



## MINUTES

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

**FEBRUARY 27, 2020  
6:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Cooki Peverini, Chair  
Nicole Riley, Vice Chair  
Derrell Barber, Commissioner  
Joni Dinges, Commissioner  
Helen Fokszanskyj-Conti, Commissioner

Also Present: Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Arts & Culture Program Manager

Attendees: Matthew Baral, Presenter

**3. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

**4. ACTION: Approval of the Minutes of the January 9, 2020 Meeting**

Motioned by Vice Chair Nicole Riley, seconded by Commissioner Joni Dinges

AYE: Chair Cooki Peverini  
Vice Chair Nicole Riley  
Commissioner Derrell Barber  
Commissioner Joni Dinges  
Commissioner Helen Fokszanskyj-Conti

Passed

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. INFORMATION: Commission Introductions**

Ms. Vahabzadeh suggested with the addition of new Commissioner Barber, it would be beneficial for all to introduce themselves. All present introduced themselves and shared a brief background.

**b. ACTION: IN FLUX Cycle 9 - Design Approval**

Ms. Vahabzadeh gave a brief history of the IN FLUX initiative and introduced Mr. Matthew Baral, the artist chosen by Glendale's artist selection panel.

Mr. Baral gave a PowerPoint presentation on his design concept, which included photographs and conceptual renderings. Mr. Baral stated the proposed art installation will be about 10 feet by 10 feet and the concept is based on fractal geometry.

Ms. Vahabzadeh announced that a kick-off event will be held in April and will advise the Commissioners in advance with details. Mr. Baral relayed the kick-off is slated for April 25<sup>th</sup> and the artwork will be installed most likely on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Vahabzadeh shared the IN FLUX website as follows: [www.influxaz.com](http://www.influxaz.com).

**Action: To approve the proposed conceptual art design by Artist Matthew Baral for the 2020 INFLUX Cycle 9 art installation as presented**

Motioned by Vice Chair Nicole Riley, seconded by Commissioner Helen Fokszanskyj-Conti

AYE: Chair Cooki Peverini  
Vice Chair Nicole Riley  
Commissioner Derrell Barber  
Commissioner Joni Dinges  
Commissioner Helen Fokszanskyj-Conti

Passed

**c. ACTION: Centerline District Arts & Cultural Initiative Project Proposal**

Ms. Vahabzadeh announced there is approximately \$4,000 available in the budget for Centerline grants and provided details on a grant request from Local Trade LLC, which included the following:

- The group organizes artisan markets along with live music.
- The proposed event is Local Trade AZ – Live! At Murphy Park: Music + Makers Market.
- The proposed date of the event is April 4, 2020 and it will be held during the day. The event will tie into the City's series of evening concerts at Murphy Park. There is an evening concert scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Vahabzadeh shared two videos of past events held by the group.
- This request is in line with what the City and the Chamber of Commerce would like to see in downtown Glendale.
- The requested funds will be used for the musical groups.
- The grant request is for \$4,000.

**Action: To approve the grant request of \$4,000 from Local Trade LLC for the Local Trade AZ Live at Murphy Park Music + Makers Market Event as proposed**

Motioned by Vice Chair Nicole Riley, seconded by Commissioner Derrell Barber

AYE: Chair Cooki Peverini  
Vice Chair Nicole Riley  
Commissioner Derrell Barber  
Commissioner Joni Dinges  
Commissioner Helen Fokszanskyj-Conti

Passed

**d. ACTION: Goals and Topics of Discussion for the Upcoming Year**

Ms. Vahabzadeh announced a new directive whereby the Commission is to develop its goals for calendar year 2020 during its February meeting. Ms. Vahabzadeh facilitated the discussion on proposed goals.

**Action: To approve the following Arts Commission Goals for Calendar Year 2020:  
Either as a Commission or as individual Commissioners:**

- **Attend the Arts Congress in February 2021**
- **Support and participate in an artist showcase/educational workshop**
- **Hold an Arts Commission monthly meeting at a different location or take a field trip to an off-site location**
- **Attend an Arts Commission grant-funded event**

Motioned by Vice Chair Nicole Riley, seconded by Commissioner Derrell Barber

AYE: Chair Cooki Peverini  
Vice Chair Nicole Riley  
Commissioner Derrell Barber  
Commissioner Joni Dinges  
Commissioner Helen Fokszanskyj-Conti

Passed

**6. STAFF UPDATES**

Ms. Vahabzadeh shared the following:

- The 2020 Plein Air Event will take place on Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> at Sahuaro Ranch Park from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Judging will be at 3:30 p.m.
- Take A Seat, Glendale! Unveiling event will be held in downtown Glendale on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Twelve artists painted twenty benches in the heart of Downtown Glendale.
- The grant-funded production of Shakespeare in Love by the Brelby Theater is upcoming. Ms. Vahabzadeh will send a flyer to all Commissioners to share with others. The event is free to all. Seats can be reserved on [www.brelbytheater.com](http://www.brelbytheater.com).

**7. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Chair Peverini announced that she is directing a production at the Glendale Adult Center on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. which is the western comedy "The Paperback Bandit Rides Again." All are welcome to attend.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Glendale Arts Commission will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2020 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 7:17 p.m.**

Motioned by Vice Chair Nicole Riley, seconded by Commissioner Joni Dinges

AYE: Chair Cooki Peverini  
Vice Chair Nicole Riley  
Commissioner Derrell Barber  
Commissioner Joni Dinges

Commissioner Helen Fokszanskyj-Conti  
Passed

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

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Mojgan Vahabzadeh  
Arts & Culture Program Manager