

**TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY
ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 MEETING**

The Arts Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 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, Laura Paquelet-Carpinelli, Janie Russo, Council Liaison Mary Hamway and Staff Liaison Natalie Montenegro. Chair Gordon gave Kathy Duley an excused absence.

The minutes of the April 14, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

Ms. Montenegro provided an update for the installation of the four Ed Mell lithographs at the Courthouse. She said that arrangements will be made to purchase two prints in this budget year and two prints next year. She will work with the Court Director to purchase and install the two prints. Chair Gordon suggested a press release so that residents know that the Ed Mell art is at the Courthouse.

Mardelle Mikus gave an excellent update on the tall stained glass panels that were rescued by Mary Hamway and the Arts Committee from the Leona Helmsley home about 10 years ago. She said the Town gave ownership of the Bob Berg glass panels to the Phoenix Zoo in the June 4, 2015 letter of transfer from the Town Manager. The Phoenix Zoo will place the panels in the new restaurant. Ms. Mikus said a plaque would recognize the Town of Paradise Valley as the donor. A suggestion was made that the plaque would have the history of the glass panels so that people visiting the restaurant will know where they came from. The plaque can be presented to Mr. Bert Castro, the director of the Phoenix Zoo, at the opening ceremony. Ms. Carpinelli said the story could be on the back of the menu as well. Council Member Hamway said she will write the history of the panels. The note from Ms. Mikus describing the proceedings is attached to the minutes.

The cleaning, framing and installation of the stained glass panels will cost \$2,000. Council Member Hamway felt that it was the Town's obligation to pay the \$2,000 and she will bring this recommendation to the Town Manager. Ms. Mikus made a motion that the Town will underwrite the \$2,000 needed to clean, frame and install the stained glass panels at the Phoenix Zoo. Ms. Byrd seconded the motion, which carried unanimously, 7-0.

Ms. Carpinelli gave an account of the fabrication of the plaque that will list all the former artists and the year in which their art exhibit was on display. She said that she, Carol Brecker, and Chair Gordon met with Roger Tomalty and Mary Hoadley at Cosanti and that they were excited to do the piece for the Town. They suggested a metal sculpture, perhaps an agave plant, with little plaques hanging from it. Ms. Carpinelli hopes to have the sketches for the next Committee meeting so that the Committee can make a selection. Chair Gordon said she would have liked to have the piece completed to unveil at the holiday party on

December 4, but it appears that it will not be ready by that date. There was no estimate of how much the plaque will cost.

Chair Gordon discussed the Kiva Elementary School art exhibit. Notes of her meeting with Anne Warfel, Kiva's Art Teacher and Janet Blum, the Art Director for the Scottsdale Unified School District are attached. She said the art show will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2016, in the Community Room.

Chair Gordon said she will contact Kathy Duley to see if she has any suggestions for the 2017 exhibit.

The Committee prepared the envelopes for the October 13 art opening. Chair Gordon went over the Committee member assignments for the opening.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 3 at 1:30 p.m. at Town Hall. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.