

**Bisbee Arts Commission Meeting  
Action Agenda**

Monday, December 7, 2009 **5:30 P.M.**  
City Hall 118 Arizona Street, Bisbee, AZ  
Called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Tate Rich

Roll Call: P= Present A=Absent E=Excused

Tate Rich, Chair	P <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/>	Melissa Holden	P <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/>	Kathy Sowden	P <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/>
Shawnee Hicks	P <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/>	Hans Decoz	P <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/>	Francie Hammitt	P <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/>
Cynthia Conroy	P <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/>	Paula Bohte	P <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/>	Denisse Escarcega	P <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/>

1. **Approval of the minutes from November 2, 2009. Motion to approve: Kathy Sowden; second Francie Hammit. Motion passed unanimous.**
  
2. **Discussion and possible action regarding the Art Auction: Kathy Sowden brought up that the Art Auction is three months away and would like a lead on the project. She stated that a letter needs to be sent out the artists ASAP. Discussion on a possible Chair by the Commission. Chairman Tate Rich asked that Kathy Sowden take the lead and bring back a work plan for marketing and volunteer to assist at the next commission meeting. Motion to approve Kathy Sowden as Chair of the Art Auction, first Cynthia Conroy, second Melissa Holden. Motion passed, unanimous.**
  
3. **Discussion and possible action regarding the Mini-grant program. City Attorney Mark Langliz was present at the meeting to address the Commission on State of Arizona policy on awarding dollars. He also did a review of the applicants that were recommended for funding by the Commission's Mini-Grant project. Mark states that there is a policy that does not allow for personal gain when awarding dollars and that there must be public benefit to the award. That there was one recommendation that was in question from his review of the applicants. The application in question was withdrawn from the competition, not due to the attorneys concerns. The application was going to be withdrawn tonight prior to this discussion as the applicant felt they did not have the appropriate amount of time to spend the award and put the project together. Shawnee Hicks discussed that giving prize money to artist is a long accepted practice and was concerned that this proposal would not fit the criteria for the awards. Motion made: Bisbee Arts Commission to approve the Commissions recommendations for funding with the exception of Bisbee after 5, and to forward recommendation on the Mayor and Council for final approval. First, Francie Hammitt second Cynthia Conroy, Motion passed unanimous**

**Staff report: no staff report, Tate Rich introduced Melissa Hartman who has taken Melanie Greene place as staff liaison.**

**Items for next agenda: Funding for KBRP; future of BAC-non profit status; strategic plan review, website discussion, Flam Chen and work plan for Art Auction, Blues Festival, Web based support group for Arts Commissions.**

**BAC Members comments; Han Decoz, needs logo from City of Bisbee, Shawnee Hicks, New Year Eve event is approved and the website should be up this week. This event is sponsored by BAC, Tate Rich mentioned that Cochise College had a pottery firing event with participation from the Culinary Students and it was a great event, Melissa Holden informed the Commission that Central School Project will have a traveling exhibit of photos of the border. The Exhibit will December 19, from 7:00 to 10:00. No other members of the commission chose to comment,**

**Adjournment: 6:55 P.M.**