



**AGENDA
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

Via Zoom Video/Audio Conferencing

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Riley called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Arts & Culture Program Manager
Jessi Pederson, Economic Development Assistant Director

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. Action: To approve the Arts Commission minutes of February 27, 2020 as written.

Motioned by Commissioner Derrell Barber, seconded by Commissioner Chris Kennedy

AYE: Vice Chair Nicole Riley
Commissioner Derrell Barber
Commissioner Joni Dinges
Commissioner Helen Fokszanskyj-Conti
Commissioner Chris Kennedy

Passed

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **INFORMATION: Commission Introductions**

Ms. Vahabzadeh introduced new Commissioner, Chris Kennedy. All present introduced themselves and shared a brief background.

b. ACTION: Downtown Arts and Cultural Initiative Grant Program

Ms. Vahabzadeh announced that this agenda item was for the Commission to consider deferment of the Downtown Arts & Cultural Initiative Grant Program due to the issues with COVID-19.

Action: To approve deferment of the Downtown Arts & Cultural Initiative Grant Program to a later date to be determined

Motioned by Commissioner Derrell Barber, seconded by Commissioner Joni Dinges

AYE: Vice Chair Nicole Riley
Commissioner Derrell Barber
Commissioner Joni Dinges
Commissioner Helen Fokszanskyj-Conti
Commissioner Chris Kennedy

Passed

c. ACTION: We Are One: Glendale Art Grants

Ms. Vahabzadeh announced that due to the current socio-cultural climate and movement to ensure equality and unity, the Commission is asked to consider the "We Are One: Glendale Art Grants Program". The goal of the program is to challenge artists inspired by the current movement to give voices to all and to help promote a spirit of unity and dialog through artistic expression. The grant program will be presented in partnership with the Glendale Human Relations Commission.

Ms. Vahabzadeh asked Commissioner Barber to present details of the program, as Commissioner Barber had suggested the grant program to staff.

Commissioner Barber shared additional details, which included the following:

- The program is rather timely due to what is currently occurring in the country.
- Other arts commissions across the country are encouraging unity and equality themed art projects at this time
- Funding for these competitively selected grant proposals would be in the amount of \$4,000 each for eight projects
- The project proposals will be evaluated and selected by members of the Arts Commission and the Human Relations Commission

Action: To approve the We Are One: Glendale Art Grants, as proposed

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

AYE: Vice Chair Nicole Riley
Commissioner Derrell Barber
Commissioner Joni Dinges
Commissioner Helen Fokszanskyj-Conti
Commissioner Chris Kennedy

Passed

d. ACTION: The FY 2020-2021 Performing Arts Partnership Program (PAPP) Grants

The Arts Commission considered the FY 2020-21 PAPP grant applications with discussions and recommend funding for selected project proposals.

Action: To approve the Performing Arts Partnership Program grant application from West Valley Arts Council

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

AYE:

Vice Chair Nicole Riley

Commissioner Derrell Barber

NAY:

Commissioner Joni Dinges

Commissioner Fokszanskyj-Conti

Commissioner Chris Kennedy

Denied

Action: To approve the FY 2020-21 Performing Arts Partnership Program grant applications from the following:

1. Arizona Christian University
2. Ballet Arizona
3. Creative Drill Sergeants
4. Coconino Community Theatre
5. Driftwood Quintet
6. Mill Ave Chamber Players
7. Phoenix Conservatory of Music
8. Phoenix Symphony Association
9. Phoenix Theatre Company
10. ProMusica Arizona Chorale & Orchestra
11. Rising Youth Theatre
12. The Sacred G's

Motioned by Commissioner Chris Kennedy, second by Commissioner Derrell Barber

AYE:

Vice Chair Nicole Riley

Commissioner Derrell Barber

Commissioner Joni Dinges

Commissioner Fokszanskyj-Conti

Commissioner Chris Kennedy

Passed

6. STAFF UPDATES

Ms. Vahabzadeh thanked the Commissioners for attending the meeting virtually and hoped to meet in person soon.

Ms. Pederson thanked the Commissioners as well for working through the virtual meeting process so that the meeting could be officially conducted.

7. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Kennedy relayed that he enjoyed his first meeting with the Commission.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Glendale Arts Commission will be held in person or via Zoom on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Motioned by Commissioner Joni Dinges, seconded by Commissioner Chris Kennedy

AYE: Vice Chair Nicole Riley
Commissioner Derrell Barber
Commissioner Joni Dinges
Commissioner Helen Fokszanskyj-Conti
Commissioner Chris Kennedy

Passed

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

Mojgan Vahabzadeh
Arts and Culture Program Manager