

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019 AT 2:30 P.M. IN
RUGGLES ROOM 1, LOCATED AT 778 N. MAIN STREET, FLORENCE, AZ.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ann Rankin called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Neola Bye-Beza, Ed Curran, Doris Hagemann, Ann Rankin

Absent:

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of Minutes from the February 14, 2019 Regular Meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Neola Bye-Beza, seconded by Commissioner Ed Curran, and carried (4-0) to approve the Minutes from the February 14, 2019 Regular Meeting, with one correction.

b. Update on Arts and Culture Programming – Spring 2019 (Ann Rankin).

Chair Ann Rankin informed the Commission that Open Studio has had low attendance and they may have to make changes to the program for the Fall.

Commissioner Neola By-Beza asked if Open Studio was like Fine Arts for Teens, but for adults?

Chair Rankin responded yes to Commissioner Bye-Beza's question.

Vice Chair Doris Hagemann updated the Commission on the Drum Circle program. Vice Chair Hagemann stated that Drum Circle is doing very well.

Commissioner Curran updated the Commission on the Strings of the Sonoran concert. Commissioner Curran stated that there were 74 attendees to the concert.

Chair Rankin informed the Commission that the Kite Festival had no attendees and the Commission may have to rethink about hosting this event in the fall.

c. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of partnering with the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce for future programming and/or exhibits. (Ann Rankin)

Chair Ann Rankin informed the Commission that she had reached out to the Chamber in hopes of partnering the Arts and Culture Commission and the Great Florence Chamber of Commerce for future programming and/or exhibits.

Chair Rankin asked Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce's Executive Director, Larry Johnson, to share with the Commission of what he envisions the Chamber and the Arts and Culture Commission partnering in.

Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce's Executive Director, Larry Johnson, addressed the Commission about possibly partnering with the Commission to co-host exhibits and programming to showcase local artists and also to cross promote each other's events and/or programming.

Commissioner Neola Bye-Beza mentioned that about two years ago during Home Tour, the Chamber let Artist of the Superstitions which is made up of local artist be vendors to showcase and sell their art. Commissioner Bye-Beza suggested doing something like that again.

d. Update on Main Street Mural Project. (Ann Rankin)

Chair Ann Rankin shared with the Commission that the Mural was coming along.

e. Update on Florence Veterans Memorial sculpture. (Ann Rankin/Bryan Hughes)

Community Services Director, Bryan Hughes, thanked the Commission for their contribution to the Veterans Memorial sculpture search. Director Hughes stated that the sculpture that was chosen was the "Majesty" eagle, had already been shipped.

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC/BOARD RESPONSE

Mr. Steve Mertes shared with the Commission that it's great to hear about the beautification of Main Street and offered to help, schedule permitting, at future Arts and Culture Commission events or programming.

Ms. Carla Foss stated that she was invited by Commissioner Curran to attend and observe the Commission and maybe she would be interested in applying for the vacant spot. Ms. Foss stated she is a guitarist and vocalist.

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.

6. CALL TO THE COMMISSION- CURRENT EVENTS ONLY

Chair Ann Rankin informed the Commission that Spring programming and events is nearing an end and they will need to start planning for the Fall.

7. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Vice Chair Hagemann, seconded by Commissioner Curran, and carried (4-0) to adjourn the meeting at 2:59 P.M.

Approved:



Ann Rankin, Chair

Posted 12th day of April 2019, by Maria Hernandez, Deputy Town Clerk, at 775 North Main Street and 1000 South Willow Street, Florence, Arizona 85132 and at www.florenceaz.gov.