



Minutes TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION April 14, 2010

Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) recorded at 6 p.m. on April 14, 2010, in the Tempe Public Library Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Betsy Fahlman, Chair
Doris Chamberlain
Nikie Crawford
Judy Ellison
Nancy Goren
Donna Goyette
Barbara Hanigsberg
Hilary Harp
Shirlee King
Janis Webb
Frank Williams

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Robert Bortfeld, Vice Chair
Kate Hanley
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City Staff Present:

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

Guest(s) Present:

Kolby Granville

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order

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

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

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

Agenda Item 3 - Cultural Services Division Director's Report

- Adrienne Richwine, Deputy Manager - Library and Cultural Services Division, reported that Ron Cortez of Cortez Coffee will donate \$2 for every bag of his Mill Avenue Urban Blend sold at the Mill Avenue Thursday Night Market events to Walk-In Wednesdays at the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA); Richwine added that one-pound-bags of Mill Avenue Urban Blend are \$12 each. Richwine further encouraged the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) members to attend the Thursday Night Market events located on Seventh Street, west of Mill Avenue, next to MADCAP Theaters.
- A. Richwine praised Mary Fowler, City of Tempe Library and Cultural Services Division Management Assistant, for her work in relation to the Walk-In Wednesday open-mic

nights at the TCA; Richwine explained that the open-mic nights continue to grow in attendance and involve unique, eclectic and diverse participation.

- A. Richwine encouraged the TMAC members to attend a Paper Cup Exchange at 7 p.m. on April 15 in the Gallery at TCA; Richwine explained that Chuck Jones' grandson, Craig Kausen, will be on-site in the gallery to share personal stories and information about the Chuck Jones Center for Creativity.
- A. Richwine reported that the following Movies in the Park events are scheduled to take place (7 p.m.; Kiwanis Park):
 - April 16: Chuck Jones – An Evening of Laughter
 - April 23: Up
 - April 30: Monsters vs. Aliens
- A. Richwine stated that the TCA Lakeside is playing host to a Lakeshore Jazz concert at 8 p.m. on April 16; Richwine added that the concert features Cinco de Moio with Luis Conte. Richwine explained that the group's drummer, Dom Moio, has performed with Jazz luminaries such as Mose Allison, Herb Ellis, Ahmad Jamal, Benny Green, Nicholas Payton and Clark Terry. Richwine added that Moio's percussion ensemble, Cinco de Moio, is one of the most popular Latin Jazz groups in the Southwest.
- A. Richwine encouraged the TMAC members to attend the Tempe Symphony Orchestra's spring concert, scheduled to take place at 7:30 p.m. on April 19 in the TCA Theater. Richwine added that Walter Cosand, Steinway Pianist, is a guest performer.
- A. Richwine reported that the Gallery at TCA is playing host to an event titled, "Business 201 for Artists." Richwine stated that Martha Garner, City of Tempe Community Relations Coordinator, and Fred VonGraf, will discuss professional development opportunities for visual and performing artists.
- A. Richwine explained that the TCA Studio is playing host to A Ludwig Dance Theatre's Festival 2010 at 7:30 p.m., April 22-24, and at 2 p.m. on April 25. Richwine added that internationally-recognized choreographers and former A Ludwig Dance Theatre dancers (Babs Case, Mary Fitzgerald, Kelly Roth, Karen Schupp) will join Ann Ludwig and other company dancers for four performances of new works and the return of Ludwig's whimsical piece, "The Cheese Stands Alone."
- A. Richwine encouraged the TMAC members to attend Music Under the Stars at 7 p.m. on April 23 at the TCA's outdoor amphitheater area; Richwine explained that Music Under the Stars is a unique celebration of arts and music. Richwine further added that the performance boasts an inclusive, community atmosphere and involves the following groups:
 - Arizona Wind Symphony
 - Desert Vista High School
 - Corona del Sol High School
 - The Academy Drum and Bugle Corps
- A. Richwine announced that the 2010 summer Tempe Resident class registration process begins at 9 a.m. on April 26. Richwine explained that Non-Resident class registration begins at 9 a.m. on May 1.
- A. Richwine encouraged the TMAC members to view the following materials included in their regular meeting packet:
 - Tempe In Touch brochure
 - TCA Spring '10 event calendar

- A. Richwine reported that local Jazz pianist, Bob Ravenscroft, is generously donating a baby grand piano to the TCA on behalf of the Friends of TCA.
- Betsy Fahlman, TMAC Chair, encouraged the TMAC members to attend Poetry in April; Fahlman explained that published poets join event moderator Catherine Hammond at the TCA on Wednesday evenings throughout the month of April for poetry readings followed by interactive discussions.
- B. Fahlman further encouraged the TMAC members to attend the Chuck Jones satellite show at Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport.

Agenda Item 4 - Chairperson's Report

- Betsy Fahlman, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission Chair, reported that she will be leading a public art tour for Arizona State University students to include works from Tempe's public art and art in private development collections, in May, 2010.

Agenda Item 5a - Public Art/Art in Private Development (AIPD) Committee

- Judy Ellison, Public Art/Art in Private Development (AIPD) Committee Chair, reported that the Mitchell Park East Neighborhood Association received a \$50,000 Maryanne Corder Grant for the fiscal year of 2009-2010. Ellison explained that the grant will fund art elements to be incorporated into the soon-to-be constructed City of Tempe's Traffic Calming Circles.
- J. Ellison further explained that the intent of Mitchell Park East's grant proposal is to have three-dimensional art elements that feature beautiful and whimsical reflections of the culture and warmth of the Mitchell Park East Neighborhood.
- J. Ellison reported that the Mitchell Park East Neighborhood has selected two artists to design art elements that will be placed within the center of three separate traffic-calming circles. Ellison explained that John Nelson, a local artist, will be completing two of the three traffic calming circles; Ellison added that Andrew Carson, an artist from Washington State, will be completing the third. Ellison presented the TMAC members with the traffic-calming art concepts; Ellison clarified the neighborhood's process of selecting the artists and further explained that the neighborhood's RFP process and artist selection process was based-upon the artists' unique designs.
- J. Ellison further reported that the Mitchell Park East Neighborhood Association was looking for designs that included recycled and repurposed materials such as metal and urbanite.

Agenda Item 5b - 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 Bustoz Elementary School for a project titled, "The BFG-Page to Stage and Beyond."
- N. Goren reported that Bustoz Elementary School requested \$500 in mini-grant funding; Goren clarified that the mini-grant will fund a portion of the project's Artist in Residence fees. Goren added that the project's Artist in Residency, Lillie Richardson, is a highly-qualified actor and teacher.

- **MOTION:** Barbara Hanigsberg moved to approve the Busto Elementary School Arts MiniGrant Application as presented.
SECOND: Nikie Crawford seconded.
DECISION: Busto Elementary School Arts MiniGrant Application approved as presented.
- N. Goren presented the TMAC members with a City of Tempe Arts MiniGrant Application submitted by Rover Elementary School for a project titled, "More Art for Rover." Goren explained that Busto Elementary School requested \$500 in mini-grant funding; Goren added that the grant-proposal-related activities for Rover's students will take place May 17-27, 2010, at Rover Elementary School. Goren further reported that Rover Elementary School is in the process of being updated to become the Rover Arts and Science Academy.
- **MOTION:** Frank Williams moved to approve the Rover Elementary School Arts MiniGrant Application as presented.
SECOND: Doris Chamberlain seconded.
DECISION: Rover Elementary School Arts MiniGrant Application approved as presented.

Agenda Item 5c - Communication/Advocacy Committee

- No report; Barbara Hanigsberg, Communication/Advocacy Committee member, encouraged the new Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) members to sign-up-for and receive email blasts related to City of Tempe arts and cultural programming by joining the City of Tempe Cultural Services Division electronic listserv databases.

Agenda Item 5d - Facilities Committee

- No report.

Agenda Item 6 - Commission Member's Announcements

- Janis Webb announced that Stray Cat Theatre's eighth season is scheduled to begin on April 16; Webb reported that Stray Cat Theatre's production of "12TH Night of the Living Dead" by Brian MacInnis Smallwood is scheduled to run April 16 through May 8 at the Tempe Performing Arts Center. Webb encouraged the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) members to attend.
- Shirlee King announced that she is currently serving as an exhibit interpreter at the Tempe History Museum.

Agenda Item 8 - Public Appearances

- No appearances.

The next Tempe Municipal Arts Commission meeting is scheduled to take place at 6 p.m. on May 12 in the Tempe Center for the Arts 201 Lounge, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ, 85281.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Prepared by: Rachael Peterson

Reviewed by: Adrienne Richwine

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Position/Title