

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

MINUTES – September 21, 2015

Call to Order:

Tanya Biarni, Chair, called the meeting of the Arts and Humanities Commission to order, at 4:59 PM, at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, 3020 E. Tacoma Street, Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635.

Opening Remarks:

Tanya Biarni, Chair, greeted the commission and shared this profound quotation: "*The worst enemy to creativity is self-doubt.*" *Sylvia Plath*

Roll Call:

Quorum: (6 Members Present)

Members Present:

Tanya Biarni, Chair
Renaë Humburg, Vice Chair
Elizabeth Horning
Virginia Thompson
Karol Childs
Nikki Heinrich
Michael Rosen, Associate

Members Absent:

Angel Rutherford
Michael Rosen, Associate
Lee Elaban – City Staff Liaison
Alesia Ash – City Council Liaison

Others Present:

Janet Pressler, Cultural Diversity Commission, City of Sierra Vista
"Rosie" Rosemary Mackey – Chair, West End Commission, City of Sierra Vista
Randy Groth – Local arts organizations

Acceptance of the Agenda:

Renaë Humburg made a motion to accept the agenda. Nikki Heinrich seconded the motion - vote was unanimous (6-0); the Agenda for September 21, 2015, was accepted. No further discussion.

Acceptance of the Minutes:

Elizabeth Horning made a motion to accept the Minutes, of August 17, 2015. Renaë Humburg seconded the motion - vote was unanimous (6-0); the Minutes for August 17, 2015, were accepted. No further discussion.

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Call to the Public:

Janet Pressler, Cultural Diversity Commission, shared with the commission how Simone McFarland's presentation to all the City's commissions has generated interest and in bringing the commissions together. With that in mind, Janet Pressler chose to attend the Arts and Humanities commission with an interest in collaborating together on community projects that her commission and the Arts and Humanities commission have expressed like ideas, re: Murals – Art in Public Places Sub-Committee.

New Business:

1. Local Arts Organizations – Randy Groth

Randy Groth shared with the commission his interest in knowing how many art associations existed within the community, as he has several ideas for 3 buildings he owns, in Sierra Vista. Randy Groth expressed an interest in converting one or more of his buildings to the arts community, since the creation of the new medical center and hospital have created a lot of vacancies in their old locations. One particular building he has in mind is located at the corner of Wilcox and Coronado, which should be showing a large increase of people in that area with the college moving in at the old hospital location; "when you build a college a lot of things start to happen." Randy Groth took this idea from a visit to Washington, D.C.; Randy Groth visited an old torpedo factory building which had been converted into usable community space with cafes, artists, office space, etc. Randy Groth is interested in the doing the same in Sierra Vista. Randy Groth's ideas for the building ranges from rentable office and studio spaces, which would be a 12' x 12' space with a sink, walls for a gallery and public hang and show of different artists and their work. The building would have an integrated art concept, lounge, and IT equipment, along the lines of the factory building he visited. Randy Groth would like to know if there is an interest among artists in the community for such a space. He has 3 buildings at present and he is currently looking around, deciding where the community need is and he is motivated to make it into a place where owners of small businesses, artists, etc., could network and become a key inter-community within the community. Karol Childs stated the Historical Society completed a survey, last year that covered the information Randy Groth is looking for; she will be sending Randy Groth the information. A brief discussion continued – No further discussion.

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2. Community Mural Project – Rosie Mackey

Rosie Mackey, Chair – West End Commission, shared with commission the interest in collaborating together on community projects that both commissions have expressed like ideas, re: Murals – Art in Public Places. Rosie Mackey also expressed her thoughts on other commissions with like ideas working together on these projects. Rosie Mackey stated murals share our history, give credit to artists and preserve our culture while bringing the community together in a comfortable environment. Karol Childs expressed an interest in knowing the parameters and theme of the mural project. A brief discussion continued; further discussion to continue on the Sub-Committee Art in Public Places – No further discussion.

Old Business:

1. Art in City Hall – Elizabeth Horning

Elizabeth Horning, Chair of Sub-Committee Art in Public Places, shared with the commission that there was a meeting, held on September 8, 2015, which included Victoria Yarbrough, Angle Rutherford, Rob Lee and Maureen of the Huachuca Arts Association, and herself, which took place at the City Council's Chambers, at City Hall. Elizabeth Horning stated the first impression one received when walking into the chambers is how huge the space really is. Elizabeth Horning shared with the commission all that was currently on the walls could be taken down, the area could be repainted and redecorated, maybe the use of accent walls and a space for children's work, to include the large panels behind the council bench could all be used to display a rotating gallery of art from various artists in the community, with the rotations occurring every 3 to 6 months. Elizabeth Horning stated the need to solicit to artists, gather art work, selection process and discussion of display ideas, to include a glass display case for pottery and other art work need to be organized. A lengthy discussion took place amongst all present; no date set for next Sub-Committee meeting – No further discussion.

2. New Timeline for MAHA Call for Nominations - Renae Humburg

Renae Humburg shared with the commission the new timeline for the MAHA Call for Nominations has been delayed by one month. It used to be at the end of October, but the new deadline for nominations has

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changed to November 30, 2015. The cause for the delay is due to the city's new branding and all items being redesigned by the city / PAO for publication. Once the proofs have been redesigned, approved by MAHA Sub-Committee and printed, the Call for Nominations will be made available to the public by distribution of copies and media, along with the mailing of Call for Nominations and Letters. A brief discussion continued - No further discussion.

City Council Liaison Report - Aleisa Ash: None (Absent)

City Staff Liaison Report – Lee Elaban: None (Absent)

Call to Commission: None

Adjournment:

The next Arts and Humanities Commission Meeting is to be held, on Monday, October 19, 2015. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.



Tanya Biemi, Chairperson
Arts and Humanities Commission

Minutes Prepared by:



Susana Soto, Secretary

Arts & Humanities Sub-Committees:

➤ **Mayor's Arts and Humanities Awards**

1. Renae Humburg, Chair
2. Elizabeth Horning
3. Angel Rutherford

➤ **Youth Arts Festival**

1. Virginia Thompson, Chair
2. Elizabeth Horning
3. Tanya Biemi

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➤ **Grants**

1. Tanya Biarni, Chair
2. *(open position)*
3. *(open position)*

➤ **Art in Public Places**

1. Elizabeth Horning, Chair
2. Angel Rutherford
3. Tanya Biarni