

**TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY
ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2013 MEETING**

The Arts Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2013, at Town Hall, 6401 East Lincoln Drive, in the small conference room. Committee members present: Chair Bets Manera, Georgann Byrd, Bunny Gordon, Mary Hamway, Louise McCall, Janie Russo and Staff Liaison Natalie Montenegrino. Committee members not present: Ellen Gerding.

The minutes of the February 11, 2013, April 16, 2013, and May 14, 2013 meetings were approved as submitted.

The Committee critiqued the October 8 art opening. They all agreed that the event was very well attended and very well received. They said that this was one of the best openings to date and that the arrangements work well and should not be changed. Suggestions for next year's event include:

1. Name tag for the artist
2. Purchase colanders and knives
3. Need 10-10 platters; use baskets for crackers
4. Order flowers/gift for the artist in advance
5. Alternate taking leftover food to fire stations and police department
6. Limit artist's speech to 15 to 20 minutes so there is enough time for questions from the audience

The cost of the reception was \$779.18.

The Committee next discussed future artists. The Committee confirmed Jerry Cox as the 2014 artist and Michelle Parker as the 2015 artist. Confirmation letters will be sent to the two artists. Ms. Montenegrino asked if the Committee would like to visit the home of Jean Adams to view her father's collection. Mrs. Adams had stated earlier this year that there are about 30 Stan Ekman paintings for a future exhibit. Natalie will make arrangements for the Committee to visit Mrs. Adams when she returns from her summer home in Colorado. The Stan Ekman art could be slated for the 2016 exhibit. Ms. Hamway said she was approached by Jo Flittie, a resident artist who would like to be considered for a future exhibit. Other artists named at the last meeting were Jennifer Weinstein, Miriam Wechsler, Janie Horn, and Cathy Duelly. Some artists are connected with local galleries and are not permitted to display their art elsewhere.

The next order of business was selecting someone to be the Chair of the Arts Committee since Bets Manera is moving out of Town and will no longer be a member. Mrs. McCall nominated Bunny Gordon. The nomination was seconded by Mary Hamway. Bunny Gordon nominated Janie Russo, and Ms. Hamway seconded that nomination. After some discussion, Ms. Gordon agreed to chair the Arts Advisory Committee.

The Committee discussed appointment of another member to complete the unexpired term of Bets Manera. Ms. Hamway suggested the wife of Rick Carpinelli, who is a Town resident. Chair Gordon suggested Mardelle Mikus and Ms. Manera suggested Janie Horn. It was decided that Chair Gordon would contact an interested resident and invite her to serve on the Committee.

The next meeting was scheduled for April 29, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Montenegrino will make arrangements to visit Mrs. Adams to look at the art of Stan Ekman. The Committee will host a farewell lunch for Bets Manera on Monday, November 11, 2013, at 12:00 noon at the Camelback Golf Club.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.