

**TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY  
ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2016 MEETING**

The Arts Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2016. The Committee met at Town Hall, 6401 East Lincoln Drive, in the Boardroom. Committee members present: Chair Bunny Gordon, Carol Brecker, Georgann Byrd, Mardelle Mikus, Laura Paquelet-Carpinelli, Janie Russo and Staff Liaison Natalie Montenegrino. Louise McCall, Kathy Duley and Council Liaison Mary Hamway did not attend this meeting.

The minutes of the September 13, 2016 meetings were approved as submitted.

Chair Gordon said that Committee member Louise McCall has not been well. She also informed the Arts Committee of her plan to resign after 12 years, and that Mary Hamway will be off the Council as of January and will no longer be the Council Liaison. These events will leave three vacancies that will need to be filled. She suggested inviting newly elected Julie Pace to be the Committee's Council Liaison. Other residents who may wish to serve on this Committee include Kathey Plenge, Marsha Ruddock, Rachael Maloney, Rona Kasen and Linda Peterson Warren. Committee members who know these residents will ask them if they are interested and invite them to fill out an application. Recommendations will be submitted to the Mayor for approval. Chair Gordon suggested the Committee may wish to select its new chair at the April 2017 meeting.

The Committee talked briefly about the opening of the restaurant at the Phoenix Zoo and the dedication of the stained glass panels that the Town donated. Chair Gordon wanted to be sure to invite past Arts Committee members who contributed to "saving" the panels, including former Arts Committee Chair Gretchen Bevan and Council Member Mary Hamway.

The Committee congratulated Carol Brecker and Laura Paquelet-Carpinelli on the beautiful plaque that lists all the past artists and the year they had their exhibition. The plaque was completed and installed in time for the art opening on October 10. The Committee approved the location of the plaque by the front entrance to the Council Chamber. "Nicely done," were the words used.

Ms. Montenegrino said that the Montessori Academy is confirmed for March 23, 2017. Ms. Juli Newman will make all the necessary arrangements for the 2017 school art exhibit at Town Hall. Committee members will be required to attend this event which starts at 4:00 p.m. The Committee felt this was an excellent program to get the local schools involved. They will need to approach other schools in April for the March 2018 school art show. The schools suggested were Cherokee Elementary School, Phoenix Country Day School and Tesseract.

Chair Gordon said she spoke with David Kessler and he told her he moved out of Town. He used to live on Cactus Wren. Chair Gordon asked the Committee for names of other artists that may be approached for the 2019 show. Janie suggested Lynn Bellino. Barbara Lacey was also mentioned as a possible artist.

The Committee critiqued the Jack Peterson reception. Both Jack and Diane Peterson were thrilled to have this recognition. The art and artist were well received by those in attendance and the night was a huge success. Carol said they changed the music and everyone seemed to take notice and enjoy the new pieces. The flowers she prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Peterson were beautiful and they added color to the food table. Janie suggested a different dessert other than two trays of cookies. The Committee said they usually put the left cookies on the table in the lobby for people to take home after the reception. The Committee suggested purchasing one more tray of shrimp and one more packet of the smoked salmon for next year's event. They felt the three fruit bowls were adequate. Natalie said the total cost, including the flowers for Diane Peterson and the bottle of wine for Jack Peterson, was a little over \$600.

Laura said that she spoke with Joe and Rachel Sacco and learned that their daughter is getting married on October 14, 2017. She thought it would be good to confirm which date works best into Mr. Sacco's schedule for his art opening reception. It was suggested that Natalie send an email asking him if the Tuesday, October 10 date works. Since Planning Commission meets the first and third Tuesday of the month, October 3 and 17 will not work, but Mr. Sacco's opening can be on Monday, October 2 or Monday, October 16, if October 10 does not work.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at Town Hall in the Boardroom. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.