

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
CITY MANAGER REPORT**

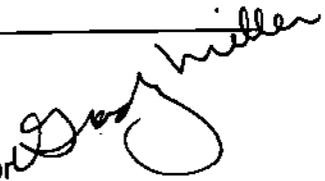
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TO: Carl Swenson, City Manager

FROM: Grady Miller, Communications and Public Affairs Director



SUBJECT: **Proposed Mural Project for Old Town Peoria**

SUMMARY:

The Peoria Arts Commission is about to undertake a mural project in Old Town Peoria. The project consists of a 40 foot by 12 foot mural to be created on the wall between the Peoria Bike Shop and Bud's Barbershop at 83rd Avenue, south of Washington Avenue. The Arts Commission tentatively plans to commission Emanuel Martinez for the project. Martinez is the artist who created the Peoria Pioneer Memorial in 2007 at the intersection of Grand and 83rd Avenue. Martinez's proposed mural concept will have a historic theme and will depict scenes from Peoria's past. In addition to creating the mural, Martinez plans to have student artists serve as apprentices who will assist with the mural project. The students will be selected from high schools in Peoria based on recommendations from the Peoria Unified School District. The project budget is \$30,000.

Before awarding a commission to Martinez, the Peoria Arts Commission wishes to involve the public in the design of the project to ensure that there is public support for the project. Two public open houses will be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 3 and 4, 2008, in the Pine Room of City Hall. Emanuel Martinez will present the concept for the project and will answer questions from the public about the project.

Depending on the feedback from the general public, the Peoria Arts Commission plans to take formal action on the project later in September. If the Peoria Arts Commission believes there is support to move forward with the project, then it will forward a recommendation to the City Council regarding the possible award of a contract to Emanuel Martinez for the project.

ATTACHMENT:

1. None