



Minutes TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION January 10, 2012

Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) recorded at 6 p.m. on January 10, 2012, within the Tempe Public Library Conference Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Nancy Goren, Chair
Shirlee King, Vice Chair
Susan Bendix
Nikie Crawford
Patrick Fanning
Dave Kephart
Hotchy Kiene
Robert Moore
Frank Williams

City Staff Present:

Maja Aurora, Arts Coordinator - Grants; Public Art/Art in Private Development
Don Fassinger, Cultural Facilities Administrator
Rachael Peterson, Administrative Assistant - Library and Cultural Services Division

Guest(s) Present:

Julia Bruck
Don Dotts
Paul Hubbell

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Hilary Harp
Celeste Plumlee
Janis Webb

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order

- Nancy Goren, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Chair, called the TMAC meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the December 14, 2011, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Minutes Document

- Nancy Goren, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Chair, asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved minutes document** dated **December 14, 2011**.
- **MOTION:** Frank Williams moved to approve the December 14, 2011, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Minutes Document as presented.
- **SECOND:** Shirlee King, TMAC Vice Chair, seconded.
- **DECISION:** December 14, 2011, TMAC Minutes Document approved as presented.

Agenda Item 3 - Cultural Facilities Manager's Report

- Don Fassinger, City of Tempe Cultural Facilities Administrator, encouraged the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) members to view the **January, 2012, special event and program list** (director's report) included within their regular meeting packet.
- D. Fassinger reported that he and **Mary Fowler**, City of Tempe Community Services Department Management Assistant, will partner to present a **film and comedy series** at the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) in summer, 2012.
- D. Fassinger suggested that the TMAC members contact **Rachael Peterson**, City of Tempe Library and Cultural Services Division Administrative Assistant, via email message at **Rachael_Peterson@tempe.gov** if they have any questions in regards to the January, 2012, special event and program list (director's report).
- D. Fassinger reported that the City of Tempe is currently recruiting a **Community Services Deputy Director - Library and Cultural Services Division**, to fulfill the position vacancy left by Adrienne Richwine. Fassinger explained that the position is currently open to internal (City of Tempe) candidates; D. Fassinger added that documents have been prepared should a need arise to proceed with an external recruitment.
- D. Fassinger announced that the TCA is playing host to **dasHAUS**, a traveling pavilion that fosters an ongoing international dialogue about advanced technologies for home construction and solar use, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., January 21 to January 30, 2012, within the TCA's Art Park. Fassinger added that several lectures are scheduled to occur on January 29, 2012, that will address the following topics:
 - **Building materials;**
 - **Architecture;**
 - **Engineering;**
 - **Renewable energy and energy efficient businesses;**
 - **Universities;**
 - **Public officials.**
- Shirlee King, TMAC Vice Chair, noted that the Tempe History Museum is playing host to a visual update of the past explorations and disappearance of **Amelia Earhart and her airplane** at 7 p.m. on January 27, 2012. King further noted that the event is being sponsored by **Zonta International and TIGHAR**, the International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery.
- D. Fassinger encouraged the TMAC members to view the following website for additional information related to programming and events at the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA): **www.tempe.gov/tca**.
- D. Fassinger further suggested that the TMAC members contact Rachael Peterson if they'd like additional information or web links related to upcoming art events and related cultural programming via email message at **Rachael_Peterson@tempe.gov**.

Agenda Item 4 - Chairperson's Report

- Nancy Goren, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Chair, distributed a **timeline** to the TMAC members that highlighted significant TMAC events and accomplishments since its inception in 1988.
- N. Goren noted that since the groundbreaking for the construction of the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) in March, 2004, the focus of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission

(TMAC) has changed to include **communications**, as well as **advocacy** for the City of Tempe's **Art Grant**, **Public Art** and **Art in Private Development** programs.

- N. Goren initiated a discussion in regards to the TMAC member connection(s) to the arts, and inquired about TMAC member motivations, energies and interests.

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

- Maja Aurora, City of Tempe Art Grants and Public Art/Art in Private Development Program Coordinator, introduced **Paul Hubbell, Chair of the Tempe Public Library Advisory Board** (Library Advisory Board), and further welcomed P. Hubbell to the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) meeting.
- M. Aurora facilitated a discussion in regards to the **Mill Avenue District Utility Boxes and Tempe Public Library Cards Public Artwork Opportunity** (Public Artwork Opportunity).
- M. Aurora reminded the TMAC members that the Public Artwork Opportunity is a collaborative project between the **City of Tempe** and the **Downtown Tempe Community**; M. Aurora further stated that six local artists were selected via City of Tempe Public Art Program Panel Review Process to paint two-dimensional artwork on utility boxes located within Tempe's **Mill Avenue District**. Aurora explained that the project budget is \$12,000; artists who are selected to fulfill the Public Artwork Opportunity will also have their works prominently displayed on Tempe Public Library Cards.
- M. Aurora acknowledged that the artist selection panel for the Mill Avenue District Utility Boxes and Tempe Public Library Cards Public Artwork Opportunity occurred within Downtown Tempe Community offices on **November 9, 2011**; M. Aurora noted the following panel members:
 - **Hilary Harp** of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission;
 - **Lupe Camargo** of the Friends of the Tempe Public Library;
 - **Kim Garza**, Tempe Public Library Manager;
 - **Paul Hubbell** of the Tempe Public Library Advisory Board;
 - **Charles Goffnet** of the Downtown Tempe Community Board;
 - **Mary Murphy-Bessler** of the Downtown Tempe Community;
 - **Cathy Hollow**, City of Tempe Civil Engineer.
- M. Aurora announced that the following artists were selected to fulfill the Public Artwork Opportunity:
 - **Oliverio Balcells**;
 - **Colton Brock**;
 - **Dawn DeVries Sokol**;
 - **Bud Heiss**;
 - **Linda Parker**;
 - **Lucretia Torva**.
- M. Aurora distributed the **final artist designs** for the Tempe Public Library Cards and Mill Avenue Utility Boxes to the TMAC members for review and consideration. Aurora affirmed that the Mill Avenue Utility Boxes will be painted during the week of January 30, 2012.
- Paul Hubbell, Library Advisory Board Chair, stated that the Tempe Public Library staff members and the members of the Library Advisory Board enjoys the work of Linda Parker; P. Hubbell explained that L. Parker's design appeals to youth and will be a popular Tempe Public Library Card represented within the Tempe Youth Library.

- M. Aurora encouraged the TMAC members to contact her with questions related to the Public Artwork Opportunity via email message at **Maja_Aurora@tempe.gov**.
- **MOTION: Frank Williams moved to approve the Mill Avenue Utility Boxes and Tempe Public Library Card Designs as presented.**
SECOND: Susan Bendix seconded.
DECISION: Mill Avenue Utility Boxes and Tempe Public Library Card Designs approved as presented.
- Hotchy Kiene inquired about artist recognition at each utility box site; M. Aurora stated that each utility box will be identified by artist name, date of completion and will be marked as being specific to the City of Tempe Public Art Program.
- M. Aurora reported that visual artist **Don Wills** was selected via City of Tempe Public Art Panel Process to fulfill an artwork opportunity to repaint a **bike locker** located at **Tempe City Hall**. Aurora explained that D. Wills was selected as an alternate to participate in the Mill Avenue Utility Boxes and Tempe Public Library Card Designs Public Artwork Opportunity.
- M. Aurora presented D. Will's artwork design to the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) members for review and consideration.
- **MOTION: Frank Williams moved to approve the Tempe City Hall Bike Locker Design as presented.**
SECOND: Hotchy Kiene seconded.
DECISION: Tempe City Hall Bike Locker Design approved as presented.
- M. Aurora noted that per the City of Tempe's (City) **Trip Reduction Program**, two City employees will share the bike locker space at Tempe City Hall.

Agenda Item 5B - Grants Report

- Maja Aurora, City of Tempe Arts Coordinator, encouraged the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) members to contact her via email message at **Maja_Aurora@tempe.gov** if they'd like to audit an art grant recipient event and/or program. Aurora added that she intends to compile a list of art grant recipient e-newsletters to distribute to the TMAC members as an additional communication tool.
- Nancy Goren, TMAC Chair, further encouraged the TMAC members to audit City of Tempe Art Grant Recipient programming and events.

Agenda Item 6 - Friends of Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) Report

- Don Dotts, Friends of the Tempe Center for the Arts (Friends of TCA) representative, reported that the Friends of TCA recently welcomed two new members, **Todd Lunn** and **Mike Rooney**.
- D. Dotts noted that the TCA is playing host to an **arts career day** on January 19, 2012, sponsored by the Friends of TCA.
- D. Dotts encouraged the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) members to attend a **special candidates forum on the arts** at 5 p.m. on January 11, 2012, within the Tempe City Council Chambers, 31 E. 5th Street. Dotts explained that Tempe City Council and Tempe Mayoral Candidates will answer questions prepared by representatives from the following sponsoring organizations:
 - **Arizona Citizens/Actions for the Arts;**
 - **Childsplay;**
 - **Friends of the Tempe Center for the Arts;**

- **Lakeshore Music.**

- D. Dotts encouraged the TMAC members to attend **Performance with a View** at 9:30 a.m. on January 17, 2012, in TCA Lakeside. Dotts explained that the event features performances by **Arizona State University (ASU) Jazz Combos** under the direction of Michael Kocour, ASU Director of Jazz Studies.
- D. Dotts announced that the Friends of TCA organization is in the preliminary stages of planning its **5th anniversary event**.
- D. Dotts acknowledged the popularity of the **Lakeshore Jazz Series at TCA**; D. Dotts explained that the performance attendance continues to grow, and publicity for the series is reaching additional audience populations from outside of the valley.

Agenda Item 7 - Commission Members' Announcements

- Frank Williams encouraged the TMAC members to attend the special candidates forum on the arts at 5 p.m. on January 11, 2012, within the Tempe City Council Chambers; F. Williams further noted that the arts forum is free and open to the public. Williams also explained that the forum will be streamed online at **www.tempe.gov/tempe11**, as well as recorded for rebroadcast on Tempe's **Channel 11**.

Agenda Item 8 - Public Appearances

- No appearances.

Agenda Item 9 - Adjournment

- The next Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) meeting is scheduled to take place at 6 p.m. on February 8, 2012, within the Tempe Public Library Conference Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, 85282.
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.**

Prepared By: Rachael Peterson

Reviewed By: Don Fassinger

Nancy Goren
Chair, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission