

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
Main Library Board Room  
November 10, 2009**

A **Regular Meeting** of the **Arts Commission** of the City of Peoria, Arizona, was convened at 8463 W. Monroe Street, at 5:05 p.m.

**Members Present:** John Buonagurio, Linda Balance, Wayne Baxter, Robert Benson, Lizabeth Gordon, Marleejean Johnson

**Members Absent:** Gil Vasquez

**Other Municipal Officials Present:** David Hunenberg, Library Manger, Andre Licardi, Cultural Arts Coordinator, Ellen Comella, Administrative Assistant

**Audience:** None

**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 with a "C" are considered to be routine by the Arts Commission and were enacted by one motion

### **Minutes:**

**1C Discussion and possible action to approve/excuse member's absence from September 8, 2009 meeting:** Robert Benson, Marleejean Johnson

**2C Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of September 8, 2009**

A motion was made by Linda Ballance to approve the consent agenda; the motion was seconded by Wayne Baxter and the motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business:**

#### **3R Sunrise Mountain Library Public Art Project**

Andre Licardi gave an update on the Call to Artists for Sunrise Mountain Library. He said that the selection committee had narrowed down the list of artists from 65 to five. Andre Licardi gave a powerpoint presentation of the top 5 choices with samples of their works included.

#### **4R Two New Grants**

David Hunenberg advised that the Grant Committee has recommended the following grants be given:

##### **General Operation Support Grant:**

1. Theater Works, Sustaining a Community Arts Treasure, \$50,000.00
2. Arizona Broadway Theatre, Capacity Building a Comprehensive Development Plan, \$50,000.00

##### **Festival Grant:**

1. West Valley Arts Council, The Big Read, \$3,000.00
2. Northwest Black History Committee Art, Dance & Music Festival, \$3,000.00
3. Peoria Unified School District, 8<sup>th</sup> Annual PUSD Arts Festival, \$3,000.00
4. Theater Works, Raising Community Arts Awareness, \$3,000.00
5. Arizona Broadway Theatre, Peoria Plays Youth Theatre Festival, \$3,000.00

Upon vote, the motion carried 4 to 0 with Commission members Robert Benson and Marleejean Johnson abstaining to award the grants.

#### **5R Monument Sign**

David Hunenberg passed around 3 choices for a City monument sign to be built at the 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Happy Valley Road intersection.

A motion was made by Linda Ballance to recommend that the top portion of the sign be Choice C and the bottom portion be Choice B with the flagstone bottom, the motion was seconded by Lizabeth Gordon and the motion was carried unanimously.

**Call to the Public:** None

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

#### **1. Peoria Festival of the Arts**

David Hunenberg talked about the Peoria Festival of the Arts not going forward in the future. The City is in the process of regrouping and hopes to offer a smaller, community based event. LibraryFest will remain which is scheduled for Saturday, March 13, 2010. He said that he hoped to increase the number of participants with some new programs and vendors.

**2. Celebration of Artists**

Andre Licardi advised that the entry deadline was November 2, 2009. We have approximately 58 artists with over 100 pieces. He is currently working on the Catalog and will have more details to follow.

**3. Teen Art Contest**

David Hunenberg advised that this contest will be held at Sunrise Mountain Library with the reception for the winners on December 9, 2009.

**4. Bob Eckel Art Donation**

David Hunenberg advised that artist Bob Eckel had donated two of his pieces of art. Mr. Eckel will be asked to participate in the judging panel for the teen art contest and will be honored at the teen reception for his donations.

**Reports from Commission:** None

Being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by Robert Benson to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Linda Ballance. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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John Buonagurio, Chair

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Ellen Comella, Administrative Assistant