison further explained the Garden Lines element was designed based-upon criteria established by information and feedback gathered by City of Tempe staff and the Daley Park Artist Selection Panel. Ellison added that the Garden Lines are elements of the proposed Butterfly Garden within Daley Park.
- J. Ellison reported that the Garden Lines element includes garden edging and seating areas constructed from reclaimed concrete located approximately 8 inches from the surface of the ground.
- **MOTION:** Frank Williams moved to approve the proposed Daley Park Public Artwork Garden Lines element as presented.
- **SECOND:** Hotchy Kiene seconded.
- **DECISION:** Daley Park Public Artwork Garden Lines element approved as presented.

Agenda Item 6b - Grants Committee

- Nancy Goren, Grants Committee Chair, presented the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) members with a City of Tempe Arts MiniGrant Application submitted by Silabam Phoenix for a project titled, "An Exposure to Indian Classical Music - Carnatic Vocal Concert by Vijay Siva."
- N. Goren reported that Silabam Phoenix requested \$500 in grant funding; Goren added that Silabam's performance will take place on April 4, 2010, in the Ventana Room within the Memorial Union at Arizona State University (ASU).
- **MOTION: Kate Hanley moved to approve the Silabam Phoenix Arts MiniGrant Application as presented.**
SECOND: Hotchy Kiene seconded.
DECISION: Silabam Phoenix Arts MiniGrant Application approved as presented.
- N. Goren presented the TMAC members with a City of Tempe Arts MiniGrant Application submitted by the Arts Council for Youth, Kyrene and Tempe, for a project titled, "Arts Jam."
- N. Goren reported that the Arts Council for Youth, Kyrene & Tempe, requested \$500 in grant funding; Goren added that Arts Jam will take place at 9 a.m. on April 10, 2010, at Corona del Sol High School Courtyard and Amphitheater.
- **MOTION: Kate Hanley moved to approve the Arts Council for Youth, Kyrene & Tempe, Arts MiniGrant Application as presented.**
SECOND: Judy Ellison seconded.
DECISION: Arts Council for Youth, Kyrene & Tempe, Arts MiniGrant Application approved as presented.
- N. Goren presented the TMAC members with a City of Tempe Arts MiniGrant Application submitted by Broadmor Elementary School for a project titled, "5TH Grade Program: Campus of Culture."
- N. Goren reported that Broadmor Elementary School requested \$202 in grant funding; Goren added that Broadmor's 5TH Grade Program is scheduled to begin on April 26, 2010, and will be housed on the Tempe Community Center Complex (Campus of Culture).
- **MOTION: Frank Williams moved to approve the Broadmor Elementary School Arts MiniGrant Application as presented.**
SECOND: Shirlee King seconded.
DECISION: Broadmor Elementary School Arts MiniGrant Application approved as presented.
- N. Goren presented the TMAC members with a City of Tempe Arts MiniGrant Application submitted by Movement Source Dance Company for a project titled, "Summer Illumination Performance."
- N. Goren reported that Movement Source Dance Company requested \$500 in grant funding; Goren added that Movement Source Dance Company's "Summer Illumination Performance" is scheduled to take place in late March, 2010, at the Tempe Center for the Arts.
- **MOTION: Kate Hanley moved to approve the Movement Source Dance Company Arts MiniGrant Application as presented.**

SECOND: Hotchy Kiene seconded.
DECISION: Movement Source Dance Company Arts MiniGrant Application approved as presented.

Agenda Item 6c - Communication/Advocacy Committee

- No report.

Agenda Item 6d - Facilities Committee

- No report.

Agenda Item 7 - Commission Member's Announcements

- Shirlee King announced that all Tempe Center for the Arts partner groups were represented at the Tempe History Museum's Grand Reopening Celebration on February 27.
- Kate Hanley requested that the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) members receive an update in regards to the status of the City's General Operating Budget at a future regularly-scheduled TMAC meeting.
- Robert Bortfeld inquired about City of Tempe Boards and Commissions member regulations in regards to the pending proposed sales tax increase vote on May 18; Kathy Berzins stated that the TMAC members may vote for the sales tax increase and educate Tempe Community members about the vote; however, Berzins clarified that the TMAC members may not solicit votes from Tempe Community members.
- Hotchy Kiene encouraged the TMAC members to attend the Phoenix Film Festival scheduled to take place April 8 through 15; Kiene praised the event and reported that the festival is held at the Harkins Scottsdale/101 Theatre, 7000 E. Mayo Boulevard, Phoenix, AZ, 85054.

Agenda Item 8 - Public Appearances

- No appearances.

The next Tempe Municipal Arts Commission meeting is scheduled to take place at 6 p.m. on April 14 in the Tempe Center for the Arts 201 Lounge, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ, 85281.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55p.m.

Prepared by: Rachael Peterson

Reviewed by: Adrienne Richwine

Authorized Signature
Position/Title