Tempe

Minutes
TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION
Oct. 10, 2007

Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission at 6 p.m. on Oct. 10, 2007, at the Tempe Center for the Arts Board Room, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ.

(MEMBERS) Present:
Scott Burge, Chair
Paul Hubbell, Vice Chair
Robert Bortfeld
Ed Coyoli
Nancy Goren
Lise Hawkos
Lisa Morley
Linda Sleight
Richard Strange

(MEMBERS) Absent:
Scott Essex
Betsy Fahlman
Donna Goyette
Kate Hanley
Shirlee King
Chin-an Shen

City Staff Present:
Elizabeth Lagman, Public Art Specialist
Rachael Peterson, Cultural Services Division Admin.
Jody Ulich, Deputy Community Services Director

Agenda Item 1 – Call to order
Paul Hubbell called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Sept. 12 Commission Minutes

MOTION: **Lisa Morley moved to approve the minutes.**
SECOND: **Paul Hubbell seconded.**
DECISION: **Minutes approved.**

Agenda Item 3 – Cultural Services Director's Report

- Jody Ulich discussed and distributed promotional material for an exhibit sponsored by the Peoria Arts Commission.
- Ulich stated that Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) staff is steadily facilitating the building's inaugural season; the TCA accommodates multiple event bookings daily.
- Ulich acknowledged that the TCA is getting great press; the building is the subject of several news articles.
- Ulich announced that the TCA was granted an award by the *Phoenix New Times*. According to the publication, the TCA is "the best building we can't wait to poke our heads into." Ulich added that the TCA was a recipient of a National Building Project Gold Award.

- Ulich stated that the city of Tempe is facilitating a boards and commissions training pilot program. Ulich provided the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) members with boards and commission member handbooks.
- Ulich announced that the Friends of TCA reception is taking place at 6 p.m. on Oct. 11 in the TCA 201 Lounge. Scott Burge encouraged TMAC members to attend.
- Ulich reminded the commission that the TMAC thank-you reception is taking place at 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 11 on the TCA roof-top terrace. Ulich added that the city of Tempe Beautification Awards presentation is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Oct. 11 in the TCA Theater.
- Ulich encouraged the TMAC members to attend Trick's Wine Fiesta taking place at 2 p.m. on Nov. 4 at the House of Tricks, 114 E. 7th St. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Friends of TCA.
- Ulich stated that the city of Tempe Boards and Commissions' reception and dinner is taking place at 6 p.m. on Nov. 30 at the Tempe Center for the Arts.
- Ed Coyoli inquired about the potential development west of the TCA. Ulich stated that Chris Salomone, city of Tempe Community Development Manager, will be presenting information regarding the development west of the TCA at the Nov. 14 TMAC meeting.
- Coyoli inquired about the city of Tempe Urban Open Space Development Plan. Bob Bortfeld stated that the development plan will provide guidance to developers. Ulich encouraged the TMAC members to contact E. Hansen, city of Tempe Planner, if they had questions regarding the development plan.

Agenda Item 4 – Chairperson's Report

- Burge invited the TMAC members to attend a thank-you presentation to the city council taking place at 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 11 on the TCA roof-top terrace. Dress is business casual. Burge stated that the commission would be displaying poster boards highlighting the city of Tempe Grants, Public Art and Art in Private Development programs. Pat Burdette, Tempe Elementary School District #3 representative, is attending the presentation to speak about how the city of Tempe Grants program funding has affected the Tempe Elementary School District #3.
- Burge reminded the commission that Chris Salomone will facilitate a formal presentation regarding the development west of the TCA at the Nov. 14 TMAC meeting.
- Nancy Goren congratulated Burge on his efforts to provide the TMAC members with accurate information regarding the development west of the TCA.
- Burge thanked city of Tempe Cultural Services Division staff for its efforts in facilitating the inaugural season of the TCA.
- Burge expressed that the TMAC Strategic Plan needs to be updated; Burge requested that TMAC committee chairs gather to discuss the document's format.

Agenda Item 5 – New Business

- The presentation by Chris Salomone regarding the development west of the TCA has been suspended; a discussion will take place at the Nov. 14 TMAC meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – TCA Update

- Ulich reported that the TCA is heavily booking events; for information regarding available booking dates, please contact Cameo Wall at (480) 350-2829.

- Ulich announced that the fundraising initiated by Gail Fisher for the Friends of TCA amounts to $120,000.
- Ulich stated that the TCA Gift Shop Request for Qualifications (RFQ) has been re-submitted and will be sent out to bid for 60 days in approximately two weeks. The gift shop RFQ will be reviewed by the city of Tempe Purchasing Department by Oct. 12.
- Bortfeld inquired about the TCA hours of operation; Ulich stated that the TCA Lobby is open from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. The building will be opened for a limited amount of time on Sundays and will be closed on Mondays.
- Bortfeld suggested that the TCA facilitate a series of "First Fridays;" Goren agreed. Ulich expressed a desire to do something different.

Agenda Item 7a – Public Art/AIPD Committee

- Lise Hawkos presented David Brant's University Center 3 AIPD project to the commission and stated that the Public Art/AIPD Committee recommended that Brant's proposed project be approved. University Center 3 was designed to provide pedestrian comfort and interaction.
  MOTION: Paul Hubbell moved to approve the project.
  SECOND: Robert Bortfeld seconded.
  DECISION: University Center 3 approved.
- Hawkos announced that Richard Landry and Cornoyer Hedrick were working with Brant to design a lakeside lighting feature to be part of the Rural Road bridge, connecting Marina Heights East and West. The computer-driven feature will consist of subtle LED lighting and sound.
- Burge requested that this project be brought to the attention of the Rio Salado Advisory Commission.
- Hawkos reported that the second ASU/city of Tempe Shared Terrain installation occurred; artist Nicole Kistler's river of lawn ornaments will be on display through December 2007.

Agenda Item 7b– Grants Committee

- Goren presented two mini-grant applications to the commission.
- Goren reported that Tempe High School submitted a mini-grant application to pay AZ Drum and Dance's host fees for visiting artist, Amadou Kienou. Goren added that the Grants Committee recommended approving funding for the mini-grant submission because Amadou's presentation will bring a fresh perspective on Africa to a highly diverse student population and his presentation is culturally arts-appropriate.
  MOTION: Linda Sleight moved to approve funding of the mini-grant.
  SECOND: Robert Bortfeld seconded.
  DECISION: Mini-grant funding approved.
- Goren presented a mini-grant application submitted by ASU's Beyond Center for Fundamental Concepts in Science. Goren stated that funding for the mini-grant will pay for expenses related to a series of three annual public lectures featuring leading scientists of international renown. The inaugural lecture will feature Armin Shimerman, a Star Trek actor. "Beyond the Star Trek Universe" lecture is taking place at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 8 at the TCA.
- Goren stated that the Grants Committee recommended to deny funding of the ASU Center's mini-grant application submission because the committee members believed

that the program was not art-related and did not meet the needs of the Tempe community.

MOTION: **Lisa Morley moved to deny funding of the mini-grant.**
SECOND: **Robert Bortfeld seconded.**
DECISION: **Mini-grant funding denied.**

Agenda Item 7c– Communications/Advocacy Committee

- No new business.

Agenda Item 7d– Facilities Committee

- Coyoli reported that a Facilities Committee meeting is taking place at 5 p.m. on Oct. 15 at the TCA. The committee intends to modify the TCA Partner Program Criteria and Application process.

Agenda Item 8 – Commission Member's Comments/Questions

- No new business.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Nov. 14 in the TCA 201 Lounge (formerly referred to as the TCA Donor Room).

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Prepared by: Rachael A. Peterson

Reviewed by: Jody Ulich

Authorized Signature
Position/Title