MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2017 AT 3:00 P.M. IN RUGGLES ROOM 1, LOCATED AT 778 N. MAIN STREET, FLORENCE, AZ.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Cochran called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Cochran, Curran, Hagemann, Noack, Rankin

Absent:

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of minutes from the September 14, 2017 Regular Meeting.**

On motion by Vice-Chair Rankin, seconded by Commissioner Hagemann, and carried to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2017 Regular Meeting.

b. **Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of Arts and Culture Programming – Fall 2017 and Spring 2018.**

Liaison Bryan Hughes did a quick recap of upcoming events.
Chair Cochran asked how was the word going to get out for the Pimp your Pony program? Liaison Hughes stated that a digital flyer will be sent to the schools through an application called Peach Jar. Chair Cochran asked how will interested participants be given the information packet? Liaison Hughes stated there will be packets available at the Community Center and printed instructions may be on the back of the digital flyer.
Commissioner Curran suggested for the Spring event schedule to include a concert featuring the Strings of the Sonoran. Liaison Hughes asked Commissioner Curran to inquire with the Strings of the Sonoran about possibly having a concert for February or March of 2018.
Chair Cochran asked how complex and/or expensive would it be to have a concert with an Orchestra?
Commissioner Curran responded that he will inquire, but stressed that there will have to be a big enough venue for the Orchestra and all the attendees to fit in.
Liaison Hughes mentioned that an event like this would probably be an outdoor event.
Vice-Chair Rankin asked if Town Hall would be big enough for this event? Liaison Hughes responded that he is not sure if the space would suffice.

Commissioner Curran reminded the Commission that the Orchestra is made up of Volunteers and the Director will have to coordinate with them, but as of right now they are booked through the Spring.

On motion by Commissioner Hagemann, seconded by Commissioner Noack, and carried to approve to start planning for an event for Spring 2018.

c. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of Arizona Commission on the Arts Grants.

Discussion Only.

Liaison Hughes reminded the Commission that the next deadline for an Arizona Commission on the Arts grants is on February 1, 2018.
Chair Cochran asked there be a Special meeting planned so the Commission can decide on a specific project to apply for a grant.

d. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of public outreach opportunities.

Liaison Hughes asked the Commission for Volunteers for the annual Anthem Celebrates the Arts event being held on 11/4/17. Commissioner Noack volunteered. Chair Cochran asked the Commission to come up with an activity or something to display other than just flyers.

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC/BOARD RESPONSE

Call to the Public for Comment is limited to issues within the jurisdiction of the Town of Florence Arts and Culture Commission. Individual commission members may respond to criticism made by those commenting, may ask the staff liaison to review a matter raised, or may ask that a matter be placed on future agenda.

Ms. Ruth Harrison urged the Commission to keep planning on having the Plein-Air event.
Ms. Harrison suggested there be a 100th Birthday commemoration for Mr. Pedro Guerrero at Home Tour.
Ms. Harrison suggested to the Commission to host the Strings of the Sonoran at McFarland State Park, it has great acoustics. Another suggestion Ms. Harrison had was to have Staff contact the music departments at both Central Arizona College and the Florence High School to set-up a performance.

Ms. Bonnie Lee introduced herself to the Commission. Ms. Lee stated she had worked for the Chamber of Commerce and agreed that the acoustics are great, but for speaking not so much for a musical performance. Ms.

Lee believes that the Florence Town Hall would be great for performances. Ms. Lee provided a brief bio of her artistic and volunteer experience.

6. CALL TO THE COMMISSION- CURRENT EVENTS ONLY

Commissioner Noack and Commissioner Hagemann asked to have Arts and Culture Commission business cards printed for them.

7. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Commissioner Curran, seconded by Commissioner Hagemann, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 3:49 P.M.

Approved:

Jorganne Cochran

Jorganne Cochran, Chairman

Posted 9th day of November, 2017, by Maria Hernandez, Deputy Town Clerk, at 775 North Main Street and 1000 South Willow Street, Florence, Arizona 85132 and at www.florenceaz.gov.