

**SUMMARY MINUTES
CITY OF GLENDALE
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
GLENDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY
LIBRARY BOARDROOM – SECOND FLOOR
5959 WEST BROWN STREET
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2016
6:00PM**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:06 pm by Vice Chair Eva Ndavu. Commissioners, Bernadette Bolognini, Mark Fast (arrived at 6:16 pm), Helen Fokszanskyj-Conti and Cheryl Gangemi were in attendance. Chairperson Carrie Richards and Commissioner Thomas Cole were both absent and excused.

Representing city staff was Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Arts and Culture Program Manager, and Mike Beck, Chief Librarian

Approval of Minutes – September 22, 2016

A **MOTION** was **MADE** by Commissioner Bolognini to **APPROVE** the Arts Commission meeting minutes from the September 22, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Fokszanskyj-Conti **SECONDED** the **MOTION**, which carried unanimously.

Business From the Floor

At this time the Commission will hear comments from the public. The Commission, however, may not discuss or consider items not appearing on the agenda unless an actual emergency exists. There were no comments.

Loyalty Oath of Office –

Newly appointed Arts Commissioners Helen Fokszanskyj-Conti (Yucca District) and Cheryl Gangemi (Sahuaro District) took the Boards and Commissions Loyalty Oath of Office. The Commissioners briefly introduced themselves.

West Valley Arts Council's Gallery 37 Program

Bernadette Mills, Executive Director, West Valley Art Council, spoke about Gallery 37, a long running school-to-work student apprenticeship program that results in the creation and permanent placement of a professional piece of public

art in the West Valley. The program engages up to 20 local high school students to work with master artists to plan, create and install the piece of art work.

The Commission members all agreed this was a great project and would like to continue the conversation once the budget process begins.

Public Facilities, Recreation and Special Events Department's new STEAM After School Programming

This agenda item was TABLED for a later date to be determined.

Centerline District Arts and Cultural Initiative – Applicant Presentation

Mr. Moshe Bukshpan, Founder and Executive Director of Red Rocks Music, presented their proposal to the Arts Commission for funding consideration. The Centerline Arts and Cultural Initiative is a new application-based funding opportunity. Staff explained that as qualifying applications are received, the applicants are invited to present their proposals before the Glendale Arts Commission for funding consideration.

After much discussion within the Commissioners, it was decided to reject the proposal as presented. The applicant will be provided with the Commissioners comments and suggestions.

A MOTION was MADE by Commissioner Fast to REJECT the Red Rocks Music Festival proposal for funding consideration, as presented. Commissioner Bolognini SECONDED the MOTION, which carried unanimously.

Vote to Vacate the November Meeting and Change the date of the December Meeting.

A MOTION was MADE by Commissioner Gangemi to Vacate the November Arts Commission Meeting and move the December Meeting to December 8, 2016. Commissioner Fast SECONDED the MOTION, which carried unanimously.

Staff Updates

Commission Comments

Vice Chair Eva Ndavu commented on an Arts project she found in the Glendale Star News that she found questionable. The matter was forwarded to Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Arts and Culture Program Manager, and Mike Beck, Chief Librarian to be looked into.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Eva Ndavu asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:37pm

The next meeting of the Glendale Arts Commission will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2016 @ 6:00p.m., at the Large Meeting Room, first floor, Glendale Public Library, 5959 West Brown Street, Glendale, Arizona.