

**CITY OF GLENDALE, ARIZONA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR THE
ARTS COMMISSION**

**HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2009
LIBRARY BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM
SECOND FLOOR
5959 WEST BROWN STREET
GLENDALE, ARIZONA**

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Chairperson Darrell Criswell. Commission members Enid Spear, M.B. Finnerty, Winifred Kultala, Manny Burruel and Winona Passmore were in attendance. Representing city staff were Rex Gulbranson, Arts and Culture Administrator and Sandra Keely, Public Art Coordinator. Guests in attendance were Gustavo McGrew from PSA Art Awakenings, Martin Moreno from Las Artes de Maricopa, Paul Bernardo from Glendale Parks and Recreation Department and Terry Johnson, Sandy Adams and Purab Adabala from the Glendale Transportation Department. Melinda Bergman, Community Arts Coordinator and J. Gibran Villalobos, Collections/Exhibitions Coordinator were absent.

Chairperson Criswell stated that the meeting agenda would be changed to allow the two presenters to make their reports prior to conducting other Commission business.

PSA ART AWAKENINGS/LAS ARTES DE MARICOPA

Mr. Gustavo McGrew and Mr. Martin Moreno presented this item on the proposed mural project for Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area. PSA Art Awakenings approached the Glendale Chamber Foundation to fund this project. Mr. McGrew explained how this art project opportunity will enhance the park. The Glendale Parks and Recreation Department requested that the Glendale Arts Commission review and approve the proposed mural's design and site. The site is the south-facing block wall on the park's north boundary, directly adjacent to the Main Library's property.

Mr. Moreno, Lead Artist for Las Artes de Maricopa, presented the proposed design and site plan for the 24' long mural. Production of the mural project will engage students from both Horizon Elementary Schools and Las Artes de Maricopa, which is a collaborative program of PSA Art Awakenings and the YMCA. He explained that the proposed design plan for the mural features peacocks as the primary element. He also provided several ideas on how to incorporate the art work on the two selected walls. He stated that their project vision was to bring services to multiple communities by promoting hope, recovery, diversity and wellness. He explained that most of their art projects have not been vandalized. He indicated that should this project be recommended to move forward, they hope to have it completed sometime in November of 2009, along with a dedication ceremony.

Commissioner Burruel inquired as to what the next step for the Art Commission was, and what other agencies would also have to review this project. Mr. Rex Gulbranson responded that this project would have to be reviewed by the Glendale Arizona Historical Society.

A MOTION was MADE by Commission member Burruel to RECOMMEND APPROVAL for the design and site for the mural project for Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, but this approval is contingent upon PSA Art Awakenings/Las Artes de Maricopa obtaining input on final design and color palette from the Glendale Arizona Historical Society and the Glendale Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. The MOTION was SECONDED by Commission member Finnerty and carried unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mr. Terry Johnson, Deputy presented an update on the City's new Transportation Plan. He stated that the Transportation Plan was last updated in 2001, almost eight years ago. The first step in the process has been to assess transportation needs. He indicated that while population growth was slowing, employment is projected to continue to grow. The plan identifies new streets and improvements, transit and bicycle projects. He discussed improvements in intersections, bike routes, lighting and bus transit.

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. There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Commission members discussed funding recommendations made at the April 27, 2009, meeting for the 2009-2010 Performing Arts Projects. Commission member Spear recommended funding the Bead Museum. Commission member Finnerty recommended that the Bead Museum utilize some of the Commission's grant funds to increase community outreach activities.

A MOTION was MADE by Commission member Passmore to APPROVE the minutes of the April 27, 2009 meeting and recommended approval for the Bead Museum performing arts funding for \$2,500, which brings the total budget for the 2009-2010 Performing Arts Grants to \$35,500. The MOTION was SECONDED by Commission member Kultala and carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES

Glendale Arts Council Youth Art Show

Mr. Rex Gulbranson presented this item. He reported on the Glendale Arts Council Youth Art Show held on April 23rd –May 3rd. He stated the event was very well attended with over 300 people. Many parents and families were in attendance. He noted the Arts Commission provides funding for the awards.

Culture Pass

Mr. Rex Gulbranson presented this item. He stated library cardholders can go to their local libraries and check out a Culture Free Pass to visit a particular institution. The check out receipt becomes the admission ticket for up to 4 free passes to 13 museums in the Greater Phoenix area.

Public Art Projects

Ms. Sandra Keely reported on this item. She stated the Myk Bates' public art project for the Main Library Youth Department Passageway was almost complete except for a few minor adjustments. The target date for completion is Friday, May 16, 2009. She also reported that the restored bell for the new Fire Station 151 had been installed.

Art Maintenance Updates

Mr. Rex Gulbranson presented this item. He reported that they were having problems with vandalism at the Veterans Memorial. He stated some of the leaves on the sign along 59th Avenue were stolen. Staff is working with the artist to make the repairs.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Spear commented on the Bead Museum performing arts project. She explained that the Commission's goal was to stay within their budget and support performing arts programs, which brought the most art exposure to the citizens of Glendale. She expressed concerns about the Bead Museum's current struggles and said she was pleased that the Arts Commission would help the museum succeed by supporting the performing arts project.

Commissioner Finnerty reiterated that she would have liked to have seen more community outreach included in the Bead Museum's application.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Arts Commission will be on Wednesday, June 17, 2009. The May 20, 2009 Commission meeting is cancelled. The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. and will be held in the 2nd Floor Board Conference Room at Glendale Public Library, 5959 West Brown Street in Glendale.

ADJOURNMENT

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

As there were no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rex Gulbranson, Recording Secretary
Arts and Culture Administrator