

Regular Meeting

**ARTS & HUMANITIES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
510 E. FLORENCE BOULEVARD, CASA GRANDE, AZ 85122
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2013**

A. Call to Order:

Chairman Seaman called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Debbie Benitez
Pamela Runner
Stacey Seaman
Sue Wortman

The following members were excused:

Victor Hammond
Erica Herman
Regis Sommers

Also present:

Remilie S. Miller	City Clerk
Tamara J. Mitchell	Deputy City Clerk
Christina Sampson	Reporter, Tri-Valley Dispatch
Rina Rien	Director, Casa Grande Main Street
Eliana Leamons	Teacher, Casa Grande Union High School
Janice Gibby	Teacher, Casa Grande Saguaro Elementary School
Marge Jantz	Member of Casa Grande Valley Fine Arts Association

B. Minutes

B.1 Regular Meeting – March 6, 2013

This item was tabled to May 1, 2013.

C. Reports **None**

D. Unfinished Business **None**

E. New Business:

E.1 Review of 3rd Round 2012/2013 Applications/Proposals for City of Casa Grande Art & Humanities Commission Educational Partners Program Mini-Grant and Consider the Award of Mini Grant Funds

City Clerk Miller reported that three (3) proposals were received for the City of Casa Grande Arts & Humanities Commission Educational Partners Program 3rd round Mini Grant and they are as follows:

#	Applicant	School, Grade & #Students	Subject	Project Title & Dates	Funding Purpose	Amount Requested FY 2012/13
1.	Janice Gibby 1501 N. Center Ave 520-836-7661 janice.gibby@cgelem.k12.az.us	Saguaro Elementary Grade 5 20 students	Beyond the Classroom	Puppets Don't Bully, Puppets Don't Join Gangs, Puppets Don't Do Drugs. March 27, May 22, 2013	Construct a sort of puppet theater. (One large folding table, PVP pipe, fabric for curtains, large duffle bag, and video camera).	\$400.00
2.	Eliana Leamons 2730 N. Trekeil Road 520-518-1811 eleamons@cguhs.org	Casa Grande Union High School Grade 10 th - 12 th 67 students	Teaching with New Technology	Field Trip to the Science Center Da Vinci experience. April 23, 2013	To purchase general admission tickets for students and chaperons.	\$804.00
3.	Melissa Wicks 1500 N. Colorado St. 520-836-5086 Melissa.Wicks@cgelem.k12.az.us	Ironwood Elementary Grade 3 30 students	Art	Keep It Steady All year to May 2013	Project supplies (harboard panels, artist tape, oil pastels pack, kraft paper tape).	\$138.76
					TOTAL	\$1,342.76

The total amount requested from the three (3) applications is \$1,342.76. There is a balance of \$817.00 funding from the \$10,000.00 grant provided by Tohono O'odham Nation for the 2012-2013 Mini Grant Program.

City Clerk Miller conveyed that she invited via email the teachers who submitted proposals to attend the meeting tonight to support and/or answer questions of the Commission.

The following Teachers were in attendance and presented their proposal to the Commission:

1. Ms. Janice Gibby, Casa Grande Saguaro Elementary School
2. Ms. Eliana Leamons, Casa Grande Union High School

Ms. Melissa Wicks, Ironwood Elementary School, could not attend tonight’s meeting.

The Commission then reviewed all three (3) applications for the 3rd round Mini Grant. The Commission carefully considered each application and presentation/discussion from the teachers.

Member Runner moved to approve awards for the 3rd round of Mini Grant FY2012-2013 funding in the amount of \$817.00 to three (3) proposals listed below. Member Wortman seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

#	Applicant	Project Title, Dates & Students	Funding Purpose	<i>MINI GRANT AWARD 3RD ROUND</i>
1.	Janice Gibby 1501 N. Center Ave 520-836-7661 janice.gibby@cgelem.k12.az.us	Puppets Don’t Bully, Puppets Don’t Join Gangs, Puppets Don’t Do Drugs. March 27, May 22, 2013, 20 students	Construct a sort of puppet theater. (One large folding table, PVP pipe, fabric for curtains, large duffle bag, and video camera).	\$400.00
2.	Eliana Leamons 2730 N. Trezell Road 520-518-1811 eleamons@cguhs.org	Field Trip to the Science Center Da Vinci experience. April 23, 2013, 67 students	To purchase general admission tickets for students and chaperons.	\$278.24
3.	Melissa Wicks 1500 N. Colorado St. 520-836-5086 Melissa.Wicks@cgelem.k12.az.us	Keep It Steady All year to May 2013, 30 students	Project supplies (hardboard panels, artist tape, oil pastels pack, kraft paper tape).	\$138.76
			TOTAL	\$ 817.00

E.2 Presentation on Main Street’s 2013 Downtown Public Art Project “Doors to the Past”

Ms. Rina Rien, Director of Casa Grande Main Street, and Marge Jantz, Member of Casa Grande Valley Fine Arts Association, offered a presentation on Casa Grande Main Street Public Art Project “Doors to the Past”.

Ms. Rein conveyed that the project is part of their Outreach Awareness Public Program. A permanent public art exhibition in historic downtown Casa Grande of vintage doors depicting icons from our past forever lost to time.

Ms. Rein stated that Kelsie Pate of Merle Norman Cosmetics and Day Spa has generously offered her exterior wall at the intersection of Florence and 3rd Streets in historic downtown for the installation. Initial funding has been provided by the Wings Like Eagles Foundation Grant (Golden Eagle Distributors).

Ms. Rein announced that Main Street have the following community partners, volunteers and artists involved at the inception of this project:

Jeremiah Stanley/Lowe’s
Mary Kohlman/Sherwin Williams
Jim Sommers/Old Town Glass and Mirror
John Rooney/Adventures in Stained Glass
Paul Cooper/Cooper Painting

ARTISTS:

Janet Sanders/Bill Ludeke
Marge Jantz/Susan Rooney/Thom Poor
Mark White/Patti Kramer/Yvonne Johnson
Amanda Bergland/Gloria Smith/Linda Garrett
Betty Pate/Kirstin Jeffers/Dira Reeves

The plan is to unveil the doors at the 2013 October Fest and Art in the Alley.

Ms. Jantz conveyed that they are excited to get this project moving and so are the artists who volunteered to paint the pictures on the doors.

Ms. Rein reported that the doors are on display with the pictures that will be painted at the display window located at Main Street Office at 108 West 2nd Street.

City Clerk Miller introduced Christina Sampson, a Dispatch Reporter. Ms. Sampson will be temporarily covering for Melissa St. Aude. The Commission welcomed Ms. Sampson.

Member Wortman presented at the same time Agenda Items E.3 and E.4.

E.3 Presentation on Concept of Chairitable

E.4 Discussion on Ideas for Arts & Humanities Commission’s Fundraising

Member Wortman presented the Concept of Chairitable fundraiser. Member Wortman shared a newspaper article of what City of Chandler, Arizona has done for fundraising. The “Chairitable” is basically “chair” and “table” collection created and decorated by local artists then auctioned as fundraising. The program promotes art education and creates a variety of community art projects through partnership.

Member Wortman stated that the more people you have involved, the more successful fundraiser you will have. She suggested partnering and commissions other groups/organizations in Casa Grande geared toward fundraising.

Member Wortman suggested continuing the discussion of Chairitable Project at the May meeting.

E.5 Review and Discuss the Proposed Commission’s Bravo Award.

Member Wortman conveyed that she thinks having an award to recognize a person in the community is a value to the Commission. Member Wortman stated the “Bravo Award” would promote the Arts & Humanities Commission overall goal of promoting art in the community.

Member Benitez conveyed that the Bravo Award could also act as a fundraiser. Member Benitez stated that Tucson has a yearly award that works very well.

Chairman Seaman suggested Member Wortman and Member Benitez get together on their ideas for the Bravo Award and present their research at the next meeting.

E.6 Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

This item was tabled to May 1, 2013 meeting.

F. Miscellaneous

City Clerk Miller reported that Mr. Cook visited with her on March 7th. Mr. Cook visits the Cook Plaza when he is in town. He noticed the landscaping needed some attention. He also suggested for the City to contact the Artist Mr. Tyler on how to make the letters on the signage more visible (clearer).

City Clerk Miller took the opportunity to update Mr. Norman Cook on the lighting project. Mr. Cook is excited to see how the ADOT Project will turn out.

City Clerk Miller reported that the prize winning paintings from the 2013 Plein Air Painting Event are displayed at the Libraries. The prize winning paintings done by the adult artist are at the downtown Library and the paintings from youth artists are displayed at the Vista Grande Library. In the next week or so the winning paintings will be switched.

City Clerk Miller reported that she did not participate on the art event at the “BeDillions” on March 28, 2013. Marge Jantz had suggested getting a table to auction the prize winning paintings to this event. The Artists felt that the Arts Commissions paintings will take away their business. Also, there was a \$200.00 fee for a table/spot to participate in this event.

City Clerk Miller provided the Commission a letter from Yvonne Johnson. Ms. wrote an analysis/observation of the Commission’s recent Plein Air Painting Event.

Member Wortman suggested discussing the Commissions budget at the May 1, 2013 meeting.

G. Public Comments: None

No comments were offered.

H. Adjustment:

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:44 p.m.

Stacey Seaman

/s/ Stacey Seaman
Chairman