

Government Services Committee
Tuesday, September 6, 2011
Regular Meeting Minutes
Council Conference Room
5850 West Glendale Avenue
Glendale, AZ

Councilmember Manny Martinez called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Present were Councilmember Manny Martinez and Councilmember Phil Lieberman. Also in attendance were Diane Lesser, Arts Commission Chair, staff: Erik Strunk, Cheryl Kennedy, Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Jamsheed Mehta, Walter Fix, Kristen Krey and Kriss Carneal. Councilmember Joyce Clark was absent.

#1 – Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Lieberman advised that he could not approve the August 16, 2011 GSC minutes, because he was absent from the August meeting. Councilmember Lieberman made a motion to table the minutes until the next meeting. Councilmember Martinez seconded the motion. Motion approved.

#2 – Resignations: Judy Atkins (At-Large Cactus) Citizens Advisory Commission on Neighborhoods.

#3 – Arts Commission Update – Mojgan Vahabzadeh: Mojgan provided the committee with a memo that included background information on the Arts Commission and its FY 2010-11 accomplishments. Mojgan highlighted some accomplishments, including the Police Museum installation & dedication; Public Safety Memorial & Dedication; and the Jazz & Blues Festival temporary art & installations. Mojgan shared the FY 2011-12 annual art projects plan, which consists of replacing two entry monuments at Sahuaro Ranch Park and making 6 purchases at the Plein Air Painting event held at the Chocolate Affaire; and displaying the art in various municipal buildings. In addition, the plan includes engaging more artists and possibly sponsoring artists at the Jazz & Blues Festival and expanding the Summer Art Camp program by partnering with Parks & Recreation. The Arts Commission will also work with the Performing Arts Partnership Program which will help provide free events; and expand the Art Exhibitions at the Glendale Adult Center by getting the word out through Facebook, Twitter, and by producing a new brochure. The Commission's new initiatives for FY 2011-12 will be working with the Centerline Arts District to feature arts and cultural programs and amenities and exploring and developing new relationships with GCC, Midwestern University, and ASU West to start a Reciprocal Art Loan Program which will consist of loaning and borrowing art.

Councilmember Martinez inquired about funding and Erik responded it is \$1.4 million for FY 2011-12. Councilmember Martinez asked how much art is in storage. Mojgan informed him there are under 20 pieces of art in storage and that they try to keep all art on the walls and rotate the art pieces. Councilmember Lieberman inquired about changing out the pictures in the Council Chambers and Conference room B-3 since they have been there since 1984. Councilmember Martinez asked if the Arts Commission is reaching out to schools. Erik Strunk responded he will look into working with the schools through Parks & Recreation.

#4 – Aviation Advisory Commission Update – Walter Fix: Jamsheed advised that the Aviation Advisory Commission visited the Scottsdale airport in June to see their operations. The commission will discuss the findings at their next meeting. The commission organized the following sub-committees: Rules & Regulations; Events sub-committee which set up events for the tenants, and the Security & Safety sub-committee, which was able to get a regular security fence. With a Homeland Security Act grant the police department will be providing security cameras at the airport. The Future Business & Development sub-committee will be looking at surrounding airports to see how they can attract more aviation businesses; and the Outing sub-committee visits other airports and checks out their operations. Jamsheed advised at the next meeting, the City Attorney will be briefing everyone on changes, next steps going forward, corrective action and the on-going inspections.

Kristen requested a written summary of last year's accomplishments and this year's plan. Jamsheed advised this will be discussed at the October meeting, and he will provide the information at that time.

#5 – On-Line Training: Kristen suggested this item be table until the October meeting, due to time constraints. Councilmember Martinez made a motion to table this item until the October meeting. Councilmember Lieberman seconded the motion. Motion approved.

#6 – Next GSC Meeting: October 4, 2011

#7 – Request for Motion to Adjourn and conduct an Executive Session:

At 10:25 a.m. Councilmember Martinez made a motion to adjourn to conduct the Executive Session. Councilmember Lieberman seconded the motion to adjourn to conduct the Executive Session.

Prepared by Kriss Carneal