

CITY OF GLENDALE
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
GLENDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY
THE LARGE MEETING ROOM - FIRST FLOOR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2014
5959 WEST BROWN STREET
6:00PM

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:21 pm by Vice Chairperson Jessica Koory. Commissioners, Joan Graham, Anne Owens, and Carrie Richards were in attendance. Representing city staff was Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Public Arts Coordinator. Chairperson Carol Ladd and Commissioner Nadine Yuhasz were absent and excused.

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

Vice Chairperson Koory asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

A MOTION was MADE by Commissioner Graham to APPROVE the Arts Commission meeting minutes of November 20, 2014 as corrected. Commissioner Richards SECONDED the MOTION, which carried unanimously.

THE FY 2015-16 ARTS PROJECTS PLAN

Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Public Arts Coordinator explained 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 recommendations to City Council. She noted that the earlier planning of this process this year is in an attempt to align with the city of Glendale's FY 2015-16 budget process. The Commission and staff discussed and considered projects and programs for the purpose of developing the FY 2015-16 Arts Projects Plan.

Ms. Vahabzadeh introduced the 2016 Youth & Teen Arts Education project as a new proposed initiative. This is an opportunity where an artist or an artist group would partner with a non-profit organization, government agency or school in Glendale to provide arts programming at a location in Glendale where kids can learn free of charge. She stated that ultimately this would take the place of the Summer Camp Program if the Commission was in agreement. She explained that this program would be similar to the Performing Arts Partnership Program, which means this would be an open competitive process.

The Commissioners all liked the idea of the Youth & Teen Arts Education Program and expressed an interest in creating this opportunity in Glendale.

Everyone agreed to move forward and discuss the logistics of this program further at a future Arts Commission meeting.

FY 2015/16 Proposed Projects and Initiatives

In Flux Cycle 6 - Temporary Art Installation	\$4,000
Interactive Arts Experience @ Chocolate Affaire	\$4,000
Interactive Arts Experience @ Glitter & Glow	\$4,000
Juried Fine Art Show & Annual Art Purchase	\$2,000
Plein Air Painting Competition at the Chocolate Affaire	\$2,750
2016 Youth & Teen Arts Education Program	\$10,000
FY 2016/17 Performing Arts Partnership Program	\$44,000
Community Arts Activities	\$3,000
Gallery Glendale at Westgate - Monthly art exhibits	\$7,000
Annual Arts Maintenance	\$7,000

A MOTION was MADE by Commissioner Graham to APPROVE the FY 2015 -16 Arts Projects Plan. Commissioner Owens SECONDED the MOTION, which carried unanimously.

FY 2015-2016 PERFORMING ARTS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Public Arts Coordinator stated that the Glendale Arts Commission has supported the performing arts since FY1996-1997. She indicated that the purpose of this agenda item is to review and update the current grant application prior to publicly posting the funding opportunity. As per the adopted FY 2014-15 Arts Plan, the Arts Commission approved \$36,000 in support of projects to be funded through the FY 2015-2016 Annual Performing Arts Partnership Program.

Ms. Vahabzadeh stated that for the past few years, the downtown area has been one of Council’s areas of focus and priority. She said that in an attempt to draw audiences and increase free public presentation of performing arts within the Centerline district, the use of the Amphitheater will be encouraged for performances. She indicated that it is proposed that the FY 2015-16 Performing Arts Partnership Program application include new language that would encourage applicants to present grant-funded public performances and events at the downtown Amphitheater at Murphy Park.

Ms. Vahabzadeh noted that the City Council approved creating the Performing Arts Partnership Program in order to make the arts more accessible to Glendale citizens.

A MOTION was MADE by Commissioner Graham to APPROVE the FY 2014 -15 Arts Performing Arts Partnership Program. Commissioner Richards SECONDED the MOTION, which carried unanimously.

COUNCIL CHOICE AWARD AT THE 2015 PLEIN AIR PAINTING COMPETITION

Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Public Arts Coordinator stated that the purpose of this agenda item is to request the use of \$1,000 from the Commission-approved “Community Arts Activities” budget for the addition of the “Council Choice” purchase award at the upcoming annual painting

competition to be held on Saturday, January 31. As per the adopted FY 2014-15 Arts Plan, the Arts Commission approved a total of \$1,750 to be used for three purchase award categories at the 2015 Plein Air Painting Competition.

A MOTION was MADE by Commissioner Koory to APPROVE the Council Choice Award in the amount of \$1000 . Commissioner Owens SECONDED the MOTION, which carried unanimously.

GLENDALE ARTS COUNCIL JURIED FINE ARTS EXHIBIT

Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Public Arts Coordinator stated that each year, the Arts Commission conducts its January meeting at the Fruit Packing Shed at Sahuaro Ranch Park in order to review and select artwork for purpose at the exhibit. As per the adopted FY 2014-15 Arts Plan, the Arts Commission approved the purchase of art in the amount of \$2,000 at the annual Glendale Arts Council Juried Fine Arts Exhibit. She explained that artwork purchased at this exhibit will be added to the municipal portable art collection.

Ms. Vahabzadeh said that the purpose of this agenda item is to determine the January meeting date of the Arts Commission to be held at the Fruit Packing Shed at Sahuaro Ranch Park. She said the available dates were January 6, 7 or 8. The Commissioners discussed their availability and decided on January 6, 2015 at 4:00pm.

STAFF UPDATES

- Juried Fine Arts Exhibit Opening - January 9, 2015
- Associated Press Photo Exhibit - January 9, 2015
- Arts Congress - February 3, 2015
- Chocolate Affaire artist selection panel - Commissioners Richards and Graham

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Vice Chairperson Koory asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

The next meeting of the Glendale Arts Commission will held on one of the following dates to be determined at the December meeting: January 6, 2015 at 4:00 p.m., at the Fruit Packing Shed, Sahuaro Ranch Park, 9802 North 59th Ave., Glendale, Arizona.