

**TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY
ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2015 MEETING**

The Arts Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 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, Janie Russo, and Staff Liaison Natalie Montenegro. Kathy Duley arrived at 1:30 p.m. Council Liaison Mary Hamway was not present.

Chair Gordon made some announcements. She thanked Committee members Mardelle Mikus and Kathy Duley for attending the October 22 Council meeting when outgoing artist Jerry Cox was formally recognized by Mayor Collins. She also mentioned that she attended the services for former Arts Committee Chair Bets Manera and the message on the card spoke to her love of life. She passed around the list of Michelle Parker's artwork that contained the cost of each piece for insurance purposes.

The minutes of the September 15, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

Chair Gordon opened the discussion to consideration of future artists. She stated that Council Liaison Mary Hamway suggested Joe Sacco. Samples of his artwork were distributed. Ms. Paquelet-Carpinelli said she knows Mr. Sacco. It was agreed that the committee would visit the studio of Joe Sacco in January or February 2016. He will be the 2017 artist. Jack Peterson is the 2016 artist. Chair Gordon said Kathy Duley suggested Tom Hudak. The Committee agreed that Mr. Hudak will be contacted to determine whether or not he would like to exhibit his art at Town Hall. He will be the 2018 artist in residence. Another suggestion was Dr. Ron Berman. Ms. Russo said she knows Dr. Berman. Ms. Byrd moved that the Committee make arrangements to visit the studio of Joe Sacco. Ms. Mikus seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 7-0.

Chair Gordon said Anne Warfel, the Kiva Elementary School art teacher, contacted her to let her know that the March 24 event at Town Hall will be titled "Celebration of Creativity and Self-Discovery through the Arts." She told Ms. Warfel that the Town will provide the wall space and tables, marketing on the Town website only, and opening the art show on March 24, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The Independent newspaper may take photos of the event with Mayor, Council Members, Town Manager and school dignitaries. The school is responsible for creating and distributing promotional materials.

Ms. Mikus gave an update on the tall stained glass panels that that will go to the Phoenix Zoo. She said Mr. Castro was happy to hear that the Town will pay for the cleaning, framing and installation of the stained glass panels. She said he felt the Zoo officials should make the decisions about the plaques. She did not know when the construction of the new restaurant will begin.

Ms. Carpinelli said she will contact Roger Tomalty at Cosanti to let them know that the Town will not be proceeding with the Soleri plaque. The Committee decided to look into a generic type wooden plaque with the Town logo embossed or sculpted at the top and brass plates with the artist name and year below it. Ms. Carpinelli will check with local trophy shops to see what is available.

Chair Gordon asked for the Committee members to critique the October 13 art opening. She thanked Carol Brecker for the lovely music and the floral arrangement for the table. Everyone felt the event went smoothly, the greeters were very charming and the food was abundant. It was suggested that less food be purchased for next year's art opening. The new lighting was very much appreciated.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 9 at 1:00 p.m. at the Studio of Joe Sacco. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.