

**TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY  
ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2008 MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, in the Small Conference Room at 6401 East Lincoln Drive. Committee members present: Chair Bets Manera, Jane Cole, Bunny Gordon, Louise McCall, Scott Simpson, Council Liaison Brian Cooney and Staff Liaison Natalie Montenegrino.

Committee Member Jane Cole announced the passing of artist Jules Heller. Ms. Montenegrino stated that Mayor Winkler is sending a condolence letter to the Heller Family on behalf of the Town Council and staff. Ms. Cole passed around a condolence card for the Committee to sign.

Discussion ensued regarding the appointment of two new Committee members. Ms. Cole stated that Town resident Ann Kingsmore, 9470 North 57th Street is interested in serving on the Committee and would like to be considered for appointment.

Committee Member Bunny Gordon stated she contacted Ellen Gerding, 5915 East Cactus Wren, who informed her that she is interested in serving on the Committee and would like to be considered for appointment.

Chair Bets Manera stated that Ellie Otto, 7004 East Avendia del Alba, is also interested in serving on the Committee and would like to be considered for appointment.

The Committee discussed the initial criteria for new Committee members as follows:

1. Must be Town resident
2. Must be willing to attend all Committee meetings, approximately 5 or 6 per calendar year
3. Must be interested in art or have some experience in the field
4. Must not have a conflict of interest

The Committee then discussed and made changes to the Notice that will be placed in the Paradise Valley Independent newspaper and the Application Form that will be placed in the Town's website. Ms. Montenegrino stated she would make the edits and send them to Chair Manera for approval. Once the two

documents are finalized, she will mail the packets to the three applicants. The application packets will also include the Arts Advisory Committee's Organizational and Arts Program Guidelines.

Chair Manera distributed a copy of the aforementioned Guidelines and asked Committee members to review them and bring any changes or edits they may have for discussion at the next meeting.

Council Member Cooney discussed expanding the role of the Arts Advisory Committee beyond procuring the art exhibits for Town Hall. He suggested that the Committee could become involved in making recommendations for art related to the three new municipal buildings and landscaping that will be constructed in the next two or three years (two fire stations and a new court house).

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 5 at 2:00 p.m., at Town Hall in the Small Conference Room, to review the applications and select finalists who will be interviewed for the two vacant seats, and to review and make changes to the Committee's Guidelines.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.