

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
ACACIA ROOM  
April 8, 2008**

A **Regular Meeting** of the **Arts Commission** of the City of Peoria, Arizona, was convened at 8401 W. Monroe Street at 4:59 p.m.

**Members Present:** Linda Ballance, John Buonagurio, Virginia Wordsman, Jane Brown, Maureen Flanigan, Dorthea Crooks

**Members Absent:** Marsha Hanson

**Other Municipal Officials Present:** Suzanne Stewart, Executive Assistant, Grady Miller, Director of Communications and Public Affairs

**Disposition of Absence(s):**

1C None

**Minutes:**

2C Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2008:

A motion was made by Commissioner Buonagurio to approve the minutes as written; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Flanigan. The minutes of the regular meeting of March 11, 2008 were approved unanimously.

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

**New Business:**

**3R Celebration of Artists**

There was discussion regarding the 2008 Celebration of Artists Exhibit among the commissioners. Commissioner Wordsman indicated that receiving the artwork went smoothly but suggested having another person available to assist. It was also noted that the adhesive dots that are used to label the artwork should not be placed directly on the canvas. It was also noted that some unframed artwork was accepted this year into the show unnoticed. Mr. Miller did state however that no giclees were accepted unknowingly this year.

There were a few glitches regarding payment of entry fees, however overall it was a great success. It was suggested that next year a pre-registration table be set up to verify all information before artists can continue with check in.

There was further discussion regarding the art reception which everyone agreed was a success.

Commissioners made the following suggestions:

- Calling winners the day before the reception so they we aware they won a cash prize and could be there when it was announced
- Mr. Miller indicated his preference of having the reception on a Saturday night next year
- Having the exhibit and reception at the Rio Vista Recreation Center
- Having the exhibit and reception at the Peoria Center for the Performing Arts

Mr. Miller discussed the change in media categories, specifically including watercolor, oil and acrylic in one category, stating it was a positive change.

#### **4R**    **Arts Master Plan**

Mr. Miller informed the commission that five firms submitted bids for the Arts Master Plan. A panel reviewed all the plans separately. The bids will be presented at the first council meeting in May.

#### **5R**    **Arts Grants**

Mr. Miller stated that the deadline for submitting the grants has been extended to April 30, 2008.

#### **6R**    **One Artist Exhibit**

Mr. Miller suggested that only ribbon winners from the 2008 Celebration of Artists be considered for the One Artist Exhibits this year.

Commissioner Wordsman made a motion to invite 2008 Celebration of Artists ribbon winners for the One Artist Exhibits this year, Commissioner Brown seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

#### **7R**    **New Art Projects**

Mr. Miller discussed the possibility of a mural in Downtown Peoria. Mr. Miller indicated he would extend the offer for this project to Emanuel Martinez, the sculptor who did the Peoria Pioneer Memorial and possibly include the assistance of high school students.

Commissioner Buonagurio and Chair Ballance suggested a tile mosaic or bas relief be considered in lieu of a mural. Although they would consider a mural if it tied in with the history of Peoria and the style of downtown.

Commissioner Buonagurio made a motion to further consider a mural in downtown Peoria, Commissioner Flanigan seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Miller suggested that the commissioners consider smaller art projects in the downtown area of Peoria which would require a call to artists.

There was discussion regarding placing art in the Osuna Park area when the Women's Club was relocated.

Commissioner Flanigan made a motion to pursue a call to artists for artwork in Downtown Peoria, Commissioner Crooks seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

#### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

A speaker request form was submitted by the president of the Peoria Fine Arts Association, Janet Wandrey, who attended the commission meeting. She thanked the commission for being able to attend the meeting and simply had general interest in the Arts Commission.

#### **Reports from Staff:**

1. Mr. Miller informed the commission that the 2008 Governors Arts Awards were taking place on April 23, 2008 and the Peoria Pioneer Memorial was nominated for an award.

Mr. Miller asked the commissioners if anyone would like to attend the event as the City of Peoria purchased a table for the event. Chair Ballance and Commissioners Crooks, Wordsman, Flanigan, Brown and Buonagurio will be attending.

Being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was duly adjourned at approximately 6:05 p.m.

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Linda Ballance, Chair

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Suzanne Stewart, Executive Assistant  
Communications and Public Affairs