

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
ACACIA ROOM  
June 12, 2007**

A **Regular Meeting** of the **Arts Commission** of the City of Peoria, Arizona, was convened at 8401 W. Monroe Street at 5:07 p.m.

**Members Present:** John Buonagurio, Virginia Wordsman, Linda Balance, Dorothea Crooks

**Members Absent:** Marsha Hanson, Maureen Flanigan, Jane Brown

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

**Disposition of Absence(s):** Approve the absence of Dorthea Crooks from the regular meeting held on April 10, 2007.

**Minutes:**

1. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2007:

Commissioner Crooks noted that the minutes reflected that she was absent for the April 10<sup>th</sup> Arts Commission meeting, which she was not.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wordsman to approve the minutes with the correction to the Disposition of Absences; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Buonagurio. The corrected minutes of the regular meeting of April 10, 2007 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.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Discussion and possible action regarding potential purchase of art:

None

**New Business:**

1. Discussion regarding the Peoria Pioneer Memorial Project

Mr. Miller let the commissioners know that the landscaping for the Peoria Pioneer Memorial site is moving forward. The sculpture has been completed and is being stored in New Mexico. Mr. Miller stated that we are considering the month of September for the dedication ceremony in downtown Peoria. Mr. Miller also discussed the bricks that will be placed around the statue. They will be installed by the landscaping company and the Peoria Historical Society is still determining what names will be etched in the bricks.

2. Discussion regarding the Ann LaRose statue

The statue of the pioneer family by Ann LaRose is at the foundry and should be completed next month. The original placement was to be in the Fusion Garden in front of City Hall with Utilities. At this time there is not an optimal location in the garden to place the statue. Mr. Miller and Mr. Licardi will be surveying the municipal grounds for a place to put the statue.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding the 2007-2008 recommended grants

Mr. Miller discussed the 2007-2008 grants with the commissioners. Mr. Licardi provided a list of all grants that were submitted. All submissions, with the exception of two, were awarded grants. Ironwood High School and Centennial High School did not qualify. Commissioner Crooks made a motion to approve the recommended grants. Commissioner Wordsman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Crooks pointed out that the Peoria Fine Arts Association was awarded a grant, however she and several other commissioners are members of the P.F.F.A. which is a conflict of interest. Commissioner Buonagurio made a motion to table the grant approval until our September meeting. Commissioner Crooks seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding the selection of artists to participate in the 2007-2008 One-Artist Exhibits Program

Mr. Licardi had received all the submissions for the 2007-2008 One-Artist Exhibit and provided them to the commission for their review. After consideration from the commissioners, Commissioner Crooks made a motion to select Studio 7 as one of the exhibit participants. Commissioner Buonagurio seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wordsman made a motion to select Ed Hutchenruether as the second artists for the exhibit. Commissioner Crooks seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Studio 7 and Ed Hutchenruether will be the two artists for the 2007-2008 exhibits. Ms. Stewart let the commissioners know that the library multi-purpose room would be available in October 2007 and April 2008 for the shows.

5. Discussion regarding the 2007 Community Cultural Inventory

Mr. Miller informed the commission that Nancy Dallett has nearly completed the interviews for the Community Cultural Inventory. She will be contacting each commissioner in the near future to schedule interviews. She would like to get

input for the Art Commission for this survey. Ms. Dallett should have the survey completed by July 2007.

6. Discussion regarding the 2007 Cultural Arts Survey

Mr. Miller and Mr. Licardi reviewed the Cultural Arts Survey that was done by Mr. Ed Sloat. Mr. Miller stated they are reconsidering mailing the survey and are considering conducting the surveys over the phone. The City of Peoria is responsible for distributing the surveys.

**Reports from Staff:**

Commissioner Wordsman gave the commission an update on the Peoria Fine Arts Association. The PFFA has elected new officers and hoping to attract new members.

Mr. Miller reminded the commission that there will be no meetings this summer and the next meeting will take place in September.

Being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was duly adjourned at approximately 5:46 p.m.

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Linda Ballance, Chair

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Suzanne Stewart, Executive Assistant  
Communications and Public Affairs