

CITY OF GLENDALE
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
GALLERY GLENDALE AT WESTGATE
9380 W. WESTGATE BLVD. – SUITE D-109
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2015
5:00PM

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:11pm by Chairperson Carol Ladd. Vice Chairperson Jessica Koory, Commissioners Nadine Yuhasz, Carrie Richards and Thomas Cole were in attendance. Representing city staff was Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Public Arts Coordinator. Commissioners Joan Graham and Ann Owens were absent and excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 21, 2015

A MOTION was MADE by Vice Chairperson Koory to APPROVE the Arts Commission meeting minutes from the May 15, 2015 meeting, as corrected. 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. There were no comments.

REVIEW OF FY 2014-15 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Public Arts Coordinator, provided information on the accomplishments of the Public Art Program over the course of the current fiscal year. The information presented was based on the FY 2014-15 Projects Plan, which was formally approved by the Arts Commission on June 26, 2014. She directed the commission to look over the information and provide any feedback. Below is a list of the information that was provided along with a brief summary.

FY 2014/15 Projects and Initiatives

- In Flux Cycle 5 - Valley-wide Initiative - Temporary Art Installation
- Plein Air Painting Competition at the Chocolate Affaire
- Interactive Arts Experience at the Chocolate Affaire
- Juried Fine Art Show Annual Art Purchase
- FY 2015-16 Performing Arts Partnership Program
- 2015 Summer Arts Camps
- The Art of First Response
- Gallery Glendale at Westgate-Monthly Art Exhibits and Events
- Workshops at the Creative Space of Glendale Public Library
- Civic Center Art Gallery - Hanging system installation in lobby area
- Annual Arts Maintenance

POTENTIAL GALLERY GLENDALE RELOCATION SPACE

Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Public Arts Coordinator, stated that as outlined in the Temporary License Agreement between the City and The New Westgate, LLC for the use of Suite D-109 as Gallery Glendale at Westgate, the Licensor has the right, upon providing not less than fifteen days prior notice to Licensee, to relocate the Gallery License Area to another space in the Center. The Arts Commission conducted a tour of a potential future gallery relocation space within Westgate Entertainment District.

Ms. Vahabzadeh explained that the site proposed was located behind the current gallery location and was smaller in size, however, had a lot of potential. After the tour, the Arts Commission concluded that the proposed site would work well as the new home of Gallery Glendale. The consensus was also that this location provided for more foot traffic and was in close proximity to two busy restaurants. Ms. Vahabzadeh discussed the tenant improvement costs associated with relocating. Additionally, the target date for an art exhibit would be no later than September. The commission agreed to move forward with this initiative.

STAFF UPDATES

Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Public Arts Coordinator, stated that the FY 2015/16 Performing Arts Partnership Program projects selected by the commission were going before City Council on the same evening for formal approval.

Ms. Vahabzadeh discussed "The Art of First Response," the upcoming exhibit at Gallery Glendale and encouraged everyone to spread the word about the opening reception planned for Friday, June 26, 2015 starting at 6:00pm at Gallery Glendale.

Ms. Vahabzadeh provided information on the Summer Teen Arts Project. She said she met with the artist, Kristine Kollasch at Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden and noted that preparations for the permanent artwork installation had already started. She reported that Ms. Kollasch had started her workshops for teens at the specified group homes, and that the teens were working with the artist to create all the mosaic tiles that would be used in the project. She added that they will also be creating a mural around the area.

Ms. Vahabzadeh provided information about the routine maintenance and repairs of the city's public art collection.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Cole stated that he would like to comment on something that happened many years back at the Foothills Public Safety Complex on Union Hills and 62nd Avenue. He said there had been a public artwork sculpture called "Whirlwind" at that location. He noted that some years ago, the decision was made to remove and relocate it to the Main Library and as a result, they do not have any public artwork at the facility. Therefore, he would like to start a conversation on how to get public artwork to facilities that would want to have art at their location. The Arts Commission agreed to look into this item.

VOTE TO VACATE THE JULY MEETING OF THE ARTS COMMISSION

The Arts Commission discussed vacating the July 23, 2015 meeting and formally voted on the motion.

A MOTION was MADE by Commissioner Richards to VACATE the meeting of July 23, 2015. Commissioner Cole SECONDED the MOTION, which carried unanimously.

Chairperson Ladd asked for a motion to adjourn.

A MOTION was MADE by Commissioner Yuhasz to ADJOURN the meeting. Vice Chairperson Koory SECONDED the MOTION, which carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:18pm.

The next meeting of the Glendale Arts Commission will be held in August 2015 at a date, time and location to be determined.