

Regular Meeting

**ARTS & HUMANITIES COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
510 E. FLORENCE BOULEVARD, CASA GRANDE, AZ 85122  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2016**

**A. Call to Order:**

Vice-Chairman Packard called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Seprina Packard  
Jeanette Rhodes  
Gloria Smith  
Stacey Seaman  
Jonathan Voyce

The following member was excused:

Debbie Benitez

The following member was absent:

Erica Herman

Also present:

Remilie S. Miller      City Clerk  
Anna M. Valenzuela    Deputy City Clerk

**B. Minutes:**

Member Voyce moved to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of December 2, 2015 and Special Meeting minutes of December 16, 2015. Member Seaman seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

**C. Reports:** **None**

**D. Unfinished Business**

**D.1 Review and Discussion of the Commission's 2015 Bravo Award Program**

City Clerk Miller reported that five (5) nominations were received for the 2015 Bravo Award. Further, City Clerk Miller relayed that the Commission was provided with the Nomination packets for their review and discussion. The Commission utilized the Rubric and submitted to City Clerk Miller to enter the information in the spreadsheet determining ranking of the nominees.

City Clerk Miller conveyed the results, and they are listed as follows:

<u>Nominees</u>	<u>Ranking</u>
Kimberly Calderone	1 <sup>st</sup>
Janet Sanders	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Kenneth Ferguson	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Marge Jantz	4 <sup>th</sup>
Bill Trulove	5 <sup>th</sup>

City Clerk Miller suggested for the Commission to set a budget for the reception. The venue selected by the Commission is BeDillon's Restaurant & Cactus Garden scheduled for May 7, 2016.

The Commission discussed the following:

- a. Attendees who will be attending the reception
  - Member of the AHC (7)
  - Mayor
  - Nominees (5) Guest of Nominees (5)
  - Nominator (11)
  - City Staff (2)
- b. Charge a fee to open the reception to others

It was the consensus of the Commission for City Clerk Miller to contact Michael Jackson from BeDillon's Restaurant & Cactus Garden in order to obtain a quote for 50-60 people for a reception that will include hors d'oeuvres and a no host bar. It was the consensus of the Commission to discuss at the meeting of February 3, 2016 the budget amount and the program format for the reception and fees for attendees to attend the event.

**D.2 Review and Discussion of the Commission’s 2016 Ten Minute Play**

City Clerk Miller reported that Assistant City Attorney Mark Graffius reviewed and approved the contract between the BlackBox Foundation and the City of Casa Grande.

Member Voyce conveyed that the stipend for the Directors should be increased. Further, Member Voyce relayed that more money should be allocated; the fee should go from \$50 to \$75.

Member Voyce moved to approve the stipend of the Play Directors to \$75.00 each, Member Rhodes seconded the motion and was carried with a 4-0 voice vote, with *Member Seaman abstaining from voting.*

In response to City Clerk Miller, Member Seaman advised that the check payments for the directors should be written to the BlackBox Foundation.

City Clerk Miller conveyed that last year there were five (5) Judges that read the plays. The Judges read the plays at their leisure but will be given a deadline for completion to submit their Rubric to the City Clerk. Thereafter, the finalist will be announced.

Members Seaman and Voyce volunteered to be the Judges to read the entries.

Member Seaman reported that she contacted Corie Lee from Coolidge and Doug Harding, the Theatre teacher from Vista Grande High School as possible Judges for the play production.

Member Voyce moved to approve five (5) Judges to read the plays and three (3) Judges for the play production as follows:

**Judges to Read the Play Entries**

1. S. Vega
2. K. Hiendi
3. D. Harding
4. J. Voyce
5. S. Seaman

**Judges for the Play Production**

1. Corie Lee
2. Doug Harding
3. John Owns

Member Smith seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

Member Voyce conveyed that last year Judges on the play production expressed that it was difficult to Judge the production without having to read the play of the finalists before the actual production.

Member Voyce moved to furnish the copies of the top five (5) playwright finalists to the Judges of the playwrights to read in addition to judging the play production. Member Rhodes seconded the motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

City Clerk Miller announced that the Members of the Commission can also serve as Judges at the play production. Further, City Clerk reported that by February 1, 2016 the Commission would have two new Members.

City Clerk Miller reported that the event was advertised on all avenues available to the City of Casa Grande, such as: City's Website, Arizona Commission on the Art's Website, local TV Channel 11 and newspapers. The notice and guidelines were also sent to the schools and RV Parks.

In response to Member Voyce, City Clerk Miller conveyed that last year's event was advertised in the same manner as this year, in addition former Member Victor Hammond submitted for posting at the Website of the Arizona's Screen Actors Guild.

City Clerk Miller reported that the notice of the Ten Minute play was forwarded to the schools to ensure we reach out to the youth under 17 years of age.

### **D.3 Update on the Commission's 2016 Plein Air Painting Event**

City Clerk Miller reported that the Commission's 2016 Plein Air Painting Event was advertised accordingly. No further action is required from the Commission.

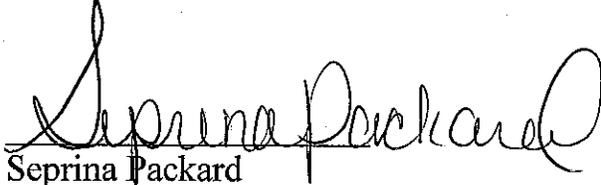
### **E. New Business:**

#### **E.1 Discuss and Approve The Piatigorsky Foundation 2016 Concert**

City Clerk Miller reported that she was contacted by the Piatigorsky Foundation and has already collaborated with the Commission's partners. The date for the concert has been set for March 15, 2016. Further City Clerk Miller reported that in the past the two day performances were held at both the Casa Grande Elementary and High School District, and one evening performance at the Paramount Theatre that was open to the public.

**G. Adjournment:**

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:36 p.m.

  
Seprina Packard  
Vice-Chairman