

APPROVED

Public Arts Commission
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA



MINUTES
Regular Meeting

Thursday, December 14, 2017
Palm Springs City Hall • 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way
Large Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Chair Sheffer

ROLL CALL:

	Present <u>This Meeting</u>	Present <u>to Date</u>	FY 2017/2018 <u>Excused Absences</u>	FY 2017/2018 <u>Unexcused Absences</u>
Melanie Brenner	x	4		
Mara Gladstone		3	1	
Tracy Merrigan	x	4		
Alfonso Murray	x	4		
Russell Pritchard	x	4		
Ann Sheffer, Chair	x	4		
Thomas Yanni, Vice Chair	x	4		

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

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Due to technical difficulties the information for this item was not recorded.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ellen Goodman, The Foundation, Palm Springs Unified School District - Ms. Goodman introduced herself and spoke about The Foundation, the non-profit for the Palm Springs Unified School District, she would like to collaborate with the Public Arts Commission in the future and have the exhibition "Portraits of A City" displayed at the Palm Springs High School new auditorium.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES RECOMMENDATION:

MOTION: The Regular Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2017, were not approved.

A. PRESENTATIONS

1. None

B. NEW BUSINESS

2. None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. Project and Event Review 2017-18
Confirm Public Arts project list and calendar for January-May 2018
RECOMMENDATION: Direct Staff as Appropriate

Staff reviewed the confirmed events for the 2017-18 Winter/Spring Public Arts Commission event calendar.

Commissioner Yanni – suggested event categories be created for the event postcard being designed and the end time for the Art Talk series be adjusted.

4. Community Art Exhibitions 2017-18
Review Upcoming Exhibitions including: 19th Annual Juried Art Show; Martin Luther King, Jr., “Excellence in Art” Student Exhibition, updates.
RECOMMENDATION: Receive Verbal Subcommittee Report

The 2018 Prospectus was distributed; Staff reiterated important dates; confirmed the opening reception date and time as Friday, February 2, 2018 at 5:30pm at the Desert Art Center, 550 North Palm Canyon Drive. This year’s Juror is Marianne Falk, Managing Director of Desert X.

5. Education and Community Outreach Programming
Review upcoming 2017-18 Outreach events, including: Boho Bazaar Art Mart December 16-17, 2017, partner event with Desert Art Center; Review Confirmed Winter/Spring Programs; Homeless Art Project; and update on programs with the Palm Springs Art Museum
Subcommittee report by Commissioner Murray
RECOMMENDATION: Receive Verbal Subcommittee Report

The Commission discussed the upcoming events. Staff met with Palm Springs Unified School District Arts Coordinator, Louisa Castrodale about the 2018 Artist-In-Residence program; would be working with artist Sofia Enriquez, advanced art students will study the principles of painting portraiture; this will be a six week class starting in January, concluding in March with an exhibition and opening reception at the 500 Building on Palm Canyon Drive.

MOTION: by Commissioner Murray, second by Commissioner Pritchard, that the Commission budget up to \$6,000 for this year’s Artist-In-Residence program, unanimously carried 5/0

D. LEGISLATIVE

6. None

E. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

7. Community Art Exhibitions: Commissioners Brenner and Merrigan
Update on future art exhibits and discussion on upcoming scheduled events
RECOMMENDATION: Receive Verbal Report

Commissioner Merrigan – reviewed list of upcoming Spring Exhibitions; 2018-19 programming: would like to reach out to the Tribe and other Commissions to start working with them.

8. **Sites and Installations:** Commissioners Pritchard and Yanni
Provide update on status of John Clement Sculptures; Installation of artistic bike racks; Report on the installation of temporary public art installations at the Downtown Park site.
RECOMMENDATION: Receive Verbal Report

Commissioner Yanni gave update on the status of each project; requested that a Staff Report for the relocating of the Clement's be drafted for City Council review.

Commissioner Pritchard – Commission needs to identify a location at the downtown park site to install a temporary piece of public art.

9. **Murals:** Commissioners Gladstone and Pritchard
Status on recommended changes to the guidelines relating to Art Murals on Private Property; Identify business or property owner for a mural project funded by Public Arts; Update on meeting with artist Ryan Campbell for commissioning of first City funded Mural Project.
RECOMMENDATION: Receive Verbal Report

Commissioner Pritchard – is working with a local real estate broker to identify possible locations for murals and has met with local mural artist Ryan Campbell about possible mural projects.

10. **Subcommittee Roles and Responsibilities:** Chair Sheffer
RECOMMENDATION: Receive Verbal Report

Chair Sheffer – felt that it was too difficult for Commissioners to complete the Subcommittee Report form; did not want to include this as part of subcommittee reports. Commissioner Pritchard commented that it was a good idea to have written reports before the meetings and found it useful.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/REPORTS/REQUESTS:

Commissioner Pritchard – would like to remove himself from the Community Art Exhibitions Subcommittee.

Chair Sheffer – The Commission may hold a Special Meeting for the mural ordinance; the City Manager is trying to work on what changes need to be done to the existing mural ordinance.

REPORTS OF DIRECTOR/STAFF:

ADJOURNMENT: The Public Arts Commission adjourned at 5:59 PM to a Regular Meeting, Thursday, January 11, 2018, at 4:00 PM, 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 14th Day of December, 2017; unanimously carried.



Jennifer Henning
Public Arts and Special Projects Coordinator