

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



**MINUTES
Regular Meeting**

Thursday, January 8, 2015
Palm Springs City Hall • 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way
Large Conference Room

ROLL CALL:

	<u>Present This Meeting</u>	<u>Present to Date</u>	<u>FY 2014/2015 Excused Absences</u>	<u>FY 2014/2015 Unexcused Absences</u>
Joshua Edmundson	x	5		
Anne Rowe, Chair		4	1	
Bonnie Ruttan	x	5		
Amy Sand	x	4	1	
Buddy West, Vice Chair	x	5		

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair West called the meeting to order at 2:05p.m.

ALSO PRESENT: John S. Raymond, Director, Community & Economic Development
Jennifer Henning, Arts and Special Projects Coordinator

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

MOTION: by Commissioner Sand, second by Commissioner Edmundson, to approve Public Arts Commission Agenda for Thursday, January 8, 2015; unanimously carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No Public Comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: by Commissioner Sand, second by Commissioner Ruttan, to approve meeting Minutes of December 11, 2014; unanimously carried

A. PRESENTATIONS

1. None.

B. NEW BUSINESS

2. None.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. Artist Designed Bicycle Rack Project
Staff Update; Review and Discuss Proposed Locations and the Acquisition of Additional Bicycle Racks from the Selection of Chosen Award Submissions.
RECOMMENDATION: Discuss project update

John Raymond – no report on clarification for funding of additional bike racks at this time.

4. Community Outreach and Publicity – 2014/15 Programming
1) Community Art Gallery Exhibition Space, Palm Springs Public Library
RECOMMENDATION: Discuss Programming Updates

Commissioner Ruttan – will not be able to hold this exhibition in January as previously discussed; Dates will now be March 19 through May 13 (installation date March 18); would like the exhibition to be in conjunction with Library programming. There are limitations; working with a small space; difficult to curate.

Vice Chair West – theme of the exhibition will be the environment of the desert.

Staff reviewed pictures from an exhibit at the Library to show the space available.

Commissioner Sand – is there a possibility that for smaller pieces we can use our easels and/or use space on lower bookshelves? Would there be a chance to do an artist talk at the opening? Staff advised that she has spoken to library staff regarding doing a photographers panel.

Commissioner Edmundson – since we are not doing a call for artists how will we get photographers for the exhibit? Would also like to include historical photography; Staff advised that the commission will be reaching out to photographers that we have worked with in the past; also, will make contact with photographers that have worked with the City in various capacities; and perhaps commissioners can reach out to photographers that they feel would be interested in participating.

Vice Chair West – would also like to include new/unknown photographers that would like to participate for the exposé; want to be open, but want to stay with the environment of the desert for the theme.

Staff – during the past few years (at the Library) we have tried to do exhibits that coincide with Earth Day (April) and Water Awareness Month (May).

D. LEGISLATIVE

5. None.

E. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

6. Commissioner Edmundson – fund-raising efforts – would like to table this discussion until next month. Also, Chair Rowe (and Commissioner Edmundson) will be speaking to a group of concerned citizens regarding the Henry Hunt Totem Pole (May).

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/REPORTS/REQUESTS:

Commissioner Sand – no comments.

Commissioner Edmundson – work is on-going on our community involvement fund-raising and restoration efforts; will keep you posted.

Commissioner Ruttan – remain hopeful that more money will become available soon from development and we can get our staff person back full-time and get some more work done on this commission. That is my wish for the New Year.

Vice Chair West – would also like to see staff back full-time. Will continue to work on the Library exhibition.

REPORTS OF STAFF:

1. Restoration and Conservation – advised Commissioner Edmundson to let her know if he needs anything for the meeting with citizens regarding the Henry Hunt Totem Pole; still would like to talk to the Finance Director to see if there are other funding sources that could assist in the restoration of the totem pole.
2. Looking into other possible funding sources to help with the restoration of the mural at the James O. Jessie Desert Highland Community Center; there is a CDBG funding opportunity (annual opportunity); at this time we do not have the funds needed for this mural restoration (reduced estimate is approximately \$80,000) or the Henry Hunt Totem Pole (\$20,000).

John Raymond addressed the Commission – Development activity has been brisk; some of the larger projects are still in the pipeline; hoping if everything goes well there will be some larger projects pulling permits by June through to the fall. Mr. Raymond continued to explain about some of the projects that are currently happening and how the permit/fee process works.

ADJOURNMENT: The Public Arts Commission adjourned at 2:42 p.m. to its Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2015, 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 8th Day of January; unanimously carried.

Approved by a Motion of the Public Arts Commission this 8th Day of January 2015.

APPROVED 2-12-15

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Paula J. Sweat
Economic Development Program Assistant