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## MINUTES

**ARTS COMMISSION  
GLENDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
5959 W. BROWN ST.  
GLENDALE, ARIZONA 85302**

**JANUARY 9, 2020  
6:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Tom Cole, Chair  
Bernadette Bolognini, Vice Chair  
Nicole Riley, Commissioner  
Joni Dinges, Commissioner  
Mark Fast, Commissioner

Absent: Helen Fokszanskyj-Conti, Commissioner  
Cooki Peverini, Commissioner

Also Present: Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Arts & Culture Program Manager  
Jana Weldon, Arts Coordinator

**3. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Councilmember Turner thanked the Commissioners for serving on the Commission, announced that he represents the Barrel District on City Council, and welcomed all to the Barrel district. He stated that he is also President of the Glendale Arts Council and shared the history of the Juried Arts Show. Councilmember Turner relayed that the Glendale Arts Council retains 25% commission from the art sales at the Show, which are used to fund GCC art student scholarships, grants to school teachers for the purchase of art supplies, grants to agencies for arts supplies for at-risk students, art programs for children, funding YMCA programs, and more. Councilmember Turner again thanked the Commissioners and excused himself from the meeting.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- a. Action: To approve the Arts Commission Minutes of December 5, 2019 as written.

Motioned by Commissioner Mark Fast, seconded by Commissioner Nicole Riley

AYE: Chair Tom Cole  
Vice Chair Bernadette Bolognini  
Commissioner Nicole Riley  
Commissioner Joni Dinges  
Commissioner Mark Fast

Passed

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

a. **ACTION: FY 2020-21 Arts Projects Plan**

At the December 5, 2019 meeting, staff engaged the Arts Commission in a discussion about projects, in order to develop and approve the FY 2020-21 Annual Arts Projects Plan at the January 9, 2020 meeting. The general budget plan includes:

Community Activity - \$176,000:

IN FLUX Valley-wide Initiative - Temporary Art Installation - \$5,000

Juried Fine Arts Show - Annual Art Purchase - \$2,000

FY 2020-21 Performing Arts Partnership Program Grants - \$44,000

Centerline District Arts & Cultural Initiative Grants - \$50,000

Community Arts Activities - \$20,000

Community Arts Activities (supplemental budget request pending Council approval) - \$55,000

Upon further staff and Commission discussions and consideration, Chair Cole asked for a motion.

Action: To approve the FY2020-21 Arts Projects Plan as proposed

Motioned by Commissioner Nicole Riley, seconded by Vice Chair Bernadette Bolognini

AYE: Chair Tom Cole  
Vice Chair Bernadette Bolognini  
Commissioner Nicole Riley  
Commissioner Joni Dinges  
Commissioner Mark Fast

Passed

b. **Action: Downtown Bench Project - Take a Seat, Glendale!**

Ms. Weldon stated that this agenda item is the opportunity for the Commission to review and approve the 20 design proposals as recommended by the selection panel on December 9, 2019. The project artists are:

- Oliverio Balcells
- Clarith Denson
- Michael Denson
- Debra Goley
- Ruben Hernandez
- Jessi Kerr
- Christy Moeller

- David Morgan
- Lydia Quinones
- Summer Schaudt
- Monica Pineda-Ucello
- Mary Wolke

Action: To approve recommendations of Downtown Bench Project Selection Panel on the twenty bench designs by twelve artists: Oliverio Balcells, Clarith Denson, Michael Denson, Debra Goley, Ruben Hernandez, Jessi Kerr, Christy Moelle, David Morgan, Lydia Quinones, Summer Schaudt, Monica Pineda-Ucello, and Mary Wolke.

Motioned by Commissioner Nicole Riley, seconded by Vice Chair Bernadette Bolognini

AYE: Chair Tom Cole  
 Vice Chair Bernadette Bolognini  
 Commissioner Nicole Riley  
 Commissioner Joni Dinges  
 Commissioner Mark Fast

Passed

**c. ACTION: The Chocolate Experience Temporary Art Project**

Ms. Vahabzadeh announced the changes in the Chocolate event, which will now be held at the Civic Center. Ms. Vahabzadeh provided the following background on the agenda item:

- The Special Events department has requested an arts element that welcomes people at the entrance of the event.
- There is an opportunity for a 3D chalk art experience, which provides the opportunity for attendees to take selfies with the art.

Ms. Pederson gave a background of the request. Ms. Pederson announced that the art will be called the "Imaginarium Experience" and will be 3D art and will be a great opportunity to experience and share an art piece via photographs. All of the art will be created with chalk, the structure itself is a blank canvas, and the chalk will be on the walls and floor; the chalk floor is preserved with hairspray..

Action: To approve the Chocolate Experience Temporary Art Project at a cost of \$4,500.00 as presented

Motioned by Commissioner Nicole Riley, seconded by Commissioner Mark Fast

AYE: Chair Tom Cole  
 Vice Chair Bernadette Bolognini  
 Commissioner Nicole Riley  
 Commissioner Joni Dinges  
 Commissioner Mark Fast

Passed

**d. ACTION: Glendale Arts Council Juried Fine Arts Exhibit**

Staff asked the Commissioners to view the Glendale Arts Council Annual Juried Fine Arts Exhibit and to select the purchase awards for the Municipal Art Collection for FY 2020. Per the adopted FY2019-20 Arts Plan, the total purchase budget is \$2,000.

Action: To approve the purchase of the following art pieces from the 2020 Glendale Arts Council Juried Fine Arts Exhibit: *Square Root Series #10* for \$1,900 and *Mueller Hydrant* for \$1,600

Motioned by Commissioner Nicole Riley, seconded by Commissioner Mark Fast

AYE: Chair Tom Cole  
Vice Chair Bernadette Bolognini  
Commissioner Nicole Riley  
Commissioner Joni Dinges  
Commissioner Mark Fast

Passed

**6. STAFF UPDATES**

Ms. Vahabzadeh shared the following:

- An invitation to the public opening celebration of the Juried Art Show this weekend.
- An invitation to the Boards and Commissions Appreciation Hockey Game on February 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Glendale Glitter & Glow is this weekend and the performance by the arts group, Vessel, will be held on Saturday.
- The Plein Air Event has been moved to the Folk and Heritage Festival and will take place on Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>. Judging will be at 3:30 p.m.
- This is the last meeting for Chair Cole, Vice Chair Bolognini, and Commissioner Fast. All of their contributions are greatly appreciated.

**7. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Fast stated that it has been a pleasure serving on the Commission, he has learned a lot, and plans to serve on another board or a commission at some point.

Vice Chair Bolognini commented that it has been fun getting to know staff and the Commission. She stated that it felt like family.

Chair Cole commented that he appreciates staff and the other commissioners. He has an overwhelming sense of accomplishment in regards to the new library public art. Chair Cole hopes that the opportunity for the arts incubator is not dead and he hopes that the Commissioners have more opportunity to weigh in on these issues in the future. Chair Cole stated that the place for Arts in Economic Development is a good fit and relayed that the Arts staff work very hard.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Glendale Arts Commission will be held on February 27 at 6:00 p.m., in the second floor Boardroom of the Glendale Public Library, 5959 W. Brown St., Glendale, Arizona, 85302.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Action: To adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Motioned by Vice Chair Bernadette Bolognini, seconded by Commissioner Nicole Riley

AYE: Chair Tom Cole

Vice Chair Bernadette Bolognini

Commissioner Nicole Riley

Commissioner Joni Dinges

Commissioner Mark Fast

Passed

The Arts Commission meeting minutes of January 9, 2020 were submitted and approved this 27th day of February, 2020.

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Mojgan Vahabzadeh

Arts & Culture Program Manager