

**CITY OF GLENDALE, ARIZONA
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE
ARTS COMMISSION
HELD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2009
LIBRARY BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM
SECOND FLOOR
5959 WEST BROWN STREET**

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Chairperson Darrell Criswell. Commission members, Manuel Burruel, M.B. Finnerty, Winifred Kultala, and Scott Mink were in attendance. Representing city staff were Sue Komernicky, Library and Arts Director and Sandra Keely, Public Art Coordinator. Guest in attendance was Cathy Gorham, Acting Deputy City Manager, Karen Hesser, Deputy Parks and Recreation Director, Paul Bernardo, Parks and Recreation Manager, Karen Puthoff, PSA Art Awakenings and Martin Moreno from Las Artes De Maricopa. Commission member Spear and J. Gibran Villalobos, Gallery/Collections Coordinator were absent.

INTRODUCTIONS

New Arts Commission member Rebecca Mayberry, representing the Yucca District, was introduced. The Commissioners welcomed Commissioner Mayberry.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time the Commission will hear comments from the public; however, the Commission may not discuss or consider items not appearing on the agenda unless an actual emergency exists. There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

There were no minutes to approve at this time.

PRESENTATION OF THE DESIGN FOR SAHUARO RANCH MURAL

Mr. Martin Moreno of Las Artes De Maricopa and Ms. Karen Puthoff of PSA Art Awakenings presented a presentation on the Sahuaro Ranch Design Mural. Mr. Gustavo Mc Grew of PSA Art Awakenings was not in attendance due to a medical emergency. Mr. Moreno discussed details of the actual mural and provided a completion date of November 7, 2009. Ms. Puthoff commented on a reception event being held at Sahuaro Ranch, also on November 7th, to celebrate the mural's completion. She stated the reception was open to dignitaries, staff and artists. She provided an early copy of the brochure that will be used to promote the event.

Ms. Sandra Keely, Public Art Coordinator, presented a video of the Sahuaro Ranch area where the mural will be placed. She also provided a computerized rendering of what the mural would look like once completed.

Commissioner Mink asked if the students were the only ones doing the artwork. Mr. Moreno responded, yes.

A MOTION was MADE by Commission member Burruel to APPROVE the Sahuaro Ranch Design Mural by PSA Art Awakenings. The MOTION was SECONDED by Commission member Mink and carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES

Ms. Sue Komernicky, Library and Arts Director, read from two thank you letters from the Phoenix Symphony and Ballet Arizona for the performing arts programming funds. She noted it was always nice to have feedback from organizations to help reinforce the Commission's commitment and know that their work was appreciated. Chairperson Criswell stated he had attended the Ballet's performance and was immensely amazed at its beauty. He encouraged everyone to attend at least once.

Ms. Sandra Keely, Public Art Coordinator, reminded the Commissioners about the upcoming performances by Phoenix Symphony Woodwind Ensemble being held at Desert Garden Elementary School at 9:30am and 10:30am on Wednesday October 7, 2009. Ms. Keely reported on the Phoenix Conservatory of Music after school program called *Taiko and World Music* being held at Bicentennial South Elementary School, which started September 8th. They will provide 24-31 visits throughout the 2009/2010 school year.

Ms. Keely also provided information on the West Valley Meeting, held on October 6, 2009 at 11:00am. She stated this event was sponsored by the West Valley Arts Council. They highly recommend attending this meeting since they believe this effort was critical to finding new sources of public funding for the continued success of the arts.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Finnerty inquired as to how the Bead Museum was fairing since concerns had been raised that it might have to close. Ms. Komernicky explained the museum has been receiving a lot of support and donations.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Arts Commission will be on Wednesday, November 18, 2009. The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. and will be held in the 2nd Floor Board Conference Room at Glendale Public Library, 5959 West Brown Street in Glendale.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was MADE by Commission member Finnerty to ADJOURN the meeting. The MOTION was SECONDED by Commission member Kultala and carried unanimously.

As there were no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Sandra Keely, Recording Secretary
Public Art Coordinator