
Minutes Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board April 10, 2014

Minutes of the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board recorded as of 4:00 p.m. on April 10, 2014, within the Tempe History Museum Board Room, 809 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Shirley McKean
Mary O'Grady
Jennifer Wagner
Nikki Gusz
Dr. James Schoenwetter

City Staff Present:

Dr. Amy Douglass, Manager, Tempe History Museum

Guest(s) Present:

Anne Chandler, Tempe Historical Society Representative

(MEMBERS) Absent:

none

Meeting convened at 4:00 p.m. Jennifer Wagner, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1: Consideration of the February 6, Meeting Minutes

- Jennifer Wagner, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) Chair, presented the **February 6, 2014 Board meeting minutes** to the Museum Board members for review and consideration.
- **MOTION:** Dr. James Schoenwetter moved to approve the **February 6, 2014 Board meeting minutes as amended.**

SECOND: Shirley McKean seconded.

DECISION: February 6, 2014 Museum Board meeting minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 2: Communications Report

- Amy Douglass reported that former Board member Betty Enz had passed away.
- Amy Douglass also reminded the Board members that the volunteer party would be on Wednesday, April 23 at 10:00 am.

Agenda Item 3: National Accreditation

- Amy Douglass gave an update on one of the documents that are required by the American Alliance for Museums (AAM) for accredited institutions.
 - **Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Response Plan:** Missing information on the document draft is being filled in; the document should be completed by the May 1, 2014 meeting of the Board.

Agenda Item 4: Merger of Historical Museum and Library Boards

- Amy Douglass stated that the two Boards will be merging as of July 1. No details have been given as to how the merger will be carried out.

Agenda Item 5A: Public Programs Representative

- Shirley McKean, Representative of the Public Programs Committee, reported that the Museum held its third outdoor LOUD concert on March 15 in partnership with Classical Revolution PHX. This year featured the Salt River Brass, Basha High School Percussion Ensemble, food trucks, arts and crafts for the children and a Lego display. There were over 400 attendees.
- April is "Made in Tempe" Rock Month. The Pistoleros started the performance series on April 4. Future Loves Past will perform on Saturday, April 26 at 7:00 pm.
- The March Third Thursday featured John Tenney, founder of the Arizona Territories Vintage Baseball League (the League) and Lance Busch, President of the League talking about Arizona's first baseball teams.
- The April 17 Third Thursday will feature ASU Athletic Director Ray Anderson who will discuss plans for the remodeling of Sun Devil Stadium.

Agenda Item 5B: Report - Policy, Procedures and Accessions

- Jennifer Wagner, representative on the Policy, Procedures and Accessions Committee (P, P & A) stated that there are currently 13 provisional deposits awaiting a vote.
- No new provisional deposits were accepted in March and there were no new acquisitions.
- Several loans were accepted for the upcoming exhibit, "The Tempe Sound" including flyers, posters, photographs, t shirts and a guitar along with a brick from the original Long Wong's.

Agenda Item 5C: Report - Tempe Historic Preservation Commission

- Mary O'Grady, Representative to the Tempe Historic Preservation Commission (the Commission), stated that at their March meeting the Commission discussed the designation of Cavalier Homes as an historic district.
- They also discussed the possibility of changing the Historic Preservation Ordinance's residency requirement for the Commission. Several positions also require specific fields of expertise that are often difficult to fill with only Tempe residents. Eliminating the residency requirement would broaden the field of candidates for these positions.
- The Commission also discussed incentives for property owners to undergo the historic property designation process.
- It was announced that \$625 were raised from the downtown Tempe historic tours.

Agenda Item 5D: Report - Tempe Historical Society

- Anne Chandler, Tempe Historical Society (Society) Representative stated that a marketing consultant who has been hired by the Society continues to work on a new logo and marketing plan.
- A committee is planning the Hayden's Ferry Day celebration which will be based at the Hayden Flour Mill.

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- The Society is going to be sharing space in the museum building with the Veterans Oral History project. They are in the process of moving.
 - The annual meeting, to be held on May 5th at the Museum, probably will be the last since the Society will be moving from a member-driven organization to a board-driven organization. This meeting is open to the public; there is a \$5 fee for nonmembers.
 - The Society will be donating \$500 to pay the musicians who will play the compositions at the second annual Composition Competition.

Agenda Item 5E: Report - Oral History Program

- Amy Douglass stated that Susan Jensen continues to work on oral history transcription. To date she has transcribed 90 oral histories.

Agenda Item 8 - Board Member Announcements

- Dr. Schoenwetter announced that he would not be available to attend Board meetings from June through August.

Agenda Item 9 - Future Agenda Items

- No new agenda items were identified.

The next meeting of the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board is scheduled to take place at 4 p.m. on May 1, 2014 in the Tempe History Museum Board Room, 809 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Prepared by: Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Manager

Jennifer Wagner, Chair, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board