

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
ACACIA ROOM
February 10, 2009**

A **Regular Meeting** of the **Arts Commission** of the City of Peoria, Arizona, was convened at 8401 W. Monroe Street at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Linda Ballance, John Buonagurio, Gil Vasquez, Jane Brown, Marsha Hanson

Members Absent: Marleejean Johnson, Robert Benson

Other Municipal Officials Present: Grady Miller, Director of Communications and Public Affairs, Andre Licardi, Cultural Arts Coordinator, Suzanne Stewart, Executive Assistant

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

Presentation: Mr. Licardi presented the draft of the Arts Master Plan to the commissioners. He discussed the recommendations that were made by the consultants and discussed the key points in the draft. Mr. Licardi stated that the Arts Master Plan Steering Committee would be reviewing the draft tomorrow and it would be going to council for approval in March.

Minutes:

1C Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of December 9, 2008

The date indicated on the agenda for the minutes to be approved was incorrect. It showed December 10, 2008 and should have been December 9, 2008. The discrepancy was noted and a motion was made by Commissioner Hanson to approve the minutes of December 9, 2008; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Buonagurio and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

2R Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioner Hanson moved to nominate Commissioner Buonagurio for the Chair. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown; the motion carried unanimously.

The election of Vice Chair was postponed until the March meeting.

3R 2009 Peoria Arts Grant

Mr. Licardi informed the commissioners that the last day for accepting arts grants will be April 3, 2009. He also noted that there will be no change in the budget for this program.

4R Celebration of Artists

Mr. Licardi discussed this years Celebration of Artists Exhibit. We have received 166 entries for the show and the images have all been downloaded and forwarded to Bob and Louise McCall who will be jurying this year's show. They will also be judging the artwork once it has been delivered and hung. Mr. Licardi noted that the quality of artwork received this year was above average.

Mr. Licardi said that Sunrise Mountain High School will be providing a quartet for the music at the reception and the culinary class from Centennial High School will be catering the event. The reception will take place on March 14th.

Mr. Miller explained to the commissioners that the City of Peoria has partnered with the Peoria Fine Arts Association who will be handling entry fees and award payments for the show. The PFAA will receive a stipend from the city for their services.

Mr. Licardi asked for volunteers to assist in receiving artwork and taking down artwork. Several commissioners volunteered. Mr. Miller asked that the chair be at the reception to announce this year's award winners.

There was discussion regarding the reception, including where the winners would be announced and that the time of the award ceremony should be included in the acceptance letter to the artist. It was noted that the date of the reception did not coincide with the Arizona Arts Alliance reception that was taking place for the Fine Arts Festival in March at City Hall.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

No public attended this meeting

Reports from Staff: Old Town Mural Dedication – April 4, 2009

Mr. Miller indicated that the Old Town Mural on 83rd Avenue has been completed and that there will be a dedication ceremony on April 4, 2009 during the Peoria Pioneer Days event.

He noted that there will be a lot of activity such as a farmer's market, family bike ride and relay races that will bring a lot of public to the dedication event.

Being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Buonagurio. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Linda Ballance, Chair

Suzanne Stewart, Executive Assistant
Communications and Public Affairs