

**CITY OF GLENDALE, ARIZONA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR THE
ARTS COMMISSION
HELD WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2009
LIBRARY BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM
SECOND FLOOR
5959 WEST BROWN STREET**

The meeting was called to order at 3:57 p.m. by Chairperson Darrell Criswell. Commission members, Manuel Burruel, M.B. Finnerty, Winifred Kultala and Enid Spear were in attendance. Commission member Winona Passmore was absent. Representing city staff were Rex Gulbranson, Arts and Culture Administrator, Sandra Keely, Public Art Coordinator and J. Gibran Villalobos, Gallery/Collections Coordinator. Guest in attendance was Mr. Kenny Grossman, Spotlight Youth Theatre.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Kenny Grossman from Spotlight Youth Theatre introduced himself and his organization to the Commission. Mr. Grossman stated his organization was run by volunteers and deals primarily with kids. Their aim is to provide a weekly class which incorporated all aspects of performing arts, developing singing, dancing and acting skills, and most importantly, give students an opportunity to perform their work in a theatre. The theatre currently has students from 8 to 16 years old

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A MOTION was MADE by Commission member Spear to APPROVE the minutes of the May 6, 2009, Art Commission Meeting. The MOTION was SECONDED by Commission member Finnerty and carried unanimously.

ANNUAL ARTS PROJECTS PLAN FOR 2009/10

Mr. Rex Gulbranson, Arts and Culture Administrator and Ms. Sandra Keely, Public Art Coordinator, presented this agenda item. They provided a PowerPoint presentation and facilitated a discussion with Commissioners on the proposed projects and programs for 2009/10. Mr. Gulbranson also reviewed the 2008/09 Annual Arts Projects Plan and what had been accomplished this fiscal year. He indicated the city will now be requiring a signed contact instead of a letter of agreement for contract services for the Performing Arts Program.

The Commissioners discussed the project changes due to the current economy and city budget cutbacks. Chairperson Criswell indicated this change might have to be communicated to the community and artists. Commissioner Spear suggested revisiting the guidelines for the Performing Arts Program. Commissioner Burruel stated that exposing children to the arts early on should be a top priority when discussing this issue. Everyone agreed. Mr. Gulbranson agreed to discuss this matter further at the next meeting in August.

2008/2009 Annual Arts Projects Plan

Public Art Completed

- Glendale History Walk, Downtown Parking Structure - Lynn Basa

- Lighting the Ages, Main Library Youth Department - Myk Bates
- 26th Jazz and Blues Festival:
 - Double Archway – Mark Grieve, Ilana Spector and Ed France
 - Blues Garden – Mary Lucking, Pete Goldlust and Anthony Sempere
 - POTA POTA, Otonomyaki: Kio Griffith and Alan Makagawa
- Portable Artwork – Trish Mayberry, Kandyee Olson and Elliott Everson
- Library Cards – Rebecca Ahern, J’Lee Jarvis, Diego Placencia and Corina Valdez
- Public Art Awards – Valley Forward and Americans for the Arts

Public Art Projects Suspended

- Fire Station 151
- 101/Glendale Avenue Park and Ride Lot
- West Branch Library
- Courthouse
- Bead Museum Mural

Planning/Studies

- American for the Arts
 - Arts and Economic Prosperity III
 - Creative Industries
- Culture Facilities/Art Museum

Art Education

- 2008 Summer Arts Camp – 6 weeks
- 2009 Summer Arts Camp – 5 weeks

Performing Arts

- 25 projects

Arts Marketing

- The Arts Advantage in Glendale, New ½ - hour Channel 11, Arts and Culture Show
- Arts Website update

Art Exhibitions

- Glendale Adult Center
- Sahuaro Ranch

2009/2010 Annual Arts Projects Plan

Public Art

- Public Safety Memorial
- South Downtown Gateway
- Centennial Series for Downtown Special Events/Festivals
 - Jazz and Blues 2010
 - Parking Space Art
 - Chalk Art

- Plein Aire

Planning Studies

- Centerline – Public Art Plan

Arts Education

- 2010 Summer Arts Camp – 5 weeks

Performing Arts

- 11 projects

Arts Marketing

- New rack brochure for Visitor Center
- Arts Website update

Art Exhibitions

- Glendale Adult Center
- Sahuaro Ranch

A MOTION was MADE by Commission member Kultala to APPROVE the Annual Art Projects Plan for 2009/10. The MOTION was SECONDED by Commission member Burruel and carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES

Glendale 11 Arts and Culture Program

Mr. Rex Gulbranson, Arts and Culture Administrator reported on this item. He was excited to announce a new program called the Arts Advantage in Glendale, a new half-hour cable television program on Glendale 11, premiering this summer.

Summer Art Camp

Mr. Rex Gulbranson, Arts and Culture Administrator, provided an update on the Summer Art Camp at the Historic Sahuaro Ranch Park. He stated that Glendale's 2009 Summer Arts Camp is underway during July and is providing youth five exciting weeks of making art with artists Ms. Christy Puetz, Mr. Will Clipman, Ms. Cyndi Coon and Mr. Joe Willie Smith.

Adult Center Exhibits

Mr. Gibran Villalobos, Gallery/Collections Coordinator, reported on this item. He encouraged everyone to attend the Tyson Crosby's exhibition shows at the Glendale Adult Center during July. He was also happy to announce that Glendale now Twitters. Please follow on Twitter, @GlendaleArts.

Art Maintenance Updates

Mr. Gibran Villalobos, Gallery/Collections Coordinator, reported on this item. He reported that on June 4, 2009, Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden was vandalized. The fountain was stolen; however, the offenders were caught by the police while trying to sell the material at a metal recycling business. The defendants were ordered by the courts to pay \$4,180 in restitution to

replicate and install the fountain. He also reported on several public art features around the city scheduled to be cleaned.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Spear commented that it was nice to be back and see everyone after such a long break.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Arts Commission will be on Wednesday, August 19, 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 Spear to ADJOURN the meeting. The MOTION was SECONDED by Commission member Burruel and carried unanimously.

As there were no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rex Gulbranson, Recording Secretary
Arts and Culture Administrator