

MINUTES

**CITY OF GLENDALE
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
GLENDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY
THE BOARD ROOM – SECOND FLOOR
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2014
5959 WEST BROWN STREET
6:00PM**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:07pm by Chairperson Carol Ladd. Commissioners Jessica Koory, Joan Graham, Nadine Yuhasz and Carrie Richards were in attendance. Representing city staff was Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Public Arts Coordinator and Erik Strunk, Director, Community Services Department. Commissioner Anne Owens arrived at 6:50pm.

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 public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Chairperson Ladd asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

A MOTION was MADE by Commissioner Graham to APPROVE the Arts Commission meeting minutes of October 23, 2014 as corrected. Commissioner Yuhasz SECONDED the MOTION, which carried unanimously.

LOYALTY OATH OF OFFICE

Commissioner Nadine Yuhasz (Cholla) took the Boards and Commissions Loyalty Oath of Office for her new term on the Arts Commission.

THE ART OF FIRST RESPONSE - A PHOTOGRAPHIC PROJECT

Erik Strunk, Director, Community Services Department, presented an overview of the Arts Commissions budget process. He stated that each year, the Arts Commission reviews its arts plan using the Council-approved operating budget from the 1% for arts fund. This year the Commission has received an off cycle request with a very unique set of circumstances. He noted that Police and Fire Departments are requesting to commission a photographic artist for the purposes of capturing their behind-the-scenes experiences during the Super Bowl. He indicated the idea came from Glendale Police Chief, Debora Black.

Mr. Strunk emphasized that this was an off cycle request and if the Arts Commission decides to approve the request, it will be forwarded to Mayor and Council for their approval.

Glendale Police Chief, Debora Black, made a presentation to the Commission and requested funding in the amount not to exceed \$15,000 in support of a permanent photographic art project by Roni Ziemba. The project's proposal is to document Glendale first responders in preparation for and during the Super Bowl. This item is subject to final approval by City Council, if recommended by the Arts Commission. Roni Ziemba, photographer, specializes in capturing the behind-the-scenes experiences of firefighters, law enforcement officers and soldiers as they are immersed in public safety work.

Mr. Strunk stated that it was very important the Arts Commission to be involved in the photo selection. He explained that the photographs will be owned by the city. Chief Black provided information on a book that would include the photos of both fire and police. She passed out a sample book for the Commission to view what the photos and book would look like. The Commission was very impressed with the photos.

Commissioner Yuhasz inquired as to how quickly they would receive the photos. Chief Black noted it was her understanding the artist had a very quick turnaround time. The photos taken by the artist will be from the Super Bowl and training exercises done at the Training Facility.

Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Public Arts Coordinator noted that as the host city for Super Bowl 2015, public safety is a key focus for the city of Glendale. She will be asking for one or two Commissioners to serve on the panel to help chose the photos.

Chairperson Ladd asked for a motion.

A MOTION was MADE by Commissioner Koory to APPROVE funding in the amount not to exceed \$15,000 in support of a Permanent Photographic Art Project by Roni Ziemba. . Commissioner Graham SECONDED the MOTION, which carried unanimously.

IN FLUX CYCLE 5 PROJECT PRESENTATION

Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Public Arts Coordinator stated the Arts Commission approved funding in support of IN FLUX Cycle 5, a partnership of Valley cities and organizations working together to bring renewed vitality to each participating city through a series of multidisciplinary temporary art installations in storefronts and within public buildings. She explained that IN FLUX offers new perspective on the connections between community organizations, local businesses, artists, and audiences. She introduced Ms. Mary Neubauer.

Mary Neubauer, the artist competitively selected to create the Glendale art installation for IN FLUX, presented her project proposal for installation at Gallery Glendale at Westgate. She provided the Commission with an audiovisual presentation and explained that her project was centered on a "Rain" theme in Arizona that incorporates weather, nature, animals and plants. The project will be built on a series of transparent raindrops of different sizes and colors. She provided details on her idea of incorporating floor seating as well as audio into the project. The Commissioners were all very pleased with the project presentation and were eager to move forward.

Ms. Vahabzadeh explained that this project will have to be delayed for a month until after February 1st, because of the Associated Press photo exhibit at Gallery Glendale at Westgate. Ms. Neubauer was in agreement and added that in the mean time, she will decide on the seating concept and if having audio was possible. Everyone agreed.

Chairperson Ladd asked for a motion.

A MOTION was MADE by Commissioner Graham to APPROVE funding for IN FLUX Cycle 5 Arts Installation Project by artist Mary Neubauer. Commissioner Yuhasz SECONDED the MOTION, which carried unanimously.

FY 2015-16 ARTS PROJECTS PLANNING DISCUSSION

Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Public Arts Coordinator indicated that 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 recommendation to City Council. She stated that items for consideration would be discussed and reviewed for formal approval at the December meeting of the Arts Commission. She said that they were being asked to start the budget process early to align with the city's FY 2015-16 budget process.

Erik Strunk, Director, Community Services Department, facilitated a discussion regarding Glendale's FY 2015-16 budget process. He explained that in an attempt to align with the city of Glendale's FY 2015-16 budget process, the Commission is being asked to move up the the annual project planning process from May, 2015 to December, 2014. The Commission agreed to discuss the budget plan at the next meeting in December.

STAFF UPDATES

Gallery Glendale

December 2014 – Phoenix Artists Guild

January 2015 – Super Bowl Associated Press Photographic Exhibit

February 2015 – PSA Art Awakenings

Glendale Festival Dates

Chocolate Affaire – January 30 and 31, 2015

Glendale Glitter and Glow Block Party – January 10, 2015

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Owens encouraged the Commissioners to attend the Arts Congress at the Capital in February 2015. She said she had attended several times and hopes some other Commissioners will take advantage of this great opportunity in 2015. She said it was a lot of fun and very educational. Ms. Vahabzadeh stated she would have information on this event at the next meeting.

Chairperson Ladd asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2014, at 6:00pm at the Small Meeting Room, First Floor, Glendale Main Library, and 5959 West Brown Street, Glendale, Arizona.

Respectfully submitted,

Mojgan Vahabzadeh,
Public Arts Coordinator