

Regular Meeting

**ARTS & HUMANITIES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
510 E. FLORENCE BOULEVARD, CASA GRANDE, AZ 85122
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2014**

A. Call to Order:

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

The following members were present:

Victor Hammond
Debbie Benitez
Pamela Runner
Regis Sommers
Susan Wortman

The following members were excused:

Erica Herman
Stacey Seaman

Also present:

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

B. Minutes:

Member Runner moved to approve the regular minutes of August 6, 2014. Member Hammond seconded the motion was carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

C. Reports

C.1 Update on Prop 202 Grant Application to Tohono O’odham Nation

City Clerk Miller reported that the Arts and Humanities Commission was not awarded a grant from the Tohono O’odham Nation for their Mini-Grant Program. City Clerk Miller announced that she is awaiting notice of grant award announcement from Gila River Indian Community (CGRIC) sometime in October.

D. Unfinished Business:

D.1 Presentation and Discussion on the Guidelines for the Commission’s Bravo Award Program

Vice Chairman Benitez presented to the Commission “The Casa Grande Arts & Humanities Commission Procedure for the Bravo Award.” She highlighted the following:

- Eligibility
- Bravo Award Procedure
- Role of the Seeker
- Role of the Nominator
- Responsibility of the Nominee
- Role of the Selectors
- Timeline
- Rubric for Judging Criteria

The Commission discussed the Procedure for the Bravo Award and presented concerns on the following:

1. It was the consensus of the Commission to add on the eligibility section the following: Current Members of the Arts and Humanities Commission are not eligible for this award.
2. Develop a Nomination Form
3. Advertise notice to solicit nominations
4. Invite Nominee, Recipient and a guest to the reception
5. Type of Award should include a plaque. Requested further discussion on the type of plaque and the possibility of monetary award.

6. Selection Panel – Appoint a sub-committee and include several members of the Arts and Humanities Commission to oversee the process.
7. Accepted the Judging Criteria Rubric as presented.

It was the consensus of the Commission to incorporate the changes discussed for the Bravo Award Program and discuss it further at the next meeting.

Vice Chairman Benitez conveyed that she would make the changes that the Commission discussed and agreed upon and present it to the Commission at the October 1, 2014 meeting.

City Clerk Miller conveyed that she would research and e-mail the draft nomination forms to Chairman Benitez prior to the October meeting.

Member Hammond moved to authorize Vice Chairman Benitez to make the necessary recommended changes and present the Guidelines for the Commission's Bravo Award Program at the October 1, 2014 meeting. Member Wortman seconded the motion was carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

The Commission expressed their appreciation to Vice Chairman Benitez and Member Seaman for all the work they put into creating the Guidelines for the Commission's Bravo Award Program.

E. New Business

E.1 Review and Discuss Potential Projects Identified in the Commission's 6th Municipal Arts Five Year Plan

City Clerk Miller presented for the Commission's review and discussion of the "Potential Projects" identified on their approved 6th Municipal Arts Five Year Plan.

City Clerk Miller reported that at the last meeting, the Commission selected projects for fiscal year 2014-2015 (Plein Air Painting Event, 10 Minute Play and Piatigorsky Concert). The purpose of reviewing the potential project listed in the arts plan is to consider adding another project for the Commission to undertake for fiscal year 2014-15.

The commission then reviewed and discussed the Potential Projects identified in their approved 6th Municipal Arts Five Year Plan, as follows:

Project Description	It was the consensus of the Commission to:
<u>Art Projects</u> – Commission art projects for the Police Station, Aquatic Facility, Paul Mason’s Sport Complex, Airport Terminal and future Casa Grande Community Center Facility.	Place on hold and include for discussion in 2017.
<u>Arts for the Downtown Area</u> – Art piece for the downtown round-about (Jimmie Kerr Boulevard & Casa Grande Avenue)	List as Completed, the City of Casa Grande completed the design of the Downtown Round-about.
<u>Brochure</u> – Update the existing Art Brochure to include all completed projects, and include art projects in the downtown area.	Discuss at Oct. 1, 2014 Meeting.
<u>Fund Raising Activities</u> – The Commission to implement a fund program to increase revenues to expand art projects for the community.	Continuously seeking fund raising opportunities.
<u>Interactive Art Piece for the Community</u> - Commission art pieces throughout the community that are interactive for youth and adults.	Completed by the Casa Grande Youth Commission.
<u>Peart Park</u> - Commission some type of art piece for the Park. The selection process would include community involvement.	Reconsider this project.
<u>Support for Performing Arts</u> – Partner with other organizations, schools, etc. to encourage Performing Arts in the community	Continuous and Ongoing.
<u>Bravo Award</u> – Recognize individuals in the Community that have made arts and culture a vital part of the community.	Project in progress for implementation.
<u>Woman’s Club</u> – Complete the Enhancement project for the existing Segmented Reality Sculpture, which includes connecting walkway, seat walls and landscaping.	Completed.
<u>Railroad Art Project</u> – The concept for this project should take into consideration connectivity to the downtown area and Union Pacific Railroad’s history in Casa Grande.	Project Design Concept completed 9/2014. Seeking grant for construction of Plaza.
<u>Lighting (solar) for Cook Plaza</u> – Complete the final phase of the project.	The Lighting project by ADOT provides sufficient lighting of the plaza at this time.

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<u>Play Writing Competition</u> – Present an idea for the competition and partner with other organizations.	Initiated in 2013. Will continue the project annually.
<u>Painting of the water tank</u> – The tank belongs to Arizona Water Company that sits atop to what is known as Burgess Peak.	City Clerk will speak with the former City Clerk. Include in discussion at October meeting.
<u>Improve the Display Case of CG Mayor’s Collection of Native American Artifacts</u> – Create labels to identify history of each artifact located at City Hall Building B.	Improving Partnership with CG Museum.
<u>Traveling art show</u> – Assist with having traveling art shows. Utilize the wall space of the Future Casa Grande Community Center Facility.	Hold until the Casa Grande Community Center Facility is developed.

Member Hammond conveyed that he felt painting the water tank was still a necessity.

Member Sommers recalled that the last time the water tank was painted was possibly since 1975 and is owned by Arizona Water Company.

Member Sommers recalled that just prior to her membership on the Arts and Humanities Commission, Arizona water had partnered with the Commission to paint the water tank. Member Sommers suggested that City Clerk Miller communicate with her predecessor, former Casa Grande City Clerk Gloria Leija to see if she recalled the contact name with Arizona Water.

City Clerk Miller relayed that she would follow-up on the past discussion of the water tank project and report back to the Commission.

City Clerk Miller announced that review of the list will be noted for the record and referenced for discussion at the next update of the Arts Plan in 2017.

F. Miscellaneous

Vice Chairman Benitez inquired about the three (3) openings on the membership to the Arts and Humanities Commission.

City Clerk Miller conveyed that the Commission member will continue to serve until they are replaced per City policy. A Member with an expired term and no longer wishing to serve may submit a resignation letter.

In response to Member Runner, City Clerk Miller conveyed that Members Runner, Hammond, and Wortman have already served two (2) terms on the Arts and Humanities Commission and was not eligible for re-appointment per Council policy. Member Sommers term has expired and she is eligible for re-appointment; however, she will not be re-applying.

In response to Vice Chairman Benitez, City Clerk Miller conveyed that providing a letter of support for the Strings of the Sonoran, Inc. was the prerogative of the Commission. The decision would have to be a consensus of the Commission, and keeping in mind that this would set a precedent.

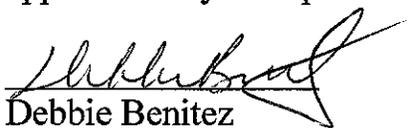
City Clerk Miller suggested for Vice Chairman Benitez to request a letter of recommendation from Mayor Jackson on behalf of the Strings of the Sonoran, Inc.

G. Public Comments:

Vice Chairman Benitez called for public comment. No public comments were offered.

H. Adjournment:

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


Debbie Benitez
Vice Chairman