

C. Reports **None**

D. Unfinished Business **None**

**D.1 Discussion on Ideas for Arts & Humanities Commission’s
Fundraising “Concept for Chairitable”**

Member Wortman reported that at their last meeting she presented the Concept of Chairitable fundraiser. 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.

Further, Member Wortman shared ideas about possible ways to raise money; having the artist locate and paint their own chairs and tables and having a silent auction to raise money. This could be a partnership project through the Casa Grande Valley Fine Arts Association.

City Clerk Miller recalled having a similar concept fundraising event an organization held with the Fountain of Dreams project. Businesses, group of people, clubs, etc. donated Christmas trees, decorated each tree and auctioned them. Profit of the auction went towards the construction of the fountain located in front of City Hall.

It was the consensus of the Commission to invite a representative from Casa Grande Valley Fine Arts Association to discuss possible partnership with “Chairitable” fundraising event.

Chairman Stacey volunteered to contact Kristen Jeffers, President of Casa Grande Valley Fine Arts Association.

City Clerk Miller conveyed that she will contact and email Ms. Jeffers to forward the information about “Chairitable” fundraising event, and also to follow up with Ms. Jeffers to be in attendance at the next Commission’s meeting.

The Commission expressed interest to take on this project with hopes that they can establish partnership with Casa Grande Fine Arts Association.

Member Hammond asked the Commission to come up with ideas about bringing in performing arts as a fundraising event. Further, he requested to add this item for discussion at the next Commission meeting.

D.2 Review and Discuss the Proposed Commission’s Bravo Award

Member Wortman spoke about the possible ways to recognize members of the community who have made significant contribution with respect to the arts. Further, she suggested partnering with the Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce should the Commission agree to take on this project.

Member Wortman conveyed that the Chamber of Commerce has a similar process for nominating people for various awards, recognized at their annual dinner. They are the appropriate organization to partner with and expand their award program recognizing citizens in the community.

City Clerk Miller conveyed that it’s time appropriate to discuss the Bravo Award to the Chamber of Commerce because they are soliciting information through survey asking members and non-members of the Chamber to provide input regarding their and annual awards process.

Member Benitez offered her research on “Lumies” to the Commission. The Lumies Arts & Business Awards celebrate those individuals, organizations and businesses that make Southern Arizona a wellspring of creativity vitality. This is a project of Tucson Pima Arts Council in partnership with business, government, and the arts community.

The Commission acknowledged Ms. Benitez researched and recognized that it would require sponsorships and partnerships from different organization to make this type of award program successful.

Member Sommers suggested upon initial discussion with the Chamber of Commerce possible partnership in regards to Bravo Award; the Commission should include a stipulation in the Bravo Award criteria, that if members of the Arts & Humanities Commission are nominated to the Bravo Award, the Commission members should not be prohibited from receiving the award.

Member Wortman suggested on voting to proceed to further explore ideas with Chamber on implementing the Bravo Award.

Member Wortman moved to approve exploring the possibility of a partnership with Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce for the Commission’s Bravo Award project. Member Benitez seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

It was the consensus of the Commission for the new Chairman and the new Vice Chairman to contact the Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce and discuss the Commission's possible Bravo Award project and suggesting the arts might be something they may consider adding to their award list.

Member Hammond asked to clarify whether the Arts & Humanities Commission will facilitate the process for the Bravo Award and presents the award during the annual dinner of Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce?

Member Runner conveyed that through partnership the Bravo Award will be tied in with Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce annual award process. Further, Ms. Runner explained that the Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce is an appropriate organization that will be a part of this award program recognizing individuals who have made significant contribution with respect to the arts.

Chairman Seaman conveyed that if the Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce agreed to this partnership, they may allow the Arts & Humanities Commission to assist in organizing the committee for nomination and selection process of the Bravo Award.

Vice Chairman Herman conveyed that through partnership with the Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce, the Arts and Humanities will be able to implement the project "Bravo Award" without having to find a reception, venue, etc. to present the award.

Member Sommers commented that working with the Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce may get more people involve and participate at their annual event.

Member Runner thinking ahead mentioned that the Chamber Annual Award/Dinner reception would be a good venue to showcase - auction once the Concept for Chairitable develops.

E. New Business:

E.1 Presentation and Discussion on Arts & Humanities Commission's Budget

City Clerk Miller conveyed that Finance Director, Diane Archer agreed to present and discuss with the Arts & Humanities Commission their budget. Unfortunately, Ms. Archer is on vacation, but was able to complete a summary with details of the Commission's budget.

City Clerk Miller provided the following report to the Commission:

Art Fund Balance from 7/1/12 to 4/29/2013

Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 11,892
Revenue	
Transfer from General Fund	5,000
LGIP Interest	9
Contributions & Donations	13,540
Expenditures	
Other Services	(14,143)
Operating Supplies	(8)
Ending Cash Balance	
Reflects Cash Available as of 4/29/13.	\$ 16,290
Any contributions will increase the balance.	

City Clerk Miller conveyed that the Arts & Humanities Commission has a total of \$11,892 available cash to spend to any project the Commission would like to select.

Member Wortman appreciates the information and was glad to see the balance of the budget, so that when they do have projects, they have an idea of what the finances are.

**E.2 Review, Discuss and Approve Submittal of the
Proposition 202 Grant Applications to the
Gila River Indian Community and Tohono O’odham Nation**

City Clerk Miller reported that in the past the Commission authorizes to instruct the City Clerk to proceed and apply for grants. This year the City Clerk went ahead and started the process for the Commission to apply for Proposition 202 Grant Applications to the Gila River Indian Community and Tohono O’odham Nation because the City established a process for City and other organizations with regards to submitting grant application for Proposition 202.

City Clerk Miller explained that a procedure was established to collect all Proposition 202 requests at the same time, review them and prioritize according to a ranking methodology. The following ranking methodology was used:

- Addresses Tribal Target Areas (20 points)
- Meets City Council Strategic Focus Areas (10 points)
- More than 75% of Dollars are spend of benefit Casa Grande residents (15 points)

A committee was formed (City Staff and Members of Council) to review all grant applications, rank according to the above methodology, submit for City Council's consideration and Council adopts the Resolution authorizing submission of the applications.

City Clerk Miller submitted the grant applications for City Council's consideration on April 15, 2013 to Gila River Indian Community and Tohono O'odham Nation for the FY 2013-2014 Arts and Humanities Mini Grant Program (\$10,000) and a Public Plaza to Commemorate the Railroad's rich history in the community of Casa Grande (\$100,000).

City Clerk Miller acknowledged Member Wortman for her assistance with the language on the applications for the Commission's Mini Grant Program, incorporating the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) curriculum. The deadline to submit these grants is June 2013.

The Commission expressed appreciation to City Clerk Miller for her effort in constantly looking for grant opportunities.

Member Wortman moved to approve the submission of Proposition 202 Grant Applications to Gila River Indian Community and Tohono O'odham Nation for the FY 2013-2014 Arts and Humanities Mini Grant Program (\$10,000) and a Public Plaza to Commemorate the Railroad's rich history in the community of Casa Grande (\$100,000). Member Runner seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

E.3 Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

City Clerk Miller conveyed that the City Ordinance No. 938.1, states that the Commission shall elect its own officers at the first meeting following the first of October of each year. Since we missed the last election, which was in October 2012 it is necessary to elect a new Chairman and Vice Chairman for the Commission.

City Clerk Miller called for nominations for Chairman.

Member Sommers moved to nominate Erica Herman.

City Clerk Miller called for further nominations. With no further nominations being offered, Erica Herman was elected by acclamation as Chairman for the Arts and Humanities Commission.

City Clerk Miller called for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Member Hammond moved to nominate Debbie Benitez.

Member Sommers moved to nominate Member Runner.

City Clerk Miller called for further nominations for Vice Chairman. With no further nominations being offered, City Clerk Miller read the names of the nominees for the Commission to participate in voting:

Debbie Benitez = 4 yes

Pamela Runner = 3 yes

City Clerk Miller declared that Debbie Benitez received a majority of the votes, and therefore she is elected as Vice Chairman.

F. Miscellaneous:

City Clerk Miller reported that she mailed letters to the school principals and teachers who are recipients of mini grants, reminding them to submit their report detailing the activities (photographs & Thank You letters from students) and receipt for the expenditure of the Mini Grant received hoping for a response before the end of the school year.

Member Seaman informed the Commission that she will be out for the next two months (out of the country in June and completing masters program in July).

Member Hammond requested to include in the next Commission agenda the discussion of performing arts as a fundraising event.

Member Regis requested for new Chairman, Erica Herman and new Vice Chairman Debbie Benitez to possibly offer an update at the next Commission meeting regarding their discussion of the Bravo Award Program with the Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce.

The Commission expressed their appreciation to Stacey Seaman for her service as the Chairman of the Arts & Humanities Commission.

City Clerk Miller announced that she will have the Commission review at their next meeting the “Call for Artist” for the Casa Grande Youth Commission’s Garden for Sunshine Project.

G. Public Comments:

None

H. Adjournment:

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:07 p.m.

Erica Herman

/s/Erica Herman

Vice Chairman