

**TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY
ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 28, 2008 MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 2008, in the Board Room at Town Hall, 6401 East Lincoln Drive. Committee members present: Chair Bets Manera, Jane Cole, Ellen Gerding, Bunny Gordon, Ann Kingsmore, Louise McCall and Staff Liaison Natalie Montenegro.

The minutes of the September 16, 2008 meeting were approved as amended, adding to the 3rd paragraph, "featuring the artwork of Jana Peterson."

The Committee members critiqued the Jana Peterson art opening held on October 14.

Mayor Vernon Parker joined the meeting at 2:30 p.m. He suggested that the Committee consider reducing the duration of the exhibits to six months. Chair Manera stated that artists have been lined up until 2011 and the Committee could consider the suggestion after the 2011 exhibit.

Mayor Parker also mentioned that he was approached by a Committee member of the Art Renaissance Initiative regarding the Town's celebrating the 90th birthday of local artist Paolo Soleri on June 21, 2009.

Chair Bets Manera assigned tasks and responsibilities to each Committee member.

Chair Manera confirmed Dave McGary as the 2009 artist; Louise McCall as the 2010 artist; and Beth Ames Swartz as the 2011 artist. She stated that she will send a confirmation letter to each of them.

Committee members will visit the studio of Dave McGary in January 2009, either on January 6, 13 or 20, at 2:00 p.m. Chair Manera will contact the artist to determine a date.

The next regular meeting of the Arts Advisory Committee was scheduled for February 24 at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.