

**TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY
ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2009 MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2009, at Town Hall, 6401 East Lincoln Drive, in the Boardroom. Committee members present: Chair Bets Manera, Jane Cole (arrived at 3:30 p.m.), Ellen Gerding, Bunny Gordon, Ann Kingsmore, Council Liaison Mary Hamway and Staff Liaison Natalie Montenegrino.

The minutes of the September 15, 2009 meeting were approved as submitted.

Chair Manera read the profile of the three artists that responded to the notice calling for resident artists interested in exhibiting their artwork at Town Hall. Dr. Rick Resenberg sent a disc containing photos of several sculptures he made using different mediums. Patsy Lowry submitted a book containing photos of several of her works and Valda Sachs submitted two photos of her work. The Committee then commented on the different styles of art and Ms. Gordon suggested that the Committee consider the different styles and not put two artists back to back that have a similar style.

The Committee confirmed Louise McCall as the featured artist for the 2010 exhibit and Beth Ames Swartz for the 2011 exhibit. Chair Manera asked Ms. Montenegrino to send Mrs. McCall the confirmation letter and make an appointment for the Committee to visit her studio sometime in January 2010.

The Committee discussed the possibility of having Patsy Lowry as the featured artist for the 2012 exhibit as she has shown interest in having her artwork at Town Hall several times in the past. Ms. Gordon suggested that at some point there could be an exhibit featuring two artists, such as a sculptor and a painter.

Chair Manera suggested the Committee visit the studio of the three new artists in January 2010. She asked Ms. Montenegrino to make the appointments.

Ms. Cole said she still has the envelope containing the photos of the bust sculpture of Barry Goldwater. Council Member Hamway suggested that if the artist is still interested, the bronze bust of the late Senator could be displayed at Town Hall as part of the 50th anniversary celebration in May 2011.

The Committee critiqued the Dave McGary art opening. Ms. Montenegro stated that the total cost of the reception was \$436.52. The Committee agreed that the food was plentiful and the same amount should be purchased for next year's reception. They said that the timing was perfect, starting at 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with the gallery talk at 6:00 p.m. They were delighted that many Town employees stayed for the event. Ms. Gerding said it was a lively party. Ms. Montenegro stated she received several phone calls with positive comments of the event.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 16 at 3:00 p.m. at which time the Committee will discuss plans for the 2010 art opening and their visits to the artists' studios. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.