

PV ARTS BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

The PV Arts Board was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. The meeting was held at Paradise Valley Town Hall.

Board Members present: Janie Russo, Carol Brecker, Natalie Montenegro, Laura Paquelet-Carpinelli, Colleen Steinberg and Sarah Meland (staff liaison).

Absent: Jo Flittie, Mary Hamway, Mark Stanton (Council Liaison)

Minutes Approval

Chair Janie Russo requested a motion to approve the minutes as distributed from the September 10, 2019 meeting. The motion was made by Natalie Montenegro and passed unanimously.

Annual Update to the Town Council

Duncan Miller joined the meeting to remind the Board that they needed to give an update on their work to the Town Council annually. He said the Mayor Bien-Willner had requested that committees specifically address how the Council can better assist with their missions. The Board agreed to give the update at the January 9, 2020 Council meeting.

Report on Ed Lowry Recognition

Chair Russo reported that she and Natalie Montenegro attended the September 26th Town Council meeting where 2018 Artist-in-Residence Ed Lowry was recognized. Mr. Lowry was there with his wife Patsy and was pleased with the presentation of a smaller version of the banner used to advertise his exhibit. The photograph he donated to the Town is hung in the Town Manager's office. All agreed that it worked well to have the recognition while his photography exhibition was still on view.

Review/Critique of Lynn Bellino's Art Opening and Reception

The Board discussed the following successes and areas for improvement:

- Having the art opening in the third week worked well as it was after Fall Break.
- A few of the paintings are giclees. Sarah Meland agreed to update the wall labels to include this information.
- The group was pleased that the Mayor and several of the current Council members attended.
- Positive feedback was received on the PCDS jazz trio.
- Lynn Bellino chose to do a very brief presentation. The Board members feel it is preferable for the artist to speak for approximately 20-30 minutes and to have it recorded.
- They estimate that there were 110 people present.
- They would like a slide show of the artwork to be added to the Town website.
- A nice article about the show which included several photos, as well as an editorial submitted by Councilman Mark Stanton, appeared in the October 30th edition of The Town of Paradise Valley Independent.
- The outside banners look very nice and are effective in advertising the exhibition.
- The food list was reviewed and annotated for the next opening.
- The recommended date for the next art opening is either October 13, 2020 or October 27, 2020.

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Select Future Artist

After discussing possible future artists and reviewing their work, the Board recommended that Chair Russo contact Leslie Sandbulte to see if she would be willing to be the artist-in-residence for 2021, with Chad Little and Sam Pratt also being future possibilities. Chair Russo will contact these artists and try to schedule a visit to two studios on either January 7, 2020 or January 10, 2020. She will notify the Board when these visits are confirmed.

Plans for Jones Gordon School Opening

The Jones Gordon School art show will be on Thursday, February 27, 2020 in the Town Hall Community Room. As the Community Room is currently under construction, the need for a back-up location was discussed. Since the Community Room is scheduled to be finished by the end of December 2019, they decided it wasn't necessary.

New Business

Chair Russo let the Board know that Ed Mell would be installing a sculpture representing Paradise Valley's mountains at the Town Hall entry. Donations of over \$25,000 to the Paradise Valley Mountain Preserve Trust will receive a plaque on the base of the sculpture, in addition to those who donate land.

PV Holiday Party

Chair Russo reminded the Board that the PV Appreciation Dinner will be held on Friday, December 6, 2019 at Mountain Shadows Resort. All Board members are invited to attend.

Next PV Arts Board Meeting Date

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 1:30 pm.

Adjournment

Adjourned at 3:02 pm.