



PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 68-700 AVENIDA LALO GUERRERO CATHEDRAL CITY, CA 92234

Monday, September 12, 2016 REGULAR MEETING 5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Arts Commission Meeting was call to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present 7 - Vice Chair Alan Carvalho, Vice Chair Simeon Den, Commissioner Pam Price, Commissioner Greg Murphy, Commissioner Sue Townsley, Commissioner Denise Rodriguez Bowman, and Commissioner Tim Parrott

ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Alan Carvalho, Vice Chair Simeon Den, Commisioner Pam Price, Commissioner Greg Murphy, Commissioner Sue Townsley, Commissioner Denise Rodriguez Bowman, and Commissioner Tim Parrott

PUBLIC COMMENTS

AGENDA FINALIZATION

Agenda was approved by Commission

URGENCY ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Pam Price motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Denise Rodriguez Bowman. Motion carried 7/0.

AGENDA

1. DESERT X PRESENTATION

Sponsors: Simeon Den, Alan Carvalho

Background: Desert X, an international, contemporary art exhibition, will focus attention on and create conversation about environmental, social, and cultural conditions of the 21st century as reflected in the greater Palm Springs area. Discuss how our public arts commission can be involved to assist and promote this valley wide art event.

Elizabeta Betinski (Executive Director) and Susan Davis (Founder & President) presented information on the Desert X Mission. Desert Biennial doing business as Desert X, is a not-for-profit charitable organization founded in 2015 to develop, organize, and produce a major, international contemporary art exhibition featuring site-specific installations in selected venues throughout the Coachella Valley.

Vice Chair Simeon Den made the motion to create a sub-committee. Seconded by Commissioner Pam Price.

Motion carried 7/0.

Commissioner Pam Price motion for the subcommittee be Vice Chair Simeon Den, Vice Chair Alan Carvalho and Commissioner Pam Price. Motion carried 7/0

2. PRESENTATION ON DATA MENTORING PROGRAM

Sponsors: Alan Carvalho, Tim Parrott

Background: Carmezi Russell, working with the DATA program, will provide details (PowerPoint) about the mentoring program being started for the current school year at Cathedral City High School. Discuss how the commissioners can assist, help promote, and work more closely with the DATA students.

Carmezi Russell (CCHS Student) presented the power point for the DATA Program which is a mentoring program.

3. PRESENTATION BY JOAN AGAJANIAN QUINN

Sponsors: Pam Price, Sue Townsley, Alan Carvalho

Background: Joan Agajanian Quinn has been a supporter of the arts for over 35 years; particularly Southern California Contemporary Art. A Los Angeles native, she is the creator, writer, producer and host of "The Joan Quinn Profiles" a cable TV show which airs on a mini-syndicate from California to New York (1993-present). Ms. Quinn will be discussing her work and the possibility of a future donation.

Joan Agajanian Quinn was not present but a video was presented that included the artist and his work.

Vice Chair Alan Carvalho motion to accept the donation of the sculpture I feel my self transported by Artist Michael Cheney donated by Joan Quinn at the September 28th to recommend to City Council for final acceptance. Seconded by Commissioner Sue Townsley. Motion carried 6/1.

4. UPDATE FROM SUBCOMMITTEE REGARDING ART GALLERY EXHIBIT SPACE

Sponsors: Simeon Den, Alan Carvalho, Tim Parrott

Background:

- a) Discuss the role of the subcommittee and how to manage new exhibits at the Art Gallery Exhibit Space.**
- b) Discuss possibility of partnering with the S.C.R.A.P. (Student Creative Recycle Art Program) to continue allowing the S.C.R.A.P. Gallery to occupy the Art Gallery space for upcoming exhibits.**
- c) Discuss the Historical Society's proposal to utilize the space during the month of November.**

Robert Gomer presented for the Historic Society. Would like to use the whole Art Gallery featuring original art, historic photos, in each room. Each room will be themed, the front will start with the early years 1940's and 1950's and continue to present time. The gallery will be opened four hours every weekend Saturday and Sunday in November and will be opened the Friday of the 35th Anniversary Celebration. The sub-committee will meet with the Historic Society, the Scrap Gallery and Deanna Pressgrove.

5. UPDATE ON THE LALO GUERERRO SCULPTURE PROJECT**Sponsors:** Alan Carvalho, Tim Parrott

Background: Commissioners will provide an update on the commissioned work to honor Chicano folk artist and local hero Lalo Guererro with a bronze sculpture on his 100th birthday coinciding with the city's 35th Anniversary. A PowerPoint presentation will show the progress on the sculpture. Commissioners will continue to communicate with the artist and prepare for the sculpture being finalized and delivered in time for the city anniversary presentation in November.

Vice Chair Alan Carvalho presented pictures of the Lalo Guerrero sculpture in progress for the 35th anniversary celebration.

6. SIMI DABAH DONATED SCULPTURES (6)**Sponsors:** Sue Townsley, Pam Price & Alan Carvalho

Background: Prominent artist Simi Dabah has been generous in donating 6 more sculptures to our city which we will be distributing throughout our city, on Ramon Rd, Ocotillo Park, and a small pocket park in Dream Homes neighborhood.

RECOMMENDATION: Vote on transportation and installation budget and forward recommendation to City Council for final acceptance.

Vice Chair Alan Carvalho presented the locations for the six Simi Dabah sculptures that were donated to the City. Five of the sculptures will be flushed on the ground, one will be on a pedestal that already exist.

Vice Chair Alan Carvalho motion to forward to City Council for final acceptance and approve the transportation and installation budget not to exceed \$1,000.00 per art piece. Seconded by Commissioner Greg Murphy. Motion carried 6/1.

7. DINATO SCULPTURE FROM THE COLIN FURST GALLERY**Sponsors:** Sue Townsley, Alan Carvalho

Background: Prominent artist Dinato would like the Commission to consider accepting his donated work of art to add to the City's collection. He has been so pleased with the success he's had displaying and selling his work in Cathedral City that he would like to give back in the form of a donated art piece. Dinato's art work is presently displayed in Palm Desert on Highway 111 near a bus stop. The piece is a colorful abstract sculpture of kids playing. A PowerPoint presentation will show his proposed art work.

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss and consider forwarding a recommendation to City Council for final approval.

Vice Chair Alan Carvlaho presented the sculpture donated to the city.

Commissioner Greg Murphy motion to accept the donation to forward to City Council for final acceptance and to determined the location at a later date. Seconded by Vice Chair Alan Carvlaho. Motion carried 6/1.

8. PRESENTING THE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION CALIFORNIA JAZZ FOUNDATION

Sponsors: Sue Townsley, Alan Carvalho

Background: *This well respected nonprofit was started in Los Angeles, and our intent is to create a branch office to serve the needs of local jazz musicians in the Coachella Valley. The Cathedral City High School will be reviewing their options to get involved as well. The intent is to present to other public arts commissions as well as city council members throughout the valley. Discuss how our commission could work with this organization and vote on being official sponsors with this group. It has the support of 3 members of city council, who have recently become members.*

Commissioner Sue Townsley provided an update on the event.

Vice Chair Alan Carvalho motion for the Public Arts to Sponsor the Jazz Foundation. Seconded by Commissioner Sue Townsley. Motion carried 5/2.

STAFF COMMENTS**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS****ADJOURNMENT**

The Public Arts Commission Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

NOTES TO THE PUBLIC