

**TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY
ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 2010 MEETING**

Chair Manera called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2, 2010, at Town Hall, 6401 East Lincoln Drive, in the small conference room.

Committee members present: Chair Bets Manera, Jane Cole, Ellen Gerding, Janie Russo, Scott Simpson, Council Liaison Mary Hamway and Staff Liaison Natalie Montenegro. Bunny Gordon was ill and did not attend the meeting. Louise McCall was also present.

Chair Manera introduced the two new members, Janie Russo and Georgann Byrd.

The minutes of the September 21, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted.

The Committee confirmed Beth Ames Swartz as the 2011 featured artist. Chair Manera will contact her in January to determine a time when the Committee can visit her studio.

The Committee critiqued the 2010 art opening. Mrs. McCall said she was thrilled with the way the evening turned out and that she had seen many people that she had not seen in years. She said this event brings art awareness to everyone in our community. She said the public relations the event received was fabulous.

Ms. Cole said that Mrs. McCall's presentation was wonderful. She stated that the musicians who provided the background music should be introduced. Chair Manera said she introduced them after Mrs. McCall's talk.

Ms. Russo commented that Mrs. McCall's remark about her mother asking her every night at the dinner table "What beautiful thing did you see today?" really stayed with her and that she has repeated it many times.

The Committee agreed that the table arrangement was beautifully done and that Carol Brecker should be asked to do make one for next year's reception. They also agreed that the timing was perfect, with the Gallery Talk at 6:15 p.m. The food was good and adequate.

Mr. Simpson asked about the lighting. Chair Manera stated that Brad Streberg from Public Works said he would try to work on getting better lighting as budget allows.

Chair Manera asked Committee members if they knew artists who might be interested in a show at Town Hall. The following artists were mentioned.

Agnese Udinotti	Larry Kornegay
Jerry Cox	Michelle Parker
Janie Horn	Ron Berman
Karen Gilly	Roxann Simon
Ann Ulman	

Chair Manera asked Committee members to talk to the artists whom they know to ask them if the Committee can look at their work first to determine whether or not they should exhibit at Town Hall. Mrs. McCall said John Norton would not want to have a show.

Ms. Byrd asked a photography exhibit would be acceptable. Chair Manera said that it would be.

Ms. Russo suggested speaking with the Phoenix Art Museum curator to ask him if he knows any of the artists who live in Paradise Valley.

Chair Manera suggested the Committee meet in February to discuss new artists.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.