

CITY OF GLENDALE
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
GLENDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD ROOM – SECOND FLOOR
5959 WEST BROWN STREET
THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2016
6:00PM

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:07pm by Chairperson Carrie Richards. Vice Chair Ann Owens and Commissioners, Nadine Yuhasz, Bernadette Bolognini, Eva Ndavu, and Thomas Cole were in attendance. Commissioner Mark Fast was absent and excused.

Representing city staff was Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Public Arts Coordinator, Mike Beck, Chief Librarian and Jana Weldon, Part-time Associate. Stephanie Miller, Senior Management Assistant was also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 24, 2016

A MOTION was MADE by Commissioner Ndavu to APPROVE the Arts Commission meeting minutes from the March 24, 2016, as corrected. Commissioner Bolognini SECONDED the MOTION, which carried unanimously.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no comments from the floor.

PERMANENT ART COLLECTION ACQUISITIONS AND DEACCESSION POLICY DISCUSSION

Jana Weldon, Part-time Associate, presented this item and had the Arts Commission engaged in a discussion to develop the criteria that the Commission will consider in the future when reviewing works of art. Ms. Weldon discussed the policies and guidelines for Glendale's art collection. She went through the process and the importance of having these policies in place. Most of the discussion centered on reviewing works of art for purchase or gifted to the permanent art collection, and the process of deaccessioning works of art.

The commission looks to formally adopt recommended policies in compliance with the current guidelines in June 2016.

INFLUX CYCLE 6 – A VALLEY-WIDE ARTS INITIATIVE UPDATE

Staff updated the commission on the installation and all the upcoming activities associated with the IN FLUX Valley-wide initiative. As part of this project, competitively selected artist, Troy Moody, has completed the Glendale art installation at Gallery Glendale at Westgate.

Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Public Arts Coordinator, talked about the INFLUX Cycle 6 multi-city bus tour. She said the tour featured site-specific art installations around the Valley including at Westgate. The bus tour is scheduled for May 14, 2016 starting at 10:00am and lunch will be included. Troy Moody, artist, will also be joining the tour so he will be a special guest on board along with all the other artists who created art installations around the Valley this year.

UPDATE ON GALLERY GLENDALE AT WESTGATE

Staff updated the commission on the continuation of the gallery partnership for the coming fiscal year. Staff discussed plans for future art exhibits and activities.

Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Public Arts Coordinator, stated that the management at Westgate had agreed to partner with the city offering a two-year lease instead of the one-year lease as in the past three years. She explained that the lease agreement will go before City Council on May 24 for formal approval.

STAFF UPDATES

Performing Arts Partnership Program Update

Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Public Arts Program Manager thanked the commission for their excellent work on the Performing Arts Partnership selection process. She appreciated the attention to detail they all exhibited while going through each application. She indicated that all the selected parties had been informed.

Commissioner Yuhasz stated that she really enjoyed the process this year. She said it was refreshing to see how well they all worked together as team to review all the applicants.

Commissioner Cole agreed and added that he also really appreciated the wealth of knowledge that Ms. Vahabzadeh and the commissioners bring to the table and to the Arts Commission as a whole.

Relocation of the Sculpture “Whirlwind”

Ms. Vahabzadeh provided an update on the relocation of the sculpture “Whirlwind” from the grounds at the Main Library back to its original installation site, the front of the Foothills Public Safety Facility. She stated that everything was on track for this to move forward.

Gift of Art – A Michael Anderson Sculpture

Ms. Vahabzadeh provided an update on the \$18,000 outdoor sculpture by artist Michael Anderson that was donated to the City of Glendale by Mr. Richard H. Whitney and his wife, Mrs. Linda L. Whitney. She indicated that this generous gift is to be installed at the Xeriscape Garden at the front entry of the Main Library in memory of Mr. Whitney's grandparents, Clarence & Maude Whitney, who moved from Michigan to the West Valley in the early 1900s. She noted that there will be a formal ceremony commemorating the event.

PSA Awakening at Gallery Glendale

Ms. Vahabzadeh provided an update on the May exhibit being held at Gallery Glendale, May 6 through the 28. She said that "Healing at Its Best" is the exhibit being featured by PSA Art Awakenings.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Richards asked for a motion to adjourn.

A MOTION was MADE by Commissioner Ndavu to ADJOURN the meeting Commissioner Cole SECONDED the MOTION, which carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:48pm.

The next meeting of the Glendale Arts Commission will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2016 @ 6:00p.m. at the Large Meeting Room, first floor, Glendale Public Library, 5959 West Brown Street, Glendale, Arizona.

Respectfully submitted,

Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Public Arts Coordinator