

**CITY OF GLENDALE
MINUTES OF THE ARTS COMMISSION
HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2014
GLENDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY
LARGE MEETING ROOM-FIRST FLOOR
5959 WEST BROWN STREET
GLENDALE, ARIZONA
6:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chairperson Carol Ladd. Commission members, Jessica Koory, Joan Graham, Nadine Yuhasz and Patricia Judd were in attendance. Representing city staff was Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Public Arts Coordinator and Terri Canada, Budget Administrator. Commissioners Anne Owens and Elizabeth Medina were absent with prior notice.

INTRODUCTIONS

The Commissioners and staff introduced themselves and shared information about their backgrounds and interests.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

A MOTION was MADE by Commission member Koory to Approve the minutes of the December 19, 2013 Arts Commission meeting. The MOTION was SECONDED by Commission member Graham and carried unanimously.

A MOTION was MADE by Commission member Koory to Approve the minutes of the January 7, 2014 Arts Commission meeting. The MOTION was SECONDED by Commission member Graham and carried unanimously.

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 comments; however, several people from the community attended the meeting. Present were Theresa Shepherd, Barbara R. Cole and Samantha Johnson

LOYALTY OATH OF OFFICE / NEW COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Nadine Yuhasz, Yucca District and Commissioner Patricia L. Judd, Barrel District took the Boards and Commissions Loyalty Oath of Office.

CITY OF GLENDALE FIVE-YEAR BUDGET FORECAST

Terri Canada, City of Glendale Budget Administrator presented an overview of the financial forecast of the next five years and the impacts on the City's budget. She stated that at the December 17, 2013, City Council Workshop, staff presented an updated General Fund Five-Year Financial Forecast. She explained that a forecast serves two purposes: One it provides a long-term view of current year budget decisions affecting the City and two, it provides an estimate of

the identified structural deficit facing the City over the forecast period. The forecast identified an annual structural deficit in FY 14-15 through FY 16-17 averaging \$14 million per year. She noted that upon the elimination of the temporary sales tax (FY 17-18), the annual structural deficit averages \$30 million. She indicated that staff anticipates that significant measures must be taken over the next two fiscal years. She stated that measures include either revenue enhancements, expenditure reductions, or a combination of the two. She explained that over the past several years, cuts in the General Fund budget have occurred largely without an impact to the service levels; however, with a significant workload increase for remaining staff.

Ms. Canada stated that any further significant expenditure reductions of the magnitude outlined would be felt by the public and affect staffing levels. She said that Council consensus was to address the structural deficit utilizing a dual approach. They would implement short-term solutions immediately and research/pursue long-term solutions utilizing a strategic approach.

Ms. Canada noted that discussions centered on debt/contractual expenditure restructuring, revenue enhancements, and expenditure reductions. City Council discussed the information presented and gave direction to proceed with the following items:

- A variable interest rate on the inter-fund loans.
- The assumption that the 2 percent primary property tax would increase each year.
- Council is open to further discussions regarding the most recent sales tax increase continuing beyond the 2017 expiration date.
- Develop a list of prioritized services for Council to consider.
- Continue to present revenue enhancement and expenditure reduction opportunities.

She stated staff will continue discussions with budget balancing areas, options, and potential solutions. She concluded her presentation and asked for any comments or questions.

Commissioner Koory asked if they were considering selling Camelback Ranch. Ms. Canada stated that at this point, they were looking at everything.

Commissioner Yuhasz thanked her for providing a clear and concise presentation. Everyone agreed.

Chairperson Ladd commented that the City was having staff members from the budget department come speak to the different Commissions and Boards regarding the budget shortfall and how they are planning to address it.

Commissioner Koory agreed and added that the city is trying to be very transparent in their dealings this time around.

Ms. Vahabzadeh encouraged everyone to view and follow the City Council budget workshops.

STAFF REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Gallery Glendale

Next Gallery Glendale exhibit will be the Peoria Fine Arts Association exhibit, with an opening reception set for Friday, March 7, 2014, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. She encouraged everyone to attend.

Performing Arts Partnership Program

The Annual Performing Arts Partnership Program cycle is opening February 28, 2014. Ms. Vahabzadeh indicated that performing art organizations will be notified and the application will be available public sites accessible to artists and art organizations. The application process will close April 4, 2014. She noted the Commission will have to set a date for the selection process as soon as possible after the deadline. She suggested the second week in April.

Chocolate Affaire Event

Ms. Vahabzadeh stated the Chocolate Affaire Event was a huge success. She thanked the Commissioners for all their help. She was pleased to see Commissioners Koory, Owens, Ladd and Yuhasz attending. The Fluttering Hearts project created by artist Saskia Jorda at the Annual Chocolate Affaire Festival was a great success. Ms. Jorda's installation featured over 4,000 heart-shaped butterflies made of red felt clustered around the historic trees in downtown Glendale's Murphy Park.

Plein Air Event

The 2014 Plein Air Painting Competition took place on Saturday, February 8, 2014 and was well attended. She said Bernadette Mills, Executive Director of West Valley Arts Council judged the event. She added that the Mayor and Councilmembers Sherwood and Hugh were also judges for the Council Choice category and the public was glad to see them participate. Councilmember Knaack also attended.

IN FLUX Cycle 4

Ms. Vahabzadeh stated that the two IN FLUX art installations are in the process of being installed. She said staff at the Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center would like to keep the exhibit permanently and the artist is in agreement.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Ms. Vahabzadeh stated that Commissioner Owens attended the Arts Congress Event on February 5, 2014. She will provide the Commission details at the next meeting.

Commissioner Koory inquired about the status of Gallery Glendale for next year. Ms. Vahabzadeh stated they will find out soon but so far it looks good for renewal of the lease for next year.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Glendale Arts Commission will be held Thursday, March 27, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

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

As there were no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mojgan Vahabzadeh,
Public Arts Coordinator