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MINUTES ARTS COMMISSION ZOOM MEETING

OCTOBER 22, 2020
6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Riley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Nicole Riley, Chair
Derrell Barber, Vice Chair
Jose Aguinaga, Commissioner
Joni Dinges, Commissioner
Chris Kennedy, Commissioner
Lorraine Zomok, Commissioner

Absent: Helen Fokszanskyj-Conti, Commissioner

Also Present: Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Arts & Culture Program Manager

Attendees: Regina Nixon, Phoenix Conservatory of Music, Presenter
Pasha Yamotahari, Phoenix Theatre Company, Presenter
Carlos Castaneda, Phoenix Theatre Company, Presenter
Brian Sweis, Phoenix Theatre Company, Presenter
Sally Jo Bannow, Phoenix Theatre Company, Presenter
Kim Manning, Phoenix Theatre Company, Presenter

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. **Action: Arts Commission Minutes of September 24, 2020**

Motioned by Commissioner Lorraine Zomok, seconded by Vice Chair Derrell Barber

AYE: Chair Nicole Riley
Vice Chair Derrell Barber
Commissioner Jose Aguinaga
Commissioner Joni Dinges
Commissioner Chris Kennedy
Commissioner Lorraine Zomok
Passed

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Phoenix Theatre Company

Members of the Phoenix Theatre Company were in attendance to provide information on their Partners That Heal program.

Mr. Castaneda shared the following:

- Mission Statement
 - Partners that Heal uses improvisation as an antidote to fear, discomfort, and trauma in hospitals, shelters, and other health care institutions.
- Vision
 - A world where intervention techniques are offered routinely as an extension to conventional treatment protocols for patients experiencing trauma, uncertainty, and emotional distress.
- What We Do
 - Send specially training actors into hospitals
 - A brief video on the program was played.

Mr. Yamotahari shared the following:

- Who Are The Partners That Heal?
 - Founded in 2009
 - 6 actors training in theatre and improvisation acting
 - Over 250 arts-based interventions
 - Over 55,000 patients impacted
- COVID-19 Impact
 - All digital services since the pandemic and quarantine
 - 23% increase in patients served during pandemic
 - Increase in demand for service hours and service locations
 - Increased capacity to serve additional patients per visit
- Where We Are
 - Phoenix Children's Hospital
 - Banner Children's
 - Children's Hospital Colorado
 - Mayo Clinic
 - Ryan House
 - Society of St. Vincent DePaul
 - Valleywise Health

Members of the group conducted an interactive, improvisational activity with the Commission to demonstrate the interaction with patients.

b. Phoenix Conservatory of Music

Ms. Nixon gave a presentation on the Phoenix Conservatory of Music (PCM), with information on the following:

- PCM unleashes the power of music in every individual we serve by providing high quality music education experiences that are available and accessible.
- Vision
 - Be a leading provider in afterschool music education (with a focus in popular and commercial music) in the greater Phoenix area
 - Positively impact students every year in programs that support excellence in student success
 - Provide access and opportunities for music development experiences that will help make students college and career ready
 - Be a resource provider and support school music programs in the greater Phoenix area
 - Be a national leader in creative youth development
- Statistics on the following programs were shared
 - School Programs
 - Group Classes
 - Private Lessons
 - College Prep Program
- Who are our students? Demographics were displayed. 73% are low-to-moderate income
- Detailed information on Afterschool Programs was displayed, including program statistics.
- Glendale High School Music Program
 - 50 hours of instructional direction and coaching for the music students at Glendale High School from January to May 2021.
 - Combined concert with students from Glendale High School and Phoenix Conservatory of Music's College Prep Program in a concert or via online live stream.
 - PCM will provide program facilitation for school music program support with Glendale High School. Glendale High School students are 91% diverse, with 74% being LatinX and 75% are receiving free or reduced lunch.
 - Glendale High School has an above average graduation rate (90% compared to 78% statewide) with higher than average math scores, but only 37% at a proficient level in reading/language arts.
 - According to Americans for the Arts, students with high levels of arts involvement are less likely to drop out of school (by 18%) and the arts is linked to higher academic performances.
 - PCM invites students to participate in other programs provided by PCM's projects, including student concerts, workshops, and family interactive programs in the downtown Glendale community. Approximately 300 students served through the project.
- College Prep Program: ensemble, theory, enrichment, performance

Ms. Nixon played a video, which was a sample showcase of some students playing their original music. Ms. Nixon played a video of a student ensemble playing a song together virtually, however each in their own locations. Ms. Nixon stated that when PCM is working with a school, a prescribed program is not used, but rather the program is built on the needs of the school.

c. Arts Commission Chair and Vice Chair Recommendations for 2021

Ms. Mojgan announced that, as per directive by the Government Services Committee, the Commission needs to make a recommendation for Chair and Vice Chair for 2021.

Action: To recommend Ms. Nicole Riley as Arts Commission Chair and Ms. Derrell Barber as Arts Commission Vice Chair for 2021

Motioned by Commissioner Chris Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Lorraine Zomok

AYE: Chair Nicole Riley
Vice Chair Derrell Barber
Commissioner Jose Aguinaga
Commissioner Joni Dinges
Commissioner Chris Kennedy
Commissioner Lorraine Zomok

Passed

d. Vote to Vacate the November 2020 Meeting of the Commission and to Change the Date of the December 2020 Regular Meeting

Due to the timeline of the upcoming meetings during the holidays, the commissioners discussed vacating those meetings.

Action: To vacate the November 2020 and December 2020 Commission meetings

Motioned by Commissioner Chris Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Lorraine Zomok

AYE: Chair Nicole Riley
Vice Chair Derrell Barber
Commissioner Jose Aguinaga
Commissioner Joni Dinges
Commissioner Chris Kennedy
Commissioner Lorraine Zomok

Passed

6. STAFF UPDATES

There were no additional updates.

7. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Zomok announced that the What's Happening Art Movement (WHAM) is holding a fundraiser event at Top Golf on November 15, 2020. A flyer will be sent to the Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the need to produce a brochure or postcard that can help promote the municipal art collection and events. Staff took note to follow up on the suggestions in the near future.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting date of the Glendale Arts Commission is to be determined and will be held via Zoom.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Motioned by Commissioner Chris Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Lorraine Zomok

AYE: Chair Nicole Riley
Vice Chair Derrell Barber
Commissioner Jose Aguinaga
Commissioner Joni Dinges
Commissioner Chris Kennedy
Commissioner Lorraine Zomok

Passed

The Arts Commission meeting minutes of September 24, 2020 were submitted and approved this 22nd day of October, 2020.

Mojgan Vahabzadeh
Arts and Culture Program Manager