

**TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY
ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2015 MEETING**

The Arts Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2015. The Committee met at Town Hall, 6401 East Lincoln Drive, in the Boardroom.

Committee members present: Chair Bunny Gordon, Carol Brecker, Georgann Byrd, Louise McCall, Mardelle Mikus, Laura Paquelet-Carpinelli and Staff Liaison Natalie Montenegro. Committee members absent: Kathy Duley, Janie Russo and Council Liaison Mary Hamway.

The minutes of the January 20, 2014 and February 17, 2014 meetings were approved as submitted.

Laura Paquelet-Carpinelli introduced herself and spoke briefly about her experience and love of art. She is excited to serve on the Arts Committee.

Chair Gordon said she met with Mayor Michael Collins on February 26 and they discussed several items. Mayor Collins was pleased that the Arts Committee had taken the initiative of procuring art for the Courthouse and that he is willing to ask the Council to purchase the art that the Committee recommends. She explained to Mayor Collins that the Court has \$2,500 to spend. Chair Gordon said the Mayor would like to be kept informed as to what the Committee decides to recommend to complete the art for the Courthouse.

The Committee discussed the installation of the two Ed Mell lithographs at the Courthouse in the Lobby. Ms. Montenegro showed photos of the two pieces that were installed and the four pieces to be considered for the other locations that were discussed. Mr. Mell provided pricing for the four lithographs and the frames. The four additional pieces that would be placed in offices of the Municipal Court Director and Presiding Judge and in the Sandra Day O'Connor and William Rehnquist meeting rooms.

Ms. Carpinelli moved that the Committee make a recommendation to Mayor Collins and members of the Town Council that the Town purchase the six Ed Mell lithographs for the Court House, totaling \$7,672. Ms. Mikus felt the art will enhance the architectural features of the Town's new, modern Courthouse. They are cohesive and fit well with the décor. Mrs. McCall agreed and said the art is reflective of the natural beauty of our State. Ms. Brecker seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 6-0.

Chair Gordon said that Mayor Collins would like to see a plaque with the name and year of the featured artists who had an exhibition at Town Hall. He said the plaque could be placed in the Community Room. He also suggested it would be a good idea to have a PowerPoint presentation with the works of past artists, and perhaps it could be shown at the Holiday Appreciation Dinner. The Committee felt the plaque was a good idea but declined the PowerPoint suggestion. Ms. Carpinelli and Ms. Brecker would work on the plaque and bring their suggestions to the next Committee meeting. The Committee felt the plaque should be displayed in the Town Hall Lobby in lieu of the Community Room.

The Committee discussed the stained glass panels that were designed and created by Bob Berg. Mr. Berg visited the Town Hall on Monday, April 13 and said he can frame the eight panels sturdy enough to be hung from the ceiling beam on the east portion of the Council Chamber. The cost for framing and installation was not known. The Committee also had concerns about liability to the Town in the event the glass dropped. Chair Gordon said she received a call from Council Member Hamway who suggested the Town donate the panels to the Phoenix Zoo or any other zoo that may want them since the panels depict two Greater Kudu, African antelopes, drinking by a stream. The Committee agreed with this proposal.

Ms. Mikus moved the Committee approach the Phoenix Zoo to determine whether or not they are interested in acquiring the eight stained glass panels that the Arts Committee rescued from the Leona Helmsley home that was being demolished. A second possibility would be to contact the Arizona Historical Society and offer the panels to them. Ms. Carpinelli seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 6-0. If the panels are accepted, the Town would pay for a plaque stating the panels were donated by the Town of Paradise Valley. Ms. Mikus will contact the two organizations and inform the Committee by email.

Chair Gordon reported that the visit to the home of Jack Peterson went well. Ms. Byrd moved to have Jack Peterson as the 2016 featured artist. Ms. McCall seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 6-0. Chair Gordon will send a letter to Mr. Peterson confirming him as the 2016 featured artist.

Chair Gordon said that Mayor Collins asked her how to get younger people and families interested in our Town. She told him that the Committee discussed having an exhibition of grade school art. The Committee agreed that they will arrange one school a year in the Town to display student art work through the school art teacher. Chair Gordon will contact Kiva School in the fall.

Chair Gordon went over the Committee member assignments for the October 13 art opening featuring Michele Parker.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 15 at 2:00 p.m. at Town Hall. The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.