



Minutes TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION January 12, 2011

Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) recorded at 6 p.m. on Jan. 12, 2011, in the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) 201 Lounge, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ, 85281.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Betsy Fahlman, Chair
Robert Bortfeld, Vice Chair
Doris Chamberlain
Nikie Crawford
Nancy Goren
Kate Hanley
Hilary Harp
Dave Kephart
Hotchy Kiene
Shirlee King
Frank Williams

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Donna Goyette
Barbara Hanigsberg
Janis Webb

City Staff Present:

Maja Aurora, Arts Coordinator - Public Art/Art in Private Development; Grants
Mary Fowler, Management Asst. - Library and Cultural Services Dvsn.
Rachael Peterson, Administrative Asst. - Library and Cultural Services Dvsn.

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order

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

Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the Nov. 10, 2010, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Minutes Document

- **MOTION:** Frank Williams moved to approve the Nov. 10, 2010, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Minutes Document.
- **SECOND:** Doris Chamberlain seconded.
- **DECISION:** Nov. 10, 2010, TMAC Minutes Document approved.

Agenda Item 3 - Cultural Services Division Staff Report

- Mary Fowler, Library and Cultural Services Division Management Assistant, reported that the Walk-in Wednesdays Open Mic Night at the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) continues to be well-attended; M. Fowler further acknowledged the event's diverse participation. Fowler added that additional videos of Walk-in Wednesday performances will be available for public viewing online by no later than Jan. 17; M. Fowler encouraged the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) members to visit the following website to view the videos: <http://www.tempe.gov/tca/WIW.htm>.

- M. Fowler noted that the following Tempe gallery exhibitions are on display:
 - *In Stitches*: An exhibition that highlights the whimsical and dramatic skills of contemporary quilt and fiber artists (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., on display through March 7, Edna Vihel Center for the Arts);
 - *Art of the Pencil*: An exhibition featuring family-friendly works done by graphite or colored pencils (hours of operation vary, on display through March 16, Tempe Public Library - Youth Library Gallery).
- M. Fowler reported that the TCA is playing host to the following events:
 - *Arizona Wind Symphony*: Honors Concert (7:30 p.m., Jan. 12, Theater);
 - *The Phoenix Symphony*: Brandenburg Festival (8 p.m., Jan. 14, Theater);
 - *Performance with a View*: The Sustainable Symphony (9:30 a.m., Jan. 18, Lakeside);
 - *Lakeshore Jazz Series*: The John Proulx Quartet (7:30 p.m., Jan. 21, Lakeside);
 - *Arizona Chamber Orchestra*: Signature Works (8 p.m., Jan. 21, Theater);
 - *Childsplay*: Go Dog. Go! (Times and Dates Vary, Studio).
- M. Fowler reported that the Edna Vihel Center for the Arts is playing host to Free Art Friday at 9 a.m. on Jan. 21 within the Edna Vihel Center Multipurpose Room. Fowler explained that Free Art Friday is a once-monthly interactive art series that offers preschool-age-children and their parents' participation in a wide-range of art disciplines in a relaxed atmosphere for no cost.
- M. Fowler encouraged the TMAC members to visit the following website to view information related to additional cultural art events and programming:
www.tempe.gov/arts/events.

Agenda Item 4 - Chairperson's Report

- Betsy Fahlman, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Chair, reported that the TMAC Nominating Committee met and recommended approval of the following 2011 TMAC Slate of Officers:
 - Chair: Frank Williams;
 - Vice Chair: Shirlee King.

MOTION: Hotchy Kiene moved to approve the recommended 2011 TMAC Slate of Officers.

SECOND: Nikie Crawford seconded.

DECISION: 2011 TMAC Slate of Officers approved.

- B. Fahlman further reported that Judy Ellison resigned from the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC); B. Fahlman explained that there are four TMAC member vacancies, and encouraged the TMAC members to solicit City of Tempe Boards and Commissions participation.
- Kate Hanley, TMAC member, and Robert Bortfeld, TMAC Vice Chair, agreed to continue their service to the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission until Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman appoints new members to fulfill their expiring term vacancies.
- B. Fahlman reminded the TMAC members that she was selected to fulfill the role of the Lead Editor for the 2011 State of Arts in Arizona Town Hall on Arts and Culture Report. Fahlman explained that Arizona Town Hall is an independent, nonprofit membership organization that identifies critical issues facing Arizona, creates a forum for education and exploration of the arts in Arizona, and fosters leadership development. Fahlman further reported that she is scheduled to present her report at the Arizona Town Hall in

May, 2011. Fahlman acknowledged that she compiled information and statistics from the following sources:

- The Arizona Commission on the Arts;
 - Arizona Historic Preservation Boards/Foundations/Commissions/Societies;
 - Cultural Tourism Organizations;
 - Transportation Organizations;
 - Visual and Performing Art Centers;
 - Public Art and Art in Private Development Programs.
- Hotchy Kiene inquired about the dates of the Arizona Town Hall meeting; B. Fahlman explained that the Arizona Town Hall meeting will occur May 1 through May 4, 2011, and is scheduled to take place in Tucson, Arizona. Fahlman further explained that her report is approximately 220 pages in length, and will be read by policy-makers and art activists upon its completion.
 - Kate Hanley noted that the Arizona Town Hall is an invite-only event; B. Fahlman indicated that she'd be willing to present elements of her town hall report to the TMAC members in May, 2011. Fahlman added that she plans to forward the report's corresponding table of contents to Rachael Peterson, City of Tempe Library and Cultural Services Division Administrative Assistant, via email message, for distribution to the TMAC members.

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

- Betsy Fahlman, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Chair, reported that art elements designed by coLAB studio, LLC (Matthew and Maria Salenger) have been installed within Evelyn Hallman Park. Fahlman reminded the TMAC members that coLAB's designs were centered-around Evelyn Hallman's appreciation of the historic creosote plants within Evelyn Hallman Park. Fahlman further explained that coLAB's art elements were installed along the park's ADA-accessible walking paths. Fahlman added that the members of the park's surrounding neighborhood expressed their appreciation of the art elements, and are playing host to the renovated park's dedication at 8 a.m. on May 21.

Agenda Item 5B - Grants Committee

- Nancy Goren, Grants Committee Chair, encouraged the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) members to continue to audit Tempe arts grant recipient events; Goren also indicated that Maja Aurora, Arts Coordinator - Public Art/Art in Private Development (AIPD) and Grants Programs, may be contacted via email message at Maja_Aurora@tempe.gov, and via telephone call at 480-350-5160, to answer any questions related to City of Tempe Art Grant Recipient events.

Agenda Item 5C - Communication/Advocacy Committee

- No report.

Agenda Item 5D - Facilities Committee

- No report.

Agenda Item 6 - Commission Member's Announcements

- Robert Bortfeld, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission Vice Chair, announced that he contributed to works currently on display within the newly-renovated Tempe History

Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave., Tempe. Bortfeld further recognized the efforts of his children, and announced that both children are showing their works within local gallery spaces.

- Hotchy Kiene announced that the *New Times* will play host to its annual Artopia event on April 9 at a location to be determined. Kiene encouraged the TMAC members to attend, and asked that they contact him in advance to obtain additional information related to the event.
- Frank Williams reminded the TMAC members to be aware of the state of the arts in Arizona; F. Williams referenced Amy Heisler's (Director of Communications - Metro Phoenix Partnership for Arts and Culture) presentation to the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission in Feb., 2010, that focused on three main areas: arts and culture as an economic driver, regional distinction, and funding and support of arts and culture. Williams explained that the efforts of the Metro Phoenix Partnership for Arts and Culture (MPAC) were tabled; and that the state of Arizona will revisit the idea of placing a one-tenth of one percent sales tax increase to continue to fund arts and culture in Arizona. Williams further stated that the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission may be an advocate for the tax increase by helping to educate voters about the tax increase at a time to be determined, or when advocacy assistance is needed.
- Betsy Fahlman, TMAC Chair, referenced the Arizona Commission on the Arts new campaign, *The Choice is Art*, and explained the importance of art-related programming to any community. Fahlman further noted the importance of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission to continue to support and protect the arts in Tempe, as well as to join the Arizona Commission on the Arts in accordance their campaign to serve as an advocate for the arts in Arizona. Fahlman noted that additional information related to the Arizona Commission on the Arts campaign may be obtained by visiting the following website: www.azarts.gov/thechoiceisart.
- Mary Fowler, City of Tempe Library and Cultural Services Division Management Assistant, reflected-upon the recent tragedy in Tucson, Arizona; M. Fowler stated that the arts are a vital part of any community. Fowler acknowledged that the arts have the ability to heal, and may be used as a tool to bond and strengthen communities.
- M. Fowler further acknowledged that the final TMAC service terms of Robert Bortfeld, Betsy Fahlman and Kate Hanley concluded on December 31, 2010; on behalf of the City of Tempe and its Library and Cultural Services Division staff, M. Fowler thanked R. Bortfeld, B. Fahlman and K. Hanley for their service to the City of Tempe, as well as to the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission.

Agenda Item 7 - Public Appearances

- No appearances.

The next Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) meeting is scheduled to take place at 6 p.m. on Feb. 9, 2011, in the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) 201 Lounge, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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