Tempe

# Minutes
# TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION
# July 9, 2008

**Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission at 6 p.m. on July 9, 2008, at the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) 201 Lounge, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ.**

**(MEMBERS) Present:**
Paul Hubbell, Chair
Linda Sleight, Vice Chair
Robert Bortfeld
Ed Coyoli
Judy Ellison
Nancy Goren
Donna Goyette
Kate Hanley
Shirlee King
Lisa Morley
Chin-an Shen
Richard Strange
Frank Williams

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**
Betsy Fahlman
Lise Hawkos

**City Staff Present:**
Elizabeth Lagman, Public Art Specialist
Rachael Peterson, Cultural Services Division Admin. Asst.
Adrienne Richwine, Deputy Community Services Manager

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to order**

- Paul Hubbell called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2 – Approval of the May 14 Commission Minutes**

**MOTION:** **Linda Sleight moved to approve the minutes.**
**SECOND:** **Nancy Goren seconded.**
**DECISION:** **Minutes approved.**

**Agenda Item 3 – Cultural Services Director's Report**

- Adrienne Richwine reported that the city of Tempe Cultural Services Division is playing host to the following events:
  - The Young Artists Studio (YAS) Program Exhibition; Lower Level of the Tempe Public Library (Reception at 7:30 p.m. on July 24; on display through August 26)
  - The Young Actors Theatre (YAT) Summer Performance; Edna Vihel Center for the Arts (Program is set to begin at 6:15 p.m. on July 24 in the Edna Vihel Center for the Arts Multipurpose Room)

  Both events are being facilitated by Lona Gearhart, city of Tempe Arts Instructional Program Coordinator; Richwine invited the commission members to attend both events.
- Richwine announced the hiring of Maja Switzer, city of Tempe Arts Administrator.

- Richwine stated that the Friends of TCA played host to a successful fundraiser on July 4 at the TCA.
- Richwine reported that the TCA Theater played host to a funeral service for Arizona State University (ASU) and Arizona Diamondbacks baseball personality Bob Eger.
- Richwine announced that a TCA Gift Shop Proposal has been submitted for consideration.
- Richwine stated that she did not have any information to report regarding the development west of the TCA.
- Richwine announced that Mary Fowler, Cultural Services Division Management Assistant, submitted four projects to the Valley Forward Environmental Excellence Awards for consideration. The submissions are as follows:
  - Tempe Center for the Arts
    - Buildings and Structures: Public Assembly
    - Art in Public Places
    - Site Development
  - Mitchell School
    - Buildings and Structures: Historic Preservation
- Richwine reported that the TCA Reflecting Pool will be closed for repairs July 17 through August 1. Richwine stated that a sealant is being administered to the art piece.
- Richard Strange inquired about the construction process for visual artist Laurie Lundquist's pedestrian bridge. Paul Hubbell inquired about the Tempe Town Lake Dam maintenance; Hubbell expressed concern that the dam maintenance will possibly interfere with the pedestrian bridge construction process.

**Agenda Item 4 – Chairperson's Report**

- Hubbell introduced and welcomed new TMAC member Judy Ellison; Ellison was appointed to the commission in May.
- Hubbell reported that an article written by Walt Lockley in the July issue of Desert Living Magazine addresses integrated modular shade structures in the city of Tempe light rail stations. Hubbell stated that the article has a side bar of information criticizing the design of the shade structures.

**Agenda Item 5 – New Business**

- No new business.

**Agenda Item 6a – Public Art/AIPD Committee**

- Shirlee King distributed information to the Public Art/AIPD Committee regarding color and text updates to Mary Lucking's proposed Hudson Park art pieces; King stated that Lucking's work will surround the park's meditation labyrinth. King added that the Public Art/AIPD Committee recommends the approval of Lucking's proposed art pieces.
  **MOTION:** **Kate Hanley moved to approve the proposed Hudson Park artwork as presented.**
  **SECOND:** **Lisa Morley seconded.**
  **DECISION:** **Hudson Park artwork approved.**
- King presented the commission with a maquette from visual artist David Brant in regards to his proposed Tempe Gateway AIPD element titled, "Progression of Transportation

(rusted steel images locked into seating walls)." King stated that Brant's piece will display the following:
- An eight to ten foot pair of walking legs
- A cowboy on horseback
- A bicycle
- A pair of over-scaled aluminum elements (fender, hood ornaments, vehicle, leg hitting brake pedal)
- Three large aluminum fins

- King stated that the Public Art/AIPD Committee recommends the approval of Brant's proposed AIPD piece.
- Lagman added that the developer, Opus, is prepared to provide additional funding for Brant's AIPD element; Lagman stated that the required amount is $91,362 and the total amount of the project is $106,200.

  **MOTION: Frank Williams moved to approve the Tempe Gateway AIPD project.**
  **SECOND: Kate Hanley seconded.**
  **DECISION: Tempe Gateway AIPD project approved.**
- King reported that she represented the TMAC Public Art/AIPD Committee as a panel member for the TCA Biennial: Paper. King added that the exhibition celebrates the one-year anniversary of the opening of the TCA and features works on paper, art made of paper and artists inspired by paper.

**Agenda Item 7b– Grants Committee**

- Nancy Goren reported that the 2008 – 2009 city of Tempe Arts Project Grants Panel Review took place at 8:30 a.m. on May 30 in the Tempe Historical Museum Board Room. Goren added that the panel was comprised of four members of the valley arts community; panel members reviewed and scored 22 arts project grant submissions.
- Goren presented the 2008 – 2009 TMAC Grants Committee funding recommendations to the commission.

  **MOTION: Richard Strange moved to approve the Grants Committee funding recommendations.**
  **SECOND: Shirlee King seconded.**
  **DECISION: 2008 – 2009 arts grants approved.**
- Goren stated that the TMAC Grants Committee reviewed an arts mini-grant application submitted by Progressive Theatre Workshop; the project is titled, "Shots: A Love Story at New York City Fringe Festival."
- Goren reported that the TMAC Grants Committee recommended denying the funding of Progressive Theatre Workshop's project due to the minimal number of Tempe community members immediately impacted by and involved with Progressive Theatre Workshop's performance at NYC Fringe.

  **MOTION: Linda Sleight moved to deny the funding of Progressive Theatre Workshop's mini-grant application.**
  **SECOND: Richard Strange seconded.**
  **DECISION: Mini-grant project funding denied.**

**Agenda Item 7c– Communications/Advocacy Committee**

- Donna Goyette distributed press clips to the commission members; the TMAC Communications/Advocacy Committee did not meet.

**Agenda Item 7d– Facilities Committee**

- Ed Coyoli stated that the TMAC Facilities Committee did not meet; Coyoli also inquired about the status of the TCA Partner Program Residency Requirement Revision. Richwine encouraged Coyoli to contact Don Fassinger, Cultural Facilities Administrator, for additional information related to the revision.

**Agenda Item 7 – Commission Member's Announcements**

- King expressed her appreciation for taking part in the TCA Biennial: Paper jury panel. King stated that there were approximately 80 submissions that were narrowed down to 26.
- Goyette asked that Rachael Peterson, Cultural Services Division Admin. Asst., update her cellular phone number listing on the TMAC member contact list.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on August 13 in the TCA 201 Lounge, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.**

Prepared by: Rachael A. Peterson

Reviewed by: Adrienne Richwine

Chair

Authorized Signature
Position/Title