

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
ARTS COMMISSION
Development & Community Services Building
Point of View Room
January 14, 2014**

A **Regular Meeting** of the **Arts Commission** of the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened at 9875 N. 85th Avenue, Peoria, AZ 85345 at 5:05 p.m.

Members Present: Lizabeth Gordon, Steve Poe, Pamela Potter, Eva Osuna, Marleejean Johnson, Robert Panzer and Jack Lytle

Members Absent: none

Other Municipal Officials Present: John Sefton, Community Services Director, Kirk Haines, Parks Manager, and Pamela Brewster, Administrative Assistant

Audience: 1

Note: The order in which the items appear in the minutes is not necessarily the order in which they were discussed at the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Arts Commission and were enacted by one motion.

Minutes:

1 Discussion and possible action to approve/excuse member's absence from November 12, 2013 regular meeting: Lizabeth Gordon

2 Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of November 12, 2013.

A motion was made by Steve Poe to approve the consent agenda; the motion was seconded by Pamela Potter and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

3. Year-in Review

Kirk Haines gave a power point presentation reviewing the previous year's goals, activities and accomplishments. Kirk passed out a 24 month plan for the arts division. He explained that the plan should align with the Commission's goals.

4. Public Meeting in February

Kirk Haines announced that staff would like to move the Arts Commission meeting to 2/12/14 for next month and hold a public meeting immediately following. Both will be held at the Sunrise Mountain Library. The City is seeking public input for choosing three pieces of art for North Peoria. The possible locations are Happy Valley Road and Lake Pleasant Pkwy intersection, the Happy Valley Road wall and a piece that would link the Sunrise Mountain library and the new park.

Marleejean Johnson asked how the public will be notified. Kirk Haines stated that there will be signage and the webpage will be updated. Also, City Council's list for email blast will be updated. Staff is also looking into having bookmarks printed.

Pamela Potter asked if notifications could be sent in the Peoria water bills. Staff will follow up on this to check if it's possible. Pamela also asked if notification can be printed in the Peoria newspaper. Kirk stated that he will work with Bo Larsen to do that.

5. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items discussed: Electing officers at the next meeting. Discuss ways the Commission can engage the public's interest in art and more participation in the events the city offers. Jack Lytle recommended prioritizing the 24 month plan and asked for a report back from staff after doing so. Marleejean asked to discuss promoting participation in events such as Glendale Packing Shed Show for kids. Pamela Potter asked for discussion to possibly have a children's art competition and hold the entries at the Community Center and have prizes awarded. Jack Lytle asked for discussion for ways to engage the Commission regarding performing arts.

6. Public Art for Fiscal Year 2015

Kirk Haines announced that the City has capital funds that they are looking to allocate to obtain a signature piece of public art to be identified with the Sports Complex that will have high visibility and grow our public art collection. The Commission demonstrated support for this request.

Call to the Public:

Constance McMillin passed out a handout from the WVAM. She encouraged everyone to tour the current art exhibit on display at the Peoria Art Gallery operated by WVAM.

Connie also stated that there were several instances of graffiti in the Old Town area. The graffiti has been covered. Connie also asked that the City incorporate more music into the public events sponsored by the City and give more notice to those participating to encourage better participation.

Reports from Staff:

1. Calendar of upcoming events

Kirk Haines passed out calendars and asked that everyone write in Arts & Cultural Festival in Old Town scheduled for 4/5/14.

2. Happy Valley Road

Kirk Haines announced that maintenance has started and is hoping to have it completed by 4/1/14.

3. Kirk invited the Commission members to meet with Matt Lehrman regarding the Not-for-Profit interviews on January 15, 12:30 p.m. in the Game Room of the Development and Community Services Building.

4. Kirk invited any Commission member interested to attend the Arts Congress at the State Capital on Wednesday, February 5, 2014. Anyone interested should contact Andre.

Being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by Steve Poe to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Jack Lytle. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.


Lizabeth Gordon, Chair


Pamela Brewster, Administrative Assistant