AGENDA ITEM 11

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Minutes
TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION
Dec. 12, 2007

Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission at 5 p.m. on Dec. 12, 2007, at the Edna Vihel Center for the Arts Multipurpose Room, 3340 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ.

(MEMBERS) Present:
Paul Hubbell, Vice Chair
Scott Essex
Betsy Fahlman
Nancy Goren
Kate Hanley
Lise Hawkos
Shirlee King
Linda Sleight

(MEMBERS) Absent:
Scott Burge, Chair
Robert Bortfeld
Ed Coyoli
Donna Goyette
Lisa Morley
Chin-an Shen
Richard Strange

City Staff Present:
Elizabeth Lagman, Public Art Specialist
Rachael Peterson, Cultural Services Division Admin.
Adrienne Richwine, Arts Administrator
Jody Ulich, Deputy Community Services Manager
Cameo Wall, Cultural Services Division Admin.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to order
Paul Hubbell called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Nov. 14 Commission Minutes

MOTION: **Betsy Fahlman moved to approve the minutes.**
SECOND: **Shirlee King seconded.**
DECISION: **Minutes approved.**

Agenda Item 3 – Cultural Services Director's Report

- Jody Ulich announced that the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) is full of activity; multiple groups are playing host to holiday events at the TCA.
- Ulich confirmed that the National Football League (NFL) has secured a full-facility lease for the TCA for about one week in January. The NFL is playing host to a private, evening event at the TCA related to Super Bowl XLII.
- Ulich stated that the TCA is playing host to its first wedding reception taking place on Dec. 29.

- Ulich affirmed that the TCA is receiving positive feedback from the public in regards to its facility leases.
- Ulich stated that the proposed Tempe Symphony Orchestra (TSO) TCA ticketing protocol is as follows: guests will be handed a ticket as they arrive to the TCA Theater. Tickets will not be assigned in advance.
- Shirlee King inquired about the possibility of overflow TSO seating in the TCA Lobby; Ulich stated that TCA Lobby overflow seating is available for any TSO performance taking place at the TCA.
- Nancy Goren inquired about a news article addressing Childsplay's revenue goals. Ulich stated that although this is Childsplay's third best season, Childsplay did not meet its 2007 sales projection.
- Ulich thanked the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) for its support throughout her tenure with the city of Tempe.

Agenda Item 4 – Chairperson's Report

- In the absence of the TMAC Chair, Scott Burge, Paul Hubbell thanked Ulich for her leadership and services as the director of the city of Tempe Cultural Services Division.

Agenda Item 5 – New Business

- Scott Essex stated that the TMAC recommended the following 2008 TMAC Slate of Officers:
  Chair – Paul Hubbell
  Vice Chair – Linda Sleight
  MOTION: Kate Hanley moved to approve the 2008 TMAC Slate of Officers.
  SECOND: Lise Hawkos seconded.
  DECISION: 2008 TMAC Slate of Officers approved.

Agenda Item 6a – Public Art/AIPD Committee

- Betsy Fahlman announced that the Hudson Park Panel selected artist Mary Lucking to install a public art piece in Hudson Park. Fahlman stated that the panel is interested to see how Lucking will engage the area around the park's meditation maze.

Agenda Item 7b– Grants Committee

- No new business.

Agenda Item 7c– Communications/Advocacy Committee

- Ulich distributed press materials to the TMAC members.

Agenda Item 7d– Facilities Committee

- No new business.

Agenda Item 8 – Commission Member's Comments/Questions

- Linda Sleight inquired about the Friends of TCA memberships. Sleight is concerned that the Gold (Individual) Membership monetary requirement may be too high. Sleight added that the Tempe community members who view the membership as being too costly may feel removed from the community aspect of the TCA.

- Scott Essex asked Sleight to provide a dollar amount for the Friends of TCA Gold Membership; Sleight stated that a $50 monetary requirement would be a realistic request.
- Kate Hanley expressed an interest in establishing a student and retiree Friends of TCA membership; Hanley added that a student or youth membership may better connect community members to Childsplay.
- Essex stated that he would act as a communication liaison between the Friends of TCA and TMAC.
- Hubbell stated that Tom Canasi, city of Tempe Community Services Department Manager, will attend the January TMAC meeting and share his vision for the city of Tempe Cultural Services Division.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Jan. 9 at the TCA 201 Lounge, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Prepared by: Rachael A. Peterson

Reviewed by: Jody Ulich

Authorized Signature
Position/Title