

**TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY
ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2009 MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, in the Small Conference Room at Town Hall, 6401 East Lincoln Drive. Committee members present: Chair Bets Manera, Jane Cole, Ellen Gerding, Bunny Gordon (arrived at 3:30 p.m.), Ann Kingsmore, Louise McCall and Staff Liaison Natalie Montenegro. Town residents Molly and Dave McGary were also present.

Ms. Cole moved and Ms. Kingsmore seconded a motion to approve minutes of the April 7, 2009 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Manera introduced Council Member Mary Hamway, who was appointed to replace Brian Cooney as Council Liaison on the Arts Advisory Committee. The Council reappointed Louise McCall to serve another term.

Council Member Hamway moved and Ms. Cole seconded a motion to make a plaque for the McGary's exhibit that would include the Town logo, the name of the Town artist, the title of the exhibit and its duration. This would be something that the McGary's could keep as a memento. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Manera introduced Molly and Dave McGary who asked about the timing in regards to the installation of their art exhibit. Ms. Montenegro stated that Jana Peterson was notified and she will be removing her pieces on September 25. Brad Streberg from Public Works will then repair and paint the walls the weekend of September 26. The McGary's stated they will install their exhibit on October 5, 6 and 7.

Ms. Montenegro announced that Jana Peterson, the 2008-2009 artist, will be formally recognized by the Mayor and Council at 7:00 p.m. at the October 22 meeting. The Mayor will present her with a gift to show the Town's appreciation and thanks for exhibiting her works of art. Committee members are invited to attend.

Ms. Montenegro asked the McGary's and the Committee to review the draft biography that she prepared. She will then make the edits and have copies made for the opening.

The Committee reviewed the duties and responsibilities of each member for the opening event on October 13. Ms. McCall will work with the artist. Ms. Cole will contact Zach Colick at the *Paradise Valley Independent* and Diana Balazs at the *Scottsdale Republic* regarding publicity for the event. She will also contact Carol Brecker to ask her if she could play the flute again this year as the opening. Council Member Hamway said that she would be happy to ask the students at Phoenix Country Day School to perform if Ms. Brecker could not do it. Ms. Gerding, Ms. Kingsmore and Ms. Montenegrino will shop for refreshments and set up the room.

The Committee stuffed the envelopes with the Mayor's invitation letter and postcard announcement for the mailing. There were approximately 170 invitees, and 50 were given to the McGary's for their personal mailing. Ms. Montenegrino said she would send an email announcement to the volunteer and residents on her distribution list asking them to "save the date" and that the invitations would be mailed on Monday, September 28.

Chair Manera moved and Ms. Cole seconded a motion to discuss the three new artist applicants at the next Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 27 at 2:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.