

**TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY
ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2014 MEETING**

The Arts Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2014. The Committee met at Town Hall, 6401 East Lincoln Drive, in the Boardroom. Committee members present: Chair Bunny Gordon, Georgann Byrd, Mary Hamway, Louise McCall, Mardelle Mikus, Janie Russo and Staff Liaison Natalie Montenegrino.

The minutes of the April 29, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted.

The Committee discussed the schedule to remove the Ed Mell exhibit and installation of the Jerry Cox exhibit. Ed Mell has agreed to attend the September 25, 2014 Council meeting at which time the Mayor and Council will formally thank him and present him with a token of appreciation. Chair Gordon invited Committee members to attend this brief ceremony if they are available. Mr. Mell said he will remove his art after the Council meeting and Dr. Cox will install his art during the first two weeks of October. Public Works staff will prepare the walls prior to installation.

The Committee discussed potential artists and future exhibits. Ms. Montenegrino stated that she met with Jane Horn who said that she would be honored to have an exhibit at Town Hall, but later called her to say that she did not think she had enough pieces. Janie Russo said she knows Ms. Horn and will speak with her. Ms. Montenegrino said that she met with Robin Hooker who was thrilled to be considered for a show. She passed around samples of paintings done by Robin Hooker. Chair Gordon said that Jana Peterson called her and asked her to consider a show by her father, a former architect, who has been painting since his retirement. The Committee looked at sample photos of his art and said he should be considered for a future show, but given his age, the sooner the better. Ms. Russo mentioned Maxine Johnston as another possibility, although she is an elderly person as well. Ms. Russo suggested that since the Committee is now looking at having two elderly artists, bookings should not be scheduled too far ahead, perhaps keep it at two years. The Committee will decide on the 2016 artist at a future meeting.

Ms. Montenegrino stated that Janie Russo will be reappointed to serve another three year term. They discussed the two residents, Jo Flittie and Carol Brecker, who submitted an application for appointment to the Arts Committee to complete the term of Ellen Gerding who moved out of Town, through October 2016. Ms. Hamway moved they invite Carol Brecker to join the Committee. Louise McCall and Georgann Byrd both seconded the motion. Ms. Russo asked if Carol Brecker can still play at the reception and was told she could continue to provide the entertainment if she wished to do so, or her friends can do it. The motion carried unanimously 6-0. Chair Gordon will send a letter to Ms. Flittie to let her know that the Committee considered the applicants and she was not chosen. The Council will appoint Carol Brecker and reappoint Janie Russo at its September 25 meeting. Ms. Montenegrino will send the appointments letters after the Council meeting.

Ms. Montenegro stated that Jeanette Wiesenhofer, the Town's Municipal Court Director, asked her about obtaining art for the new Court House. She asked her if there was money left over from the court construction budget to purchase art and was told that there was none. Ms. Hamway moved the Committee take the responsibility for finding art that can be donated for the new Court House. Ms. Byrd seconded the motion. Ms. Mikus added that the donor artist does not have to be a Paradise Valley resident. Ms. McCall said that the Committee will discuss all the donations and vote on the selection of each piece. The Committee will look at the Court House in January to determine how many pieces are needed. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

The Committee then reviewed the individual responsibilities and assignments for the art opening. The Committee folded and stuffed envelopes with the Mayor's letter and invitation announcement cards that will be mailed on Thursday, September 11.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 21 at 2:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.