

**Public Arts Commission
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA**



**MINUTES
Regular Meeting**

Thursday, March 10, 2016
Palm Springs City Hall • 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way
Large Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chair Sheffer

ROLL CALL:

	Present <u>This Meeting</u>	Present <u>to Date</u>	FY 2015/2016 <u>Excused Absences</u>	FY 2015/2016 <u>Unexcused Absences</u>
Joshua Edmundson	x	7	2	
Mara Gladstone	x	8	1	
Bonnie Ruttan	x	8	1	
Amy Sand	x	8	1	
Ann Sheffer, Chair	x	9		
Thomas Yanni, Vice Chair	x	9		

ALSO PRESENT: Lauri Aylain, Director, Community & Economic Development
Jennifer Henning, Arts and Special Projects Coordinator

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

MOTION: by Commissioner Edmundson, second by Commissioner Gladstone, to approve Public Arts Commission Regular Meeting Agenda for Thursday, March 10, 2016 – Chair Sheffer advised that there was a correction to the Agenda (February 2015 to 2016); the correction was so noted; unanimously carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no Public Comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: by Commissioner Gladstone, second by Vice Chair Yanni, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2016; unanimously carried

MOTION: by Commissioner Edmundson, second by Vice Chair Yanni, to approve Special Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2016; unanimously carried

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: None

A. PRESENTATIONS

1. None

B. NEW BUSINESS

2. None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. Community Outreach and Publicity – 2016 Programming
 - 1) 17th Annual Juried Art Show, report overall show results and announce People’s Choice Award Recipient; 2) Review dates for 2017 show and possible theme ideas.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive verbal subcommittee report and staff update

Commissioner Ruttan reported – the show was very successful and well received; the feedback was very good. Several pieces in the show were sold (always very exciting for the artists); there was a visit from some neighborhood young people and a presentation by one of the Artists, Maria Zang, which was very well received by the youth. The People’s Choice Award was given to Artist Corey Hamilton for the piece Man-droid. The Desert Arts Center was happy with the “traffic” it brought in.

Vice Chair Yanni reported – were able to organize a group of students who came from the James O. Jessie Desert Highland Unity Center; they enjoyed visiting the exhibition and learning about various pieces in the show; Maria Zang spoke on how she approaches her work. As a follow-up we will be organizing a trip to the Noah Purifoy Outdoor Art Museum in Joshua Tree; Mr. Purifoy is an assemblage artist; similar ideas to the juried art exhibition; the students will also visit the studio of Eric Bannis; the trip will be held Tuesday, March 22.

Commissioner Sand – Thanked Mayor Moon for attending the art show, as well as Councilmember Foat.

There was a brief discussion regarding the 2017 show; Commissioner Ruttan suggested tying in the theme to the Desert X Project. Staff asked that 2017 theme suggestions be narrowed down to 2-3 by June 2016; should finalize details in July; graphics and materials can be created and prepared during August (commission will be dark); September final edits will be done and go to print in October.

Commissioner Sand – would like theme ideas on the Agenda for the next meeting and possibly vote for the top three.

Ms. Henning – suggested having a guest juror for the 2017 show; would like the Commission to consider this since there is still time to discuss it.

Commissioner Edmundson – should the sites subcommittee meet? Are we determined on all the movement of these sculptures? Chair Sheffer – would like the relocation of the John Clement pieces to the Tahquitz median (also having them painted) on the next Agenda. Ms. Henning advised that this discussion should continue under Subcommittee Reports.

Staff reminded the commission about the 3rd Annual Family Fun Fest at the Palm Springs Stadium on Wednesday, March 23rd, 10:30 a.m.

4. MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING PUBLIC ART BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a resolution of the Public Arts Commission regarding budget allocations for the Fiscal Year 2016-17.

MOTION: by Chair Sheffer, second by Commissioner Sand based on our discussion would like funds allocated with \$25,000 to Maintenance, \$90,000 for Unallocated Programming (refer to March 10, 2016, Study Session Minutes for prioritization of projects to be addressed from the Unallocated line item); and \$3,000 for Specialized Equipment; also, recommend the half-time Public Arts and Special Project Coordinator be restored to a full-time position; in favor of funding for the Palm Springs Art Museum, however, not to be allocated from the public art fund.

Commissioner Gladstone – It is very important for cities to support major cultural institutions; I work at the museum, but every city with a similarly scaled cultural institution does support it; would like to get the numbers of how many people attend on “Free Thursdays” this is very well attended. Feels it is important that the City find a way to support this funding; offsets operating costs for the museum.

Staff clarified and restated the Motion:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Public Arts Commission adopts the recommended Fiscal Year 2016-17 Public Arts Fund budget allocations as follows:

Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for maintenance of artwork, ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) for unallocated programming; and three thousand dollars (\$3,000) Specialized Equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Public Arts Commission further recommends:

That Public Arts Staff be restored to full-time and funding for the Palm Springs Art Museum not be allocated from the Public Arts Fund.

Motion carried, 4 yea/2 abstain (Gladstone/Sheffer)

5. ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, REVISING THE CURRENT MISSION STATEMENT.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a resolution of the Public Arts Commission to accept revisions to the current Mission Statement.

MOTION: By Chair Sheffer, second by Commissioner Gladstone, to postpone consideration of the Mission Statement until the next meeting; unanimously carried

D. LEGISLATIVE:

6. None

E. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

7. Special Projects Report by Chair Sheffer – we just did a really great special project; it’s great and we are going to have a full plate of things to do.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/REPORTS/REQUESTS:

Chair Sheffer would like the Bridge Subcommittee put on the next regular meeting Agenda.

REPORTS OF DIRECTOR/STAFF:

Ms. Aylaian stated that she is very excited about upcoming projects.

ADJOURNMENT: The Public Arts Commission adjourned at 4:15 p.m. to a Regular Meeting, Thursday, April 14, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., Palm Springs City Hall, Large Conference Room, 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, California. Adjournment unanimously approved by a Motion of the City of Palm Springs Public Arts Commission this 10th Day of March, 2016; unanimously carried.

Paula Jean Sweat
Economic Development Program Assistant