

**TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY
ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2015 MEETING**

The Arts Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2015. The Committee met at Town Hall, 6401 East Lincoln Drive, in the Boardroom. Committee members present: Chair Bunny Gordon, Carol Brecker, Georgann Byrd, Louise McCall, Mardelle Mikus, Janie Russo, Council Liaison Mary Hamway and Staff Liaison Natalie Montenegrino.

Georgann Byrd moved that the minutes of the October 21, 2014 and November 18, 2014 meetings be approved as corrected. Janie Russo seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 6-0.

Chair Gordon read the applications of Kathleen Duley and Laura Paquelet-Carpinelli. Mardelle Mikus moved that both applicants be appointed to serve on the Arts Committee. Carol Brecker seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 6-0. The Committee's recommendation will be placed on the February 12 Town Council agenda. The appointment will be for a three-year term.

Chair Gordon read the letter that was mailed to Ed Mell following the visit to the Courthouse on November 18. He has not responded to the letter. Ms. Montenegrino stated that she did not hear back regarding asking the court designer to attend this meeting. The Committee once again felt that the Ed Mell art was best suited for the Courthouse. Mrs. McCall felt that the building's integrity and the designer's dream should be maintained. It should not be "gummed up" with junk art. It was suggested that the Town could pay for the framing of Ed Mell lithographs that can be used in the Courthouse. Chair Gordon will follow up with Mr. Mell or his assistant and report back at a future meeting.

Ms. Byrd said she researched art books regarding public art and wanted to know if the Committee has the authority to purchase art for the Town. Ms. Russo said the guidelines say that the Committee can recommend that the Town purchase public art and the purchase is subject to Council approval.

Council Member Hamway described the stained glass panels that were designed and created by Bob Berg. Mr. Berg now has the eight panels that were rescued from the tear down of the Leona Helmsley house several years ago. The panels comprise an outdoor forest scene with deer, some drinking by a stream. The stacked panels reach a height of 18 feet, with the width of 18 inches, or 3 feet combined. Mr. Berg said he could put the panels in frames. Council Member Hamway's also suggested having the panels placed under glass for a conference table. It was suggested that the Committee (Janie Russo or Mardelle Mikus) contact Teri Hardy of Bonham Auction House to determine a value, and if sold, the money generated could be used to purchase public art.

Chair Gordon stated that there has been no response from Maxine Johnston, and that she will schedule a time to visit Jack Peterson, a former architect, who has submitted an application to be considered for a future exhibit. The site visit will be in February.

The Committee set the date for the next art opening featuring the art of Michele Parker. The opening will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 14 at 2:00 p.m. at Town Hall. The Arts Committee meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.