

CITY OF GLENDALE  
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING  
GLENDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
THE FRUIT PACKING SHED AT SAHUARO RANCH PARK  
9802 N. 59<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016  
6:00PM

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:08 pm by Chairperson Carrie Richards. Commissioners, Nadine Yuhasz, Bernadette Bolognini, Eva Ndavu and Mark Fast were in attendance. Representing city staff was Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Public Arts Coordinator, Mike Beck, Chief Librarian, and Erik Strunk, Director, Community Services Department. Vice Chair Ann Owens and Commissioner Thomas Cole were absent and excused.

Special Guest: Councilmember Ray Malnar stopped by briefly to introduce himself.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 19, 2015**

**A MOTION was MADE by Commissioner Bolognini to APPROVE the Arts Commission meeting minutes from the November 19, 2015 meeting, as written. Commissioner Yuhasz SECONDED the MOTION, which carried unanimously.**

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

At this time the Commission will hear comments from the public. The Commission, however, may not discuss or consider items not appearing on the agenda unless an actual emergency exists. Councilmember Ray Malnar introduces himself to the Commission and said a few words thanking the Commission for their work and dedication to the city.

**LOYALTY OATH OF OFFICE AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Newly appointed Commissioner Mark Fast (Cholla District) took the Boards and Commissions Loyalty Oath of Office and introduced himself to the Commissioners.

**FY 2016-17 ANNUAL ARTS PROJECTS PLAN**

Staff and the Arts Commission discussed considering projects and programs for the purpose of developing the FY 2016-17 Arts Projects Plan. As per the City of Glendale Arts Ordinance, the Arts Commission shall develop an annual arts projects plan with the appropriate city staff for the purpose of making recommendations to City Council. This is being done in an attempt to align with the city of Glendale's FY2016-17 budget process.

Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Public Arts Coordinator, reviewed the arts project plan and the fund amounts associated with each project. She asked for input from the Commissioners or any questions or additions. She reviewed Glendale's Signature Events as well as the Centerline District Arts and Cultural Activities plans. She explained that any discretionary program funding will have to come before the Commission. She noted that as project opportunities become available, the Commission will have the opportunity to consider each and recommend for approval.

The projects below reflect the recommended Arts Projects Plan for FY 2016-17.

• IN FLUX Cycle 7 Valley-wide Initiative – Temporary Art Installation	\$4,000
• Juried Fine Arts Show – Annual Art Purchase	\$2,000
• FY 2017-18 Performing Arts Partnership Program	\$44,000
• FY 2016-17 Youth & Teen Arts Summer Activity	\$10,000
• Gallery Glendale at Westgate & Civic Center Gallery	
❖ Monthly gallery maintenance, art exhibits and events	\$6,500
• Annual Arts Maintenance	\$7,000
• Community Arts Activities	\$5,000
• Centerline District Arts & Cultural Activities	
❖ Interactive Arts Experience at the Glitter and Glow	\$4,000
❖ Interactive Arts Experience at the Chocolate Affaire	\$4,000
❖ Plein Air Painting Competition at the Chocolate Affaire	\$2,750
❖ Discretionary Programming Fund	<u>\$39,250</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$128,500</b>

Chairperson Richards asked for a motion and vote.

**A MOTION was MADE by Commissioner Bolognini to RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE FY 2016-17 ARTS PROJECT PLAN. Commissioner Yuhasz SECONDED the MOTION, which carried unanimously.**

#### **GLENDALE ARTS COUNCIL JURIED FINE ARTS EXHIBIT**

The Arts Commission reviewed the Glendale Arts Council Annual Juried Fine Arts Exhibit and selected the purchase awards for the Municipal Art Collection. The artwork selected by the Commission will be installed in a city building. Per the adopted FY 2015-2016 Arts Plan, the total purchase not to exceed \$2,000.

The Commission walked around to view each artwork and discussed their selections. After a lively discussion, they narrowed their choices. The Commissioners discussed each of their selections in detail coming up with a unanimous recommendation.

Chairperson Richards asked for a motion and vote.

**A MOTION was MADE by Commissioner Yuhasz to APPROVE the FY 2015-2016 ARTS PLAN PURCHASE OF “Black Dog” by Gary Smathers in the amount of \$1,800. Commissioner Bolognini SECONDED the MOTION, which carried unanimously.**

After the vote, Ms. Vahabzadeh invited everyone to the preview party for Glendale Arts Council Annual Juried Fine Arts Exhibit this weekend. She said they should have all received their invitations in the mail.

Erik Strunk, Director, Community Services Department stated the Councilmember Turner who is an art aficionado has invited everyone to attend. He stated there was no charge for the Commissioners for this event and it was a great way to connect with the public and the art world. He hopes they all can attend.

### **STAFF UPDATES**

- **Gallery Glendale – Update**

Gallery Glendale will feature Feathers & Fur, a Juried Photography Exhibition from 6:00pm to 9:00 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays. The exhibit will run from January 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>. The Opening night reception is scheduled for Saturday, January 9th, from 6:00pm to 9:00 p.m. The artwork will be available for sale.

- **Glitter and Glow**

The Glendale Glitter & Glow event will be held January 10th, from 4:00pm-10:00 pm.

- **Chocolate Affaire**

The Annual Glendale Chocolate Affaire will be held in Historic Downtown Glendale, February 5, 6 & 7. The Plein Air Painting Competition will be held in downtown Glendale on Saturday, February 6. Judging will take place at 4 p.m.

- **Arts Congress Event**

Ms. Vahabzadeh provided information on the Arts Congress event. She stated the Arts Congress 2016 event is scheduled from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm, on Thursday, February 4th, on the Senate Lawn of the Arizona State Capitol. The day will feature workshops and other activities for participants interested in becoming more active as arts advocates. Ms. Vahabzadeh noted they will also provide advocacy training and materials, as well as, lunch on the lawn.

### **COMMISSION COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Richards asked for a motion to adjourn.

**A MOTION was MADE by Commissioner Bolognini to ADJOURN the meeting Commissioner Ndavu SECONDED the MOTION, which carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

The next meeting of the Glendale Arts Commission will be held on Thursday, February 25, 2016 @ 6:00p.m., at the Large Meeting Room, first floor, Glendale Public Library, 5959 West Brown Street, Glendale, Arizona.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Public Arts Coordinator