

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



**MINUTES
Regular Meeting**

Thursday, March 12, 2015
Palm Springs City Hall • 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way
Large Conference Room

ROLL CALL:

	Present <u>This Meeting</u>	Present <u>to Date</u>	FY 2014/2015 <u>Excused Absences</u>	FY 2014/2015 <u>Unexcused Absences</u>
Joshua Edmundson		6	1	
Anne Rowe, Chair	x	6	1	
Bonnie Ruttan	x	7		
Amy Sand		4	3	
Ann Sheffer	x	1		
Buddy West, Vice Chair	x	7		

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting commenced at 2:04 p.m.

Commissioner Ann Sheffer has been appointed to the Public Arts Commission – This is Commissioner Sheffer’s first meeting.

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

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

MOTION: by Commissioner Sheffer, second by Commissioner Ruttan, to approve Public Arts Commission Agenda for Thursday, March 12, 2015; unanimously carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No Public Comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: by Vice Chair West, second by Commissioner Ruttan, to approve meeting Minutes of February 12, 2015; unanimously carried

(February Minutes will need to be approved at April meeting – there was not a quorum of commissioners present – from February Meeting – to vote on February 2015 Minutes).

A. PRESENTATIONS

1. None.

B. NEW BUSINESS

2. Assignment of Subcommittees and Members
RECOMMENDATION: Direct Staff as Appropriate

Staff will provide updated Subcommittee list at the April meeting.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Staff restated – at last month’s meeting Mr. Raymond advised the commission that if the commission should go forward with the purchase of one (1) new artistic bike rack, funds can also be used from non-motorized transportation program to purchase two (2) additional artistic bike racks, for a total of three (3).

MOTION: by Vice Chair West, second by Commissioner Sheffer, to purchase three (3) additional artist rendered bike racks, one (1) additional *Eight Speed Spider* for possible placement at Demuth Park; one (1) *Palm “Spring”* for possible placement at the curve at East Palm Canyon, and; one (1) *Palm Springs Modern House* to be installed at the North end of the Trolley route near Seven-Eleven. Colors and specific locations to be determined; unanimously carried

4. City of Palm Springs 2016 Juried Art Show
Discuss Theme and Implementation Schedule
RECOMMENDATION: Direct Staff as Appropriate

Commissioner Sheffer – dates overlap with modernism week; might be good to have something that people coming to modernism would be interested in; anything to do with design, doesn’t have to be architecture; modernism week now reaches up to 60,000+ visitors. Have heard concerns regarding staffing during the art show; there are groups with volunteers, i.e., Rotary, that like to volunteer/do a shift at a non-profit gallery. The Palm Springs Art Museum also has a group called The Museum Service Council (volunteers).

Staff gave a brief background on the history of the art show for new Commissioner Sheffer.

There was a brief discussion regarding using a theme based on “water”; landscaping could also be incorporated into the theme as it ties-in to modernism, architecture and water, i.e., “Desertscape”.

This item will be included on next month’s Agenda.

5. Community Outreach and Publicity – 2014/15 Programming
 - 1) Family Fun Fest, Community Event, Wednesday, March 25, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 - 2) Inaugural Juried Exhibition, Spring 2015, Staff Update Regarding Temporary Gallery Location**RECOMMENDATION:** Discuss Programming Updates

- 1) Family Fun Fest – Wednesday, March 25, 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.; Commissioner Ruttan has volunteered to assist Jennifer Henning at the Library for Family Fun Fest.
- 2) Inaugural Juried Exhibition – John Raymond, by direction of the City Manager’s office, has asked that the Commission to hold a spring 2015 art exhibit. The Commission is considering an invitational rather than a juried show; makes more sense due to short timeframe and limited staffing opportunities.

Staff is working with Vice Chair West and Commissioner Ruttan on an exhibition at the Library; exhibition is being installed next week. Jennifer Henning is working with Library staff on a reception; the exhibition will run through May 13. Any person interested in buying a piece that is showing will need to contact Jennifer Henning who will put them in touch with the artist; should a piece sell during the exhibition, it is always asked that a percentage be donated to the Public Arts fund.

2:05p – Will continue discussing this item when John Raymond, Community & Economic Director returns to the meeting.

3:20p – Mr. Raymond reported that he has spoken to the owner/property manager of the building where Ruben & Ozzy’s is located. There are a couple of empty retail spaces that the commission can use for this exhibit.

6. Public Art Sculpture Restoration and Conservation
Discuss Restoration and Funding Options for Victoria Park Totem Project by First Nation Hunt Family Located at Victoria Park, 2744 N. Via Miraleste
RECOMMENDATION: Discuss Updates and Conservation Options

Commissioner Ruttan reported – has had someone, who is a bit of an expert in native art, (antiquities) look at the Totem Pole – although he is not an expert in that field specifically, he feels it is quite deteriorated and needs more than just cosmetic work (very badly off). In view of that, Commissioner Ruttan thought the Commission could invite a member of the Hunt family to come see it themselves. Rather than hiring them to restore it, could have them come and look at it; come for a weekend, pay for airfare, give them an honorarium of some sort to do it; have them evaluate it for us. Don’t know how we can go forward until we know what we are dealing with.

Chair Rowe – spoke briefly regarding the restoration process that was completed on the Hunt Totem Pole that is currently at Sunnylands in Rancho Mirage. Explained that totems are supposed to deteriorate and “rot”; they are supposed to return to the earth. However, restoration did take place on the Sunnylands totem, they wanted to conserve the Totem; did not want to lose it.

Commissioner Sheffer – suggests trying to find funding from other revenue sources, i.e., Parks & Recreation; would like for this restoration project to be in the media as much as possible.

Staff has spoken to John Raymond, Community & Economic Development Director; Mr. Raymond is in agreement that bringing someone from the Hunt family to inspect the Totem Pole is a good idea. Staff will continue to work with Mr. Raymond to figure out the best path to take for this restoration.

D. LEGISLATIVE

7. None.

E. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

8. Bridge Projects – Discuss South Palm Canyon and East Palm Canyon Bridge Projects

Chair Rowe – reported that the subcommittee met with Ms. Henning; drawings were reviewed; will prepare a short list of artists to contact (will work on the aesthetic components of the bridges). These projects are in the very preliminary stages.

Ms. Henning spoke briefly regarding past bridge projects.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/REPORTS/REQUESTS:

Commissioner Sheffer – looking forward to being part of the commission; with a background in government and arts organizations would like to encourage more cooperation and communication with other parts of City government and also other arts organizations.

Commissioner Ruttan – No comments

Vice Chair West – welcomed Ms. Sheffer to the commission; very happy that the juried art show is coming back.

Chair Rowe – Welcomed Commissioner Sheffer to the group; appreciate the energy and fresh ideas; we have a lot on our plate with a limited budget; likes Commissioner Sheffer's idea of partnering with other invested organizations in our community. Chair Rowe also reminded everyone to use the new Arts Commission's logo.

REPORTS OF STAFF:

1. John F. Kennedy Sculpture Removal as Part of the E. Tahquitz Canyon Way Median Project

Staff reported that the John F. Kennedy sculpture will be removed next week and placed in storage; will need to find a new installation site.

2. Next Saturday is the Chalk Art Festival being held at Palm Springs High School in the parking lot (Baristo and Farrell). Please let staff know if you are interested in volunteering.
3. The John Clement piece "Butch" will be reinstalled next week on Palm Canyon; sculpture pad at Via Lola.

ADJOURNMENT: The Public Arts Commission adjourned at 3:33 p.m. to its Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 9, 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 12th Day of March; unanimously carried.

Approved by a Motion of the Public Arts Commission this 12th Day of March 2015.

APPROVED 4-9-15 - ORIGINAL SIGNED DOCUMENT ON FILE IN CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

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Economic Development Program Assistant