

**CITY OF GLENDALE, ARIZONA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ARTS COMMISSION
HELD WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2011
FRUIT PACKING SHED GALLERY
SAHUARO RANCH HISTORICAL AREA
9802 N 59TH AVENUE
GLENDALE, ARIZONA
4:00pm.**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairperson Darrell Criswell. Commission members M.B. Finnerty, Scott Mink, Janine Barbour, Diane Lesser, and Paul Dagostino, were in attendance. Representing city staff were Sue Komernicky, Library and Arts Director, Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Library Graphics Coordinator and Judy Fleming, Public Arts Coordinator. Guest in attendance was David Seid, Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

A **MOTION** was **MADE** by Commission member Finnerty to **APPROVE** the minutes of the November 17, 2010 meeting. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Commission member Mink and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time the Commission will hear comments from the public; however, the Commission may not discuss or consider items not appearing on the agenda unless an actual emergency exists. No public comments.

2011 JURIED FINE ARTS EXHIBITION

The Arts Commission reviewed the Glendale Arts Council's Annual Juried Fine Arts Exhibition and selected the purchase awards for the Municipal Art Collection. The purchased artwork will be installed in city buildings.

The selections were reviewed by all Arts Commission members, unlike previous years where a Commission member volunteer panel was used to review the exhibition and make recommendations. The Arts Commission has made purchase awards at this exhibition for many years. The Commission members reviewed the artwork selected and were very pleased with the selections. The artworks will be installed in public spaces in city buildings. The Commissioners discussed issues concerning the placement of art pieces and locations. Mr. David Seid, Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center, also reviewed the artwork and provided input.

Listed below are the pieces selected.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>
• <i>Olivia</i>	by Florence Flynn	\$600.00

• <i>Meigs County</i>	by Todd Norris	\$1000.00
• <i>Acclamation</i>	by Kim Walker	\$1600.00
• <i>Sabino Canyon</i>	by Irene Leach	\$895.00
• <i>Spring Green</i>	by Joan Kinsman	\$350.00
• <i>“Just Us”</i>	by Jimmie Hall Valentine	\$600.00
Total	6 artworks	\$5045.00

A **MOTION** was **MADE** by Commission member Finnerty to **APPROVE** purchasing 6 artworks for \$5,045.00 for the city’s art collection. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Commission member Barbour and carried unanimously.

2011 GLENDALE JAZZ AND BLUES FESTIVAL

Staff presented selection panel recommendations for public artists for the 2011 Jazz and Blues Festival in downtown Glendale. The city’s goal with this temporary public art project is to bring another dimension to the festival with elements of amusement and knowledge of temporary artwork.

Judy Fleming, Public Arts Coordinator, presented the selection panel recommendations for public artists for the 2011 Jazz and Blues Festival in downtown Glendale. She provided information on each artwork proposal. The city’s goal with this temporary public art project is to bring another dimension to the festival with elements of amusement and knowledge of temporary artwork. The total art budget for this event is \$18,000 and must cover all expenses. The festival will be held Saturday, April 9th and Sunday, April 10th, 2011. She indicated the Arts Commission had only received seven proposals and of those two were chosen. As a result, it was necessary to determine how to best utilize the money.

Sue Komernicky, Library and Arts Director, explained that artists have stated that they are very busy right now and because of this some previous popular artists did not apply due to their work load. Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Library Graphics Coordinator, agreed and added they may need to redefine and expand this project. In addition, it was suggested to also include projects that may interest students from universities and community colleges.

Commissioner Finnerty suggested that next year, they can perhaps allow the artists to submit their proposals without a fixed budget. Staff can then evaluate the project and negotiate the price with the artist. This will allow the artists to have fewer restraints when applying. Ms. Komernicky stated that it was a good idea and will explore this option for next year’s event.

The following were the selection results:

- Kristine Kollasch \$13,000
- Stephen Fairfield \$4,500

A **MOTION** was **MADE** by Commission member Barbour to **APPROVE** \$17,500 in total funding for both site specific artworks for the 2011 Jazz and Blues Festival submitted by Stephen Fairfield and Kristine Kollasch. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Commission member Finnerty and carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Public Art Project Updates

Sue Komernicky, Library and Arts Director, stated that the Public Safety Memorial event was a success. She said the event was well attended and the weather was perfect for the event.

Glendale Plein Air Event

Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Library Graphics Coordinator, invited everyone to the Plein Air Event on Saturday, February 5, 2011 from 8:00am to 5:30pm. The event is open to any artist who paints using the Plein Air technique. The artwork paintings are executed outdoors. Judging will occur at the end of the day. Award categories are purchase awards and will be accessioned into the city's permanent art collection.

Arizona Arts Congress

Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Library Graphics Coordinator, invited everyone to this important event. She explained this event was planned every year for the continued support of the arts. This year's event will be held on Monday, February 7, 2011 from 8:00am to 4:00pm. She encouraged everyone to attend and asked Commission members to let her know if they could attend so she can register them for event.

Adult Center Exhibit Updates

Judy Fleming, Public Arts Coordinator, presented information on the Adult Center. The center is currently featuring the Art League West. The Glendale Unified High School District will be featured starting in March, for both faculty and students.

Art Maintenance Updates

Judy Fleming, Public Arts Coordinator, reported that all routine maintenance and cleaning were up to date. Sue Komernicky, Library and Arts Director, noted that additional maintenance attention will have to be made to the Public Safety Memorial area. She explained a lot of trash was left during Glendale Glitters including smudges on the black granite. She recommends a cleaning schedule for that area as well as a thorough inspection and cleaning before any events or festivals.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Glendale Arts Commission will be held Wednesday, February 16, 2011, at 4 p.m. at the 2nd Floor Board Conference Room, Glendale Public Library, 5959 West Brown Street, Glendale, Arizona.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was MADE by Commission member Mink to ADJOURN the meeting. The MOTION was SECONDED by Commission member Barbour and carried unanimously.

As there were no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Komernicky, Recording Secretary
Library/Arts Director