

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

**HELD WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2009
FRUIT PACKING SHED GALLERY
SAHUARO RANCH HISTORIC AREA
9802 N. 59TH AVENUE
GLENDALE, ARIZONA**

The meeting was called to order at 3:55 p.m. by Chairperson Darrell Criswell. Commission members Manny Burruel, Cynthia Eddy, M.B. Finnerty, Winifred Kultala and Winona Passmore were in attendance. Commission member Enid Spear was absent. Representing city staff were Rex Gulbranson, Arts and Culture Administrator, Sandra Keely, Public Art Coordinator and J. Gibran Villalobos, Collections/Exhibitions Coordinator, Melinda Bergman, Community Arts Coordinator was absent. Guests in attendance were Judy Atkins from the Glendale Arts Council and Rebekah Sanders from the Arizona Republic.

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

Commissioner Passmore stated she attended the November 19, 2008 meeting, but her name was not on the list of attendees in the minutes.

A MOTION was MADE by Commission member Burrell to APPROVE the minutes of the November 19, 2008, meeting with the revision of adding Winona Passmore's name to the list of attendees for the meeting. The MOTION was SECONDED by Commission member Passmore and carried unanimously.

GLENDALE ARTS COUNCIL'S JURIED FINE ARTS EXHIBITION

Commission member Burruel presented this agenda item. He stated that this is the Glendale Arts Council's 46th Annual Juried Fine Arts Exhibition at the Sahuaro Ranch's Fruit Packing Shed Gallery. It was decided at the November's Arts Commission meeting that Commissioners Criswell, Kultala and Burruel would serve on the panel to review the exhibition and make recommendations for purchase awards for the city's portable artworks collection.

Mr. Rex Gulbranson, Arts and Culture Administrator, stated that the Arts Commission has made purchase awards at this exhibition for many years. He noted proceeds from art sales will benefit arts enrichment programs and scholarships for students in Glendale. The panel met prior to the Arts Commission meeting on January 21, 2009 to review the exhibition of 302 artworks by 167 local artists and recommended 4 artworks for purchase awards. The artworks will be installed in

public spaces in city buildings. The exhibition is sponsored by the Glendale Arts Council and will be open to the public through February 22, 2009.

<u>Artist</u>	<u>Artwork Title</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>
Trish Mayberry	Together, acrylic/panel	\$1,800
Kandyee Olson	Barcelone Parasol Shop, oil/canvas	\$1,800
Gordon McAdam	Half Moon Bay, ink & watercolor	\$600
Elliott Everson	Transition, color pencil	\$560
TOTAL	4 artworks	\$4,760

A **MOTION** was **MADE** by Commission member Burruel to **APPROVE** purchasing 4 artworks at \$4,760 for the city's art collection. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Commission member Passmore and carried unanimously.

2009 GIBSON GLENDALE JAZZ AND BLUES FESTIVAL

Ms. Sandra Keely, Public Art Coordinator presented this agenda item. She stated that application response this year had been impressive, with twenty-eight local and national artists responding to the Public Art Program's request for proposals for the temporary public art project. The 26th Annual Jazz and Blues Festival is scheduled to be held April 4-5, 2009, in downtown Glendale. The city's objective with this temporary public art project is to bring another dimension to the festival with elements of surprise and delight. It will also introduce the public to contemporary artists and their work.

A **MOTION** was **MADE** by Commission member Burruel to **APPROVE** \$40,000 in funding for site specific artworks for the 2009 Jazz and Blues Festival submitted by Mark Grieve, Petaluma, California, \$17,000; Mary Lucking, Tucson, \$11,000 and Otonomyaki - Kio Griffith and Alan Nakagawa, Santa Monica, California, \$12,000. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Commission member Kultala and carried unanimously.

101/GLENDALE AVENUE PARK AND RIDE LOT

Ms. Sandra Keely, Public Art Coordinator, presented this agenda item. She stated one hundred thirty-eight local and national artists responded to the Public Art Program's request for qualifications for the 101/Glendale Avenue Park and Ride Lot. She explained that applications were reviewed by a selection panel chosen from the December 12, 2008 meeting, with representatives from the Arts Commission and the Transportation Department. The next step is for the artist to develop a proposal for the Park and Ride Lot and present it to the Arts Commission for review.

The Glendale Arts Commission and the Transit Management Department support this public art project cooperatively. The art budget is all-inclusive and will not exceed \$200,000 for the total project. The facility offers "Green" engineering designs that make it environmentally friendly. The completion date for the project is November 2009.

A **MOTION** was **MADE** by Commission member Passmore to **APPROVE** Nina Borgia-Aberle and Joseph O'Connell as the artist team for the 101/Glendale Avenue Park and Ride Lot public art project. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Commission member Finnerty and carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES

PUBLIC ART PROJECTS REPORT

Arizona Arts Congress, State Capitol Lawn

Mr. Rex Gulbranson, Arts and Culture Administrator, presented this item. He reported the Arizona Arts Congress will be held at the State Capitol Lawn on February 2, 2009. He indicated several Commission members have already RSVP'd for the event and time was running short for others who would like to attend. He stated this was a great opportunity to meet your legislators. Commissioner Burrue explained what a great opportunity this was to learn and meet your representatives. Mr. Gulbranson added it was important to have the full group involved.

Mr. Gulbranson commented on a letter from the executive director of Theater Works. He indicated many art groups were very troubled and anxious because of anticipated budget cuts. He stated an effective way to show their support would be to write letters of support to the editors of newspapers.

Downtown Fire Station 151

Ms. Sandra Keely, Public Art Coordinator, presented this agenda item. She stated the project was moving on schedule. She is currently waiting for the contract for review. The next step for this project will be review and approvals by the City Council.

New Court House and West Branch Library Update

Ms. Sandra Keely, Public Art Coordinator, presented this item. She stated she had received 212 applications for the New Court House and 275 for the West Branch Library. Mr. Gulbranson noted the Commission will receive additional information once the Request for Qualifications process was completed.

Adult Center Exhibit Updates

Mr. Gibran Villalobos, Collections and Exhibitions Coordinator, presented this item. He reported that the reception for the Glendale Union High School District Student Exhibition, held on December 4, 2008, had been a success and well attended.

Mr. Villalobos reported on his recent participation in the Balboa Arts Conservation Workshop in Tucson and his most recent participation in the Arizona-Sonora Art Administrator Exchange Program in Hermosillo, Sonora, which was sponsored by the Arizona Commission of the Arts.

He stated the Arizona-Sonora Cultural Exchange and the Glendale Adult Center is hosting an exhibition of 60 photographs by New Jersey artist Richard Speedy. The exhibition will show through March 2009.

Art Maintenance Updates

Mr. Gibran Villalobos, Collections and Exhibitions Coordinator, reported that all of the bronze sculptures have been recently cleaned. He also reported that plaques for the Downtown Parking Structure public art project have also been completed and will soon be installed.

Chairperson Criswell inquired if the art projects at the parking garage would require periodic cleaning. Mr. Villalobos replied that the mosaics would require power washing.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Burruel stated that he had visited the Glendale Training Facility. He said that the art collection looked good, but there is enough room for additional art. Mr. Villalobos state that he is currently working on a new exhibit for this facility, which will feature 40 photographic images.

Chairperson Criswell commented on proposed site at the Civic Center Plaza for the Public Safety Memorial project. Mr. Gulbranson indicated that many site had been considered, but the public safety community preferred the downtown area because it is more accessible for ceremonies. Chairperson Criswell also suggested the new Court House Building as a site consideration.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, February 18, 2009. 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 Burruel to ADJOURN the meeting. The MOTION was SECONDED by Commission member Finnerty and carried unanimously.

As there were no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rex Gulbranson, Recording Secretary
Arts and Culture Administrator