



**CITY OF GLENDALE
ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
Minutes of Regular Commission Meeting**

**February 19, 2009, 2:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 613 E. Broadway**

1. ROLL CALL

Chairperson Keyvanian called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Lee
Commissioner Stepanian
Commissioner Wagner
Absent: Commissioner DerHovanessian
Commissioner Solis
Commissioner Grigorian

Michael Grant, Senior Assistant City Attorney, also attended the meeting.

2. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approval of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes from January 15, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Wagner, seconded by Commissioner Stepanian and carried:

That the Commission approve the regular Commission Meeting Minutes from January 15, 2009 at 2:00pm.

Commissioners Lee, Stepanian, and Wagner voted to approve the minutes. Chairperson Keyvanian abstained. Commissioners Grigorian, Solis and DerHovanessian were absent.

3. INTRODUCTIONS & PRESENTATIONS

A. None.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. None.

5. BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Reports – Information Only

1. Man's Inhumanity to Man Art Exhibition Update

Ripsime Marashian reported that 90 artists submitted 450 artworks for the Inhumanity to Man's Art exhibition. She stated that the co-curator, Ramela Abbamontian, is currently reviewing the artworks and that by May 6 the selections will be made. Ripsime also stated that the subcommittee has secured \$10,000 in funding for the exhibition, and that they were in the process of developing the program. Chairperson Keyvanian added that dance and music performances will be included in the program, as well as poetry readings throughout the month of April.

Ripsime stated that the exhibition will take place from April 4-May 8 and that she is now working on the publicity and marketing for the event.

2. Art Policies in the Park, Recreation and Community Services Facilities

Ripsime Marashian reported that the Parks Department is making selected facilities available for art installations. She stated that the Cultural Affairs staff and Teresa Aleksanian, Administrative Analyst, Parks Department, are developing formal policies and guidelines for administering the use of the selected park facilities for art exhibitions. She said that some of the issues that are being looked at are selection criteria and insurance requirements. Ripsime stated that when completed, that a draft of the policy will be presented to the Commission for their review. Commissioner Wagner asked if there was an estimated date as to when the policy will be in effect. Ripsime stated that there was no estimated time, but that the policy will also have to be reviewed and approved by the City Council before it goes into effect. Commissioner Wagner also asked if the Commission was going to be included in the approval process. She stated that she was concerned that the draft will include them in the selection process, and stated that it might be a mistake, especially since the Commission may not be in existence when the policy goes into effect. Teresa Aleksanian stated that nothing has been finalized yet, but that the decision whether to include them will be determined by when the draft is completed, and if they are in existence at that time.

3. Diamond Awards for Achievement in the Arts Update

Ripsime Marashian reported that the two selection panels met on February 10 and 11 to review the nominees and to select a winner for the Lifetime Achievement, Individual Artist, Community Partner and Organization Diamond Awards. She stated that the selections have been made and that the names will be submitted to the Commission in March for their final approval. George Chapjian, Parks Director, asked if the \$10,000 donor for *Man's Inhumanity to Man* exhibition will be recognized with a Diamond Award. Commissioner Wagner said that she appreciates the good that might be achieved by recognizing the donor, but she said that she was concerned about changing criteria at this stage of the process, and that she would rather find the right way of thanking them. Ripsime suggested thanking them at the opening reception of the *Man's Inhumanity to Man* exhibition and the Commissioners agreed. Ripsime stated that the awards ceremony will not be held at the Americana because their community room is not large enough to host 150 people. She state that she will look for an alternative site.

4. Educational Workshops for Artists and Art Organizations

Ripsime Marashian stated that the proposal to conduct educational workshops for artists and art organizations in Glendale will be brought to the Commission for their approval in April. She stated that the proposed workshops will take place quarterly. Ripsime stated that the topics that she would like to present are on how to apply for public art, developing a master portfolio, grant writing, copyright law and legal art issues. Ripsime also stated that she will be attending the Los Angeles County Arts Commission *Arts Tune Up* on March 7 to observe their artist technical workshop.

B. Action Items

1. None.

COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS

Committee for Armenian Students in Public Schools (CASPS) - Commissioner Wagner reported that she attended the CASPS sponsored arts awards program at the Glendale Unified School District office a couple of weeks ago. She stated that this is just a reminder of organizations that encourage the arts in the community.

Arts for All – Commissioner Wagner reported that the Glendale Unified School District is continuing with the Arts for All program. She stated that a committee has been formed and that Elissa Glickman, Associate Director, Glendale Arts, is the co-chair of the committee.

Dancing for Diamonds – Commissioner Wagner reported that the Glendale Educational Foundation fund raising event, *Dancing for Diamonds*, raised \$40,000. She stated that they support arts, technology and athletics in Glendale Unified School District with funding.

Un-concert – Commissioner Wagner reported that the *Un-concert* will take place February 19th – 20th at Glendale High School. She said that the program is very pop, full of solos and lots of fun.

Arts Commission Transition to Glendale Arts – Commissioner Wagner stated that with the eventual demise of the Arts Commission that she believes that Glendale does not need another 501-C3 organization to take over their functions. She stated that she believes that Glendale Arts is capable of becoming the City's central arts organization. She suggested that the transition of the Commission functions be brought forward as an action item in March so that the Commission can voice their opinion on this matter. Chairperson Keyvanian stated that he does not believe that the Commission is going anywhere in the near future, and that he believes that the Commission has to move forward and continue doing their job.

Chinese Luna New Year at the Americana – Commissioner Lee thanked the Americana for bringing in the Chinese Lunar New Year on February 8, and for showing their support to Asian culture in the community.

Luna Playhouse – Commissioner Stepanian invited the public to attend the Luna Playhouse production of *La Ronde* by Arthur Schnitzler, which will be running through March 21.

Burbank Airport Banners – Ripsime Marashian reported that Dr. Joan Shoff, Glendale Unified School District, sent images for the three finalists of the Burbank Tower Banner Competition, and that she will forward them on to the Commissioners for their review. She stated that in March that the original image will be brought to the Commission for their decision as to the winner of the competition.

7. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

