

Regular Meeting

**ARTS & HUMANITIES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
510 E. FLORENCE BOULEVARD, CASA GRANDE, AZ 85122
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015**

A. Call to Order:

Chairman Benitez called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

The following members were present:

Debbie Benitez
Stacey Seaman
Gloria Smith
Jeanette Rhodes
Seprina Packard
Jonathan Voyce
Erica Herman

Also present:

Remilie S. Miller	City Clerk
Anna M. Valenzuela	Deputy City Clerk
Susan Wortman	Former Commission Member

B. Minutes:

Member Voyce moved to approve the regular minutes of January 7, 2015. Member Smith seconded the motion was carried unanimously.

C. Reports:

None

D. Unfinished Business:

**D.1 Update on the Commission's 4th Annual Plein Air Painting Event
Scheduled for February 21, 2015**

City Clerk Miller expressed concern that she has not had any inquiries regarding the Plein Air Painting event as of yet, and also reminded the Commission that the Cowboy Days & O'odham Parade was being held at the same time.

Discussion was held regarding the volunteers who would be working the Plein Air Painting Event in addition to the rest of the Arts and Humanities Commission Members. They are as listed:

- Pamela Runner
- Erica Herman
- PPEPtec High School Students
(Eight student volunteers will be in attendance)
- Marge Jantz
- The Judging Panel:
 - Jeanette Rhodes
 - Susan Ramos
 - Council Member Ralph Varela
 - Yvonne Johnson
 - David Rawson

City Clerk Miller provided the Commission the sign-up sheet for the event in order to schedule the volunteers in various time slots.

City Clerk Miller announced that the completed sign-up sheet will be e-mailed to the volunteers for reference and as a reminder of the scheduled time and assigned task.

City Clerk Miller explained to the Commission the process during registration and provided instructions for the roles of Chairman Benitez and other members that will be present at the event.

Member Voyce expressed his concern after reviewing the reception menu. He requested to include a contingency plan to purchase additional food if needed based on number of artist participants.

Member Rhodes moved to authorize the City Clerk to rent chairs for the Ten Minute Play Contest. Member Voyce seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

Member Voyce moved to approve the partnership contract with the BlackBox Foundation. Member Herman seconded the motion was carried unanimously.

E. New Business: None

F. Miscellaneous

Member Voyce announced that he would like an item included on next month's Agenda. He would like for the Commission to discuss being a unified force in order to bring different, disparate art together.

City Clerk Miller along with Chairman Benitez, former Chairman/current Member Herman presented a Plaque of Appreciation to Susan Wortman for her years of service on the Arts and Humanities Commission.

City Clerk Miller relayed that she does not have any further information regarding the Piatigorsky Foundation Concert. Susan Wortman has agreed to follow-up with the Piatigorsky Foundation and report back to the Commission.

City Clerk Miller relayed that the Commission should receive some feedback from the Bloomberg Foundation regarding the grant submission in mid-February.

City Clerk Miller announced that the Prop. 202 Grant from Tohono O'odham Nation and Ak Chin Community are currently accepting grant proposals. City Clerk Miller conveyed that she will be applying for grant funding for the Commission's projects.

In response to Member Seaman City Clerk Miller conveyed that Council approval is required, for Prop. 202 funding.

G. Public Comments:

Chairman Benitez called for public comments. There were no public comments.

H. Adjournment:

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:58 p.m.



Debbie Benitez

Chairman