

**CITY OF GLENDALE, ARIZONA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR THE
ARTS COMMISSION**

**HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2009
LIBRARY BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM
SECOND FLOOR
5959 WEST BROWN STREET
GLENDALE, ARIZONA**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairperson Darrell Criswell. Commission members Enid Spear, M.B. Finnerty, Winifred Kultala and Winona Passmore were in attendance. Commission member Manny Burruel was absent. Representing city staff were Rex Gulbranson, Arts and Culture Administrator, Sandra Keely, Public Art Coordinator and J. Gibran Villalobos, Collections/Exhibitions Coordinator. Melinda Bergman, Community Arts Coordinator, was absent.

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

A **MOTION** was **MADE** by Commission member Finnerty to **APPROVE** the minutes of the January 21, 2009 meeting. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Commission member Kultala and carried unanimously.

ARIZONA COMMISSION ON THE ARTS

Mr. Rex Gulbranson, Arts and Culture Administrator, presented this agenda item. The arts program will submit a grant application to the Arizona Commission on the Arts to support operations during the 2009-2010 fiscal year. The grant guides call for submitting a cultural diversity statement that is annually updated and approved by the applicant's board. Mr. Gulbranson asked the Commission members to review the application for any comments or revisions. After reviewing the document, the Commission was in agreement and Chairperson Criswell signed the document. The Arts Commission will continue to advocate and work to assure culturally diverse programming and projects for Glendale.

A **MOTION** was **MADE** by Commission member Spear to **APPROVE** the 2009-2010 Cultural Diversity Statement. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Commission member Passmore and carried unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/GUIDELINES FOR PERFORMING ARTS GRANTS UPDATE

Mr. Rex Gulbranson, Arts and Culture Administrator, presented this agenda item. The guidelines for the 2009-2010 Performing Arts Grants have not been released to applicant organizations over budget concerns. Because of pending budget reductions, the grants budget has been greatly scaled

back by 60%. The next two regular Arts Commission Meetings will be vacated to be replaced by two special meetings to review and approve the Performing Arts Grants. He anticipates the grants review process occurring quickly in order to provide the Arts Commission's recommendations to the City Council before their summer recess.

Commissioner Spear commented that since everyone was scaling back, she believes companies will understand accepting less grant funding. Mr. Gulbranson stated it was the trend that everyone was currently following. Additionally, many performing art programs were modifying their schedules and consolidating events.

A MOTION was MADE by Commission member Finnerty to VACATE the Commission's regular meetings on April 15 and May 20, 2009, and schedule special meetings for April 27 and May 6, 2009, to review and approve the 2009-2010 Performing Arts Grants. The MOTION was SECONDED by Commission member Kultala and carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES

Glendale Arts Council Youth Art Show

Mr. Rex Gulbranson, Arts and Culture Administrator, presented this item. He reported that the show will run from April 23rd to May 3rd, 2009 at the Sahuaro Ranch Packing Shed Gallery. The Arts Commission funded the Student and Teachers Awards. He stated the Commissioners should be receiving their invitations and were encouraged to attend.

Maricopa Partnership for Arts and Culture

Mr. Gulbranson presented this item. He explained that Maricopa Partnership for Arts and Culture (MPAC) was founded in July 2004 at the recommendation of the Maricopa Regional Arts and Culture Task Force. It is a regional nonprofit organization that promotes a vibrant creative community as a critical partner in the economic vitality of Greater Phoenix. He provided an informational pamphlet that is being used to promote awareness and support for the arts.

Mr. Gulbranson and Chairperson Criswell discussed the MPAC Arts Summit they had recently attended in Phoenix. Chairperson Criswell commented on the impressive panel and the facts and figures presented. He remarked that the summit also dealt with how the arts were being affected by the current economic climate.

Public Arts Projects

Ms. Sandra Keely, Public Art Coordinator, reported on this item. She stated that some public art projects were temporarily suspended over budget concerns. However, the Mike Bates' Youth Department Passageway Project at the Main Library was almost complete. She indicated they had been working on updating the arts website.

Community Arts

Mr. Gulbranson reported on behalf of Ms. Melinda Bergman, Community Arts Coordinator. He indicated that the contracts for the Jazz and Blues Festival have been completed and everything was on track. He also reported that the Summer Art Camp will be using on-line registration through the Parks and Recreation Department.

Adult Center Exhibit

Mr. Gibran Villalobos, Collections and Exhibitions Coordinator, presented this item. He provided a PowerPoint presentation on purchases that were made at the Glendale Arts Council's 46th Annual Juried Fine Arts Exhibition at the Sahuaro Ranch's Fruit Packing Shed Gallery. He reported that an artwork purchased at the Arts Council exhibition by Gordon McAdam had been returned for a refund. McAdam's artwork did not meet the Arts Council's eligibility rules for recently created work. He also invited everyone to the opening of the Arizona Watercolor Association's Annual Exhibition at the Glendale Adult Center on March 31, 2009.

Art Maintenance Updates

Mr. Villalobos reported that they will be cleaning the Glendale History Walk at the downtown parking structure prior to the Jazz and Blues Festival. He stated that a new exhibition of 48 photographs had been installed at the Public Safety Training Center Lobby.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mr. Gulbranson reported that Commission member Eddy resigned from the Arts Commission. She recently moved to a new home outside of Glendale.

Commissioner's Finnerty and Kultala commented on the Glendale University 101 - 10 week course. They encouraged anyone who had not taken it to consider it. They both greatly recommend it.

Commissioner Passmore remarked on a water feature at Sensory Garden which was damaged. Mr. Villalobos stated he would look into it.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Arts Commission will be on Monday, April 27, 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 Kultala to ADJOURN the meeting. The MOTION was SECONDED by Commission member Passmore and carried unanimously.

As there were no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rex Gulbranson, Recording Secretary
Arts and Culture Administrator