

CITY OF SURPRISE
Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission Meeting
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, AZ 85374
Monday, November 1, 2021 @ 6:00 PM
OVERFLOW ROOM



Meeting room location updated October 27, 2021 at 4:15 PM

- A. Call To Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Current Events and Reports
- E. Staff Reports
- F. Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission Agenda

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

INSTRUCTIONS: In order to address the Board\Commission, you will need to fill out a Call to the Public Form available at the front counter, and then turn it in to the Secretary before the meeting begins.

Note: A.R.S. 38-431.01(H) - During this time members of the public may address the Board\Commission only on issues within the jurisdiction of the Board\Commission which are not an item on the agenda. At the conclusion of the open call, the Board\Commission may respond to criticism, may ask staff to review the matter or may ask that the matter be put on a future agenda. No discussion or action shall take place on any item raised.

CONSENT AGENDA:

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

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| 1. | Citywide | Consideration and action pertaining to approval of the minutes of the October 4, 2021 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting. | Human Svcs and Comm Vitality |
| 2. | Citywide | Discussion pertaining to the 1.3% for the Arts Ordinance. | None |
| | | | Human Svcs and Comm Vitality |
| 3. | Citywide | Discussion and action pertaining to Mobile Museum interactive activities for the Surprise Party. | Human Svcs and Comm Vitality |
| 4. | Citywide | Discussion and action pertaining to the Fiscal Year 2023 recommended budget. | Human Svcs and Comm Vitality |
| 5. | Citywide | Update and discussion pertaining to the placement of art at the Surprise Stadium. | None |
| | | | Human Svcs and Comm Vitality |

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| 6. | Citywide | Update and discussion pertaining to the AZ Humanities Speaker Series. | None |
| | | | Human Svcs and
Comm Vitality |
| 7. | Citywide | Discussion and action pertaining to a reception for the Charter School art exhibition in City Hall. | Human Svcs and
Comm Vitality |

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - PUBLIC HEARING:

G. Other Business and Future Agenda Items

H. Executive Session

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or discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3)).

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The Commission may vote to hold an executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Commission's attorney on any matter listed on the agenda pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

I. Adjournment

SHERRY ANN AGUILAR, CITY CLERK, MMC

POSTED: October 27, 2021 at 10:30 AM

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CITY OF SURPRISE
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Council Meeting Date: November 1, 2021 Contact Person:
Submitting Department: Human Svcs and Comm District: Citywide
Vitality
Staff Recommendations:

Consent: No	Regular: Yes	Public Hearing: No	Report/Discussion: No
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Agenda Wording:

Consideration and action pertaining to approval of the minutes of the October 4, 2021 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting.

Motion:

I move to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2021 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting.

Background:

N/A

Objective Analysis:

N/A

Policy Compliant:

N/A

Financial Impact:

N/A

Budget Impact:

N/A

FTE Impact:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. October 04, 2021 SACAC Minutes - DRAFT
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CITY OF SURPRISE
ARTS AND CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – Draft

October 4, 2021 / 6:00 PM

Community Room
16000 NORTH CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
SURPRISE, ARIZONA 85374

CALL TO ORDER:

A. Roll Call

Chair Deborah Welch, Vice-Chair Rhiannon Miett, Commission members, Susan deJong, Margaret Lieu, Jay Lickus, Jo Grant.

Absent: Commissioner Kathie Morgan (excused).

Staff: Danielle Osborne, HSCV Administrator, Hobie Wingard, Assistant City Attorney, Lord Garcillano, HSCV Community Engagement Partner.

Commissioner deJong arrived at 6:02 p.m., after roll call, but was noted as present for the record.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Current Events Reports

Commissioner Lickus shared he attended “The Many Faces of George Washington” at Canyon Ridge School.

Commissioner deJong said she and Commissioner Morgan attended “The Out of The West Journey”. She also participated in a MLK meeting to start planning for the 2022 event.

Commissioner Lieu visited several murals in the state of Iowa.

Chair Welch stopped by the Aquatic Center and said the mural painting is coming along.

Vice-Chair Miett visited the state of Colorado, where she visited several sculpture gardens.

Commissioner Grant attended the Mary Poppins show at Willow Canyon High School and said that the students are very talented.

D. Staff Reports

Ms. Osborne reported on the following items:

- Roadway Art
- Fire Station 308 artwork

- 1.3% for the Arts ordinance
- Xeriscape Garden
- Aquatic Center Mural
- Five C's
- Commission Retreat

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS – NON PUBLIC HEARING

Item 1 – Consideration and action pertaining to approval of the September 13, 2021 Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission meeting.

Commissioner Grant moved to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2021 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting. Commissioner Lickus 2nd. 6 Yes votes, 1 absent (Morgan). Motion carried.

Item 2 – Presentation and action pertaining to sponsorship of the 2021 SciTech Festival.

Mr. Garcillano made the presentation to the Commission.

Ms. Osborne overviewed the Arts & Technology Tinker Time event that the commission had hosted in the past, and the desire by the commission in previous years to integrate into the SciTech Festival. She added that the partnership with the SciTech Festival would bring great opportunities and the possibility of an attraction by the commission during next year's event.

Commissioner deJong asked if there is a fee for this event. Mr. Garcillano responded that this is a free event for the public.

Vice-Chair Miett suggested that in addition to a sponsorship by the commission, there could be a focus on Arts during the event. Mr. Garcillano agreed and suggested that there be an arts attraction at next year's event.

Chair Welch pointed out the potential to promote the commission through a sponsorship. Commissioner Lieu agreed.

Vice-Chair Miett moved to approve the Gold Level sponsorship of the 2021 SciTech Festival for \$1,000.00. Commissioner Grant 2nd. 6 Yes votes, 1 absent (Morgan). Motion carried.

Item 3 – Discussion and action pertaining to landscaping at Fire Station 308.

Ms. Osborne provided an overview of the landscape plan, and shared that the artist had been part of the discussion.

Vice-Chair Miett asked if it is decomposed granite surrounding the art piece. Ms. Osborne responded that it would be gravel.

Commissioner Lieu asked if there was any drip system installed and if so what the spacing to the art piece was. Ms. Osborne responded this was kept in mind and it is well spaced out and will not affect the art.

Commissioner Lickus asked if the proposed project changed in order to add landscape to the area. Ms. Osborne advised there were no changes and that the landscaping and lighting were able to remain within the allotted budget.

Commissioner Grant asked if there would no longer be benches installed surrounding the art piece. Ms. Osborne responded that the working panel removed the benches during their selection in order to accommodate the lighting integration.

Commissioner Lieu moved to approve the landscaping plan at Fire Station 308. Vice-Chair Mielt 2nd. 6 Yes votes, 1 absent (Morgan). Motion carried

Item 4 – Discussion and action pertaining to the relocation and enhancement of the art display case in City Hall.

Ms. Osborne provided an overview of the display cases that were near City Clerk's office. After a walkthrough of City Hall along with Facility Manager Steve Preston, they recommend having these cases installed in the Café 60 sitting area. She pointed out that this is a high traffic area, very visible and secure at night. Ms. Osborne shared that the relocation would require completion of the sides of the cases, and suggested the addition of internal lighting as was previously discussed for these cases.

Commissioner Lieu asked about the Café's operating hours. Ms. Osborne replied they are open between 7:00am to 3:30pm. She advised the seating area hours are subject to change depending on the season.

Commissioner Lieu moved to approve the relocation and enhancement of the art display case at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.00. Vice-Chair Mielt 2nd. 6 Yes votes, 1 absent (Morgan). Motion carried.

Item 5 – Discussion pertaining to maintenance of the Dreamcatcher Park benches.

Ms. Osborne shared with the commission that the Parks & Recreation Department performed an assessment of their park equipment and found that the benches at Dreamcatcher Park are in need of restoration. These bench murals were previously commissioned by the Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission, and were touched up a few years ago. She asked for the commission's feedback on perhaps reaching out to the original artist for restoration.

Commissioner Lieu advised that the artists for the Koi bench are no longer available to contact. She mentioned the Butterfly bench is from Marty Wolfe and the Desert bench is by her and her students. Vice-Chair Mielt asked if the artist could be involved with restoration or perhaps start with new benches. Commissioner Lieu advised that spending any funds on these pieces might not be worthwhile in the long run, since restoration has only lasted 4-5 years. She also mentioned that a number of different methods were attempted to preserve the art, but they clearly did not hold up.

Chair Welch asked if Parks & Rec maintains these benches. Ms. Osborne responded that they do clean and assess them. Vice-Chair Miett proposed decommissioning the art, to which Chair Welch agreed. Commissioner Lieu suggested the plaques be removed and returned to the artist. Ms. Osborne advised she will explore these options with Parks & Rec and bring a formal recommendation back to the Commission.

Item 6 – Discussion pertaining to the AZ Humanities Speaker Series schedule.

Chair Welch shared Commissioner Morgan’s recommendation for the 2022 Speaker Series. The AZ Humanities would continue to offer virtual presentations, therefore Commissioner Morgan proposed the following virtual presentation dates: January 26, 2022, March 9, 2022, April 26, 2022, June 8, 2022 and October 11, 2022. She added this would offer a safe environment for attendees and ensure that the Speaker Series take place without interruption and/or cancellation.

The commission agreed to the proposed dates and format. They commented that the virtual program maintained a sizeable audience, and it allowed individuals who otherwise would not have been able to attend the program in-person an opportunity to participate.

Chair Welch said that Commissioner Morgan would proceed to contact the Speakers for program presentation.

Item 7 – Discussion pertaining to the Poetry Slam at WHAM events.

Commissioner Lieu shared that she and Commissioner deJong met with WHAM to talk about the Poetry Slam. She would like the Commission to look at the option of purchasing a banner to further promote this event and would like to work closer with staff on capturing the attendees. An “instagrammable” backdrop for the event was suggested. Vice-Chair Miett suggested a QR Code be added to the backdrop and any promotional materials, to direct interested participants to the city calendar.

Commissioner Lieu asked if Marketing & Communications could assist in designing an 8” x 10” backdrop. Ms. Osborne said that she would work with them to return with a draft.

Item 8 – Discussion pertaining to participation in the 2021 Surprise Party.

Ms. Osborne asked the Commission to discuss the option of having a booth during the December 3rd & 4th 2021 Surprise Party. She provided a signup sheet to allow the commissioner to volunteer for this event.

Vice-Chair Miett suggested incorporating the coloring wall as previously discussed. Commissioner Lieu agreed and suggested tying in the Mobile Museum. Commissioner Lickus asked if this could be along the line to see Santa. Commissioner Lieu suggested that if WHAM planned to participate in this event, they could be integrated into the Mobile Museum. Chair Welch agreed.

Ms. Osborne said that she would again work with the Marketing & Communications Department to see what options were available.

Other Business and Future Agenda Items:

Charter School Reception February 7th 5:00 – 6:00pm
Surprise Party
Gallery
Poetry Slam
Dreamcatcher Park Benches

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn 7:08 p.m. – Commissioner Grant. Commissioner Lieu 2nd. 6
Yes votes. 1 absent (Morgan) Motion carried.

Deborah Welch, Chair

ATTEST:

Karina Caraveo, Administrative Specialist

CERTIFICATION:

I, Danielle Osborne, HSCV Administrator for the City of Surprise Human Service & Community
Vitality Department, Maricopa County, Arizona, do hereby verify that these are the true and
correct minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission meeting held on October 4, 2021.

Danielle Osborne, HSCV Administrator



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Vitality
Staff Recommendations: None

Consent: No Regular: Yes Public Hearing: No Report/Discussion: No

Agenda Wording:

Discussion pertaining to the 1.3% for the Arts Ordinance.

Motion:

None, discussion only.

Background:

The Surprise City Council in 2016 adopted the Percent and a Third for the Arts ordinance, which allows 1.3% of the funding for Capital Improvement Projects to be allocated to the Municipal Arts Fund. After observing the ordinance in effect for the past five years, a request has been made by the City Council to review and amend the ordinance to exempt certain projects from allocating funds.

This item has been placed on the agenda to provide an update to the Commission.

Objective Analysis:

The mission of the Surprise Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission is to spur cultural growth through education and advocacy, and to assist the city to create and implement a plan for the placement of public art within the community.

Policy Compliant:

This item is City and Council policy compliant.

Financial Impact:

None at this time, however future action may lead to financial impact.

Budget Impact:

None at this time, however future action may lead to budget impact.

FTE Impact:

There is no FTE impact associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ord 2021-05 -Code Amendment - Legal Revisions

ORDINANCE # 2021-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SURPRISE, ARIZONA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE X, SECTION 2-365, ONE AND ONE-THIRD PERCENT FOR PUBLIC ART PROGRAM, BY AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF CITY PROJECT; INCLUDING SEVERABILITY; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

WHEREAS, the City of Surprise One and One-Third Percent for Public Art Program was adopted by Ordinance # 2016-13 on August 2, 2016;

WHEREAS, from time to time since the adoption, implementation in relation to certain CIP projects has been difficult due to the nature of said projects; and

WHEREAS, a narrowing and clarification of the definition of what qualifies as a *City Project* for purposes of the City of Surprise One and One-Third Percent for Public Art Program will provide staff with needed guidance as to the City Council's intent as to which projects the program should apply.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Surprise, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1. The definition of *City Project*, as set forth in Chapter 2, Article X., Section 2-365 of the Surprise Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

City Project means any capital improvement plan project exceeding budget of \$500,000.00 paid for wholly or in part by the City of Surprise, FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE FACILITY OR EXPANSION OF AN EXISTING PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE FACILITY ~~including but not limited to, any building, roads, infrastructure, structure, park, parking facility, or any portion thereof~~ within the limits of the City of Surprise. *City Project* does not include emergency work, minor alterations, ordinary repair or maintenance necessary to preserve a facility or infrastructure, software system development, ASSET ~~or vehicle~~ replacement, LAND ACQUISITION, OR REMEDIAL PROJECTS.

Section 2. All ordinances, resolutions or codes in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance or Code adopted by this Ordinance are repealed.

Section 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance or any part of these amendments to the municipal code adopted herein is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision will not be read to affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 4. This ordinance will become effective at the time and manner prescribed by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2021.

Skip Hall, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:

Sherry Aguilar, City Clerk

Robert Wingo, City Attorney



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Staff Recommendations:

Consent: No Regular: Yes Public Hearing: No Report/Discussion: No

Agenda Wording:

Discussion and action pertaining to Mobile Museum interactive activities for the Surprise Party.

Motion:

I move to approve purchase of at a cost not to exceed \$.

Background:

The Surprise Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission typically hosts a booth at city events to promote arts and cultural events and activities. This item has been placed on the agenda to discuss the possibility of hosting the commission's Mobile Museum in the 2021 Surprise Party.

Objective Analysis:

The mission of the Surprise Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission is to spur cultural growth through education and advocacy, and to assist the city to create and implement a plan for the placement of public art within the community.

Policy Compliant:

This item is City and Council policy compliant.

Financial Impact:

If approved, expenditures related to this action will not exceed \$200.00.

Budget Impact:

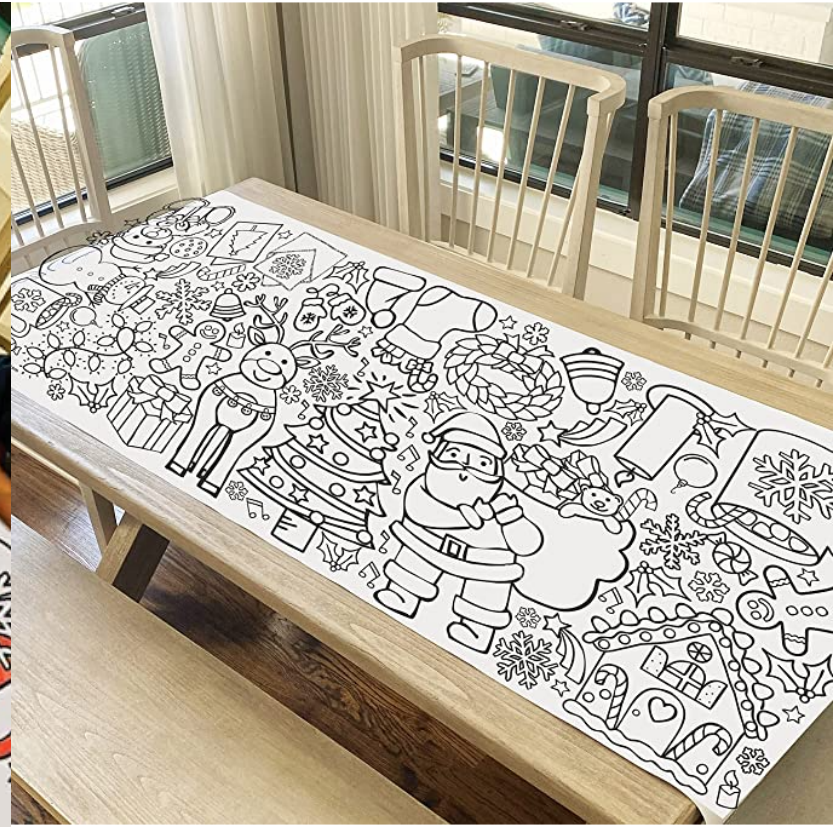
Currently, \$13,200 remains budgeted towards Community Relations Supplies.

FTE Impact:

There is no FTE impact associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Mobile Museum Interactive
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Vitality
Staff Recommendations:

Consent: No	Regular: Yes	Public Hearing: No	Report/Discussion: No
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Agenda Wording:

Discussion and action pertaining to the Fiscal Year 2023 recommended budget.

Motion:

I move to make a request to the City Council for the recommended budget of the Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission for Fiscal Year 2023.

Background:

The city's annual budget planning process is underway, and entries are due by December 21, 2021.

The current Fiscal Year 2022 budget is allocated as follows:

\$25,000 Continuation of multi-year acquisition of art
\$600 Special Event Hosting
\$3,500 Professional Outside Services (WVAC - Art Curation)
\$10,000 Grants to Outside Agencies
\$3,600 Art Maintenance
\$3,000 Public Art Bus Tours
\$5,000 Marketing, flyers, signage

Based on previous discussion, trends in spending, and implementation of the new Arts & Culture Grant Program, staff recommends the following budget for adoption in Fiscal Year 2023:

\$25,000 Continuation of multi-year acquisition of art
\$600 Special Event Hosting
\$4,700 Professional Outside Services
\$10,000 Grants to Outside Agencies
\$2,400 Art Maintenance
\$3,000 Public Art Bus Tours
\$5,000 Marketing, flyers, signage

This item has been placed on the agenda to allow an opportunity for the commission to review and recommend a budget for Fiscal Year 2023.

Objective Analysis:

The mission of the Surprise Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission is to spur cultural growth through education and advocacy, and to assist the city to create and implement a plan for the placement of public art within the community.

Policy Compliant:

Sec. 2-299 of the Surprise Municipal Code outlines the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission, including the recommendation of siting and procurement of art throughout the city.

Financial Impact:

Funds are currently allocated as identified above. This item has been placed on the agenda to recommend a budget for the upcoming Fiscal Year.

Budget Impact:

This item has been placed on the agenda for the purpose of identifying and requesting the budget for Fiscal Year 2023.

FTE Impact:

There is no FTE impact associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:



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Vitality
Staff Recommendations: None

Consent: No Regular: Yes Public Hearing: No Report/Discussion: No

Agenda Wording:

Update and discussion pertaining to the placement of art at the Surprise Stadium.

Motion:

None, this item is for discussion only.

Background:

A work group has formed to discuss opportunities to site public art pieces within Surprise Stadium in an effort to further expand the footprint of public art in the city. This item has been placed on the agenda to provide update from the working group.

Objective Analysis:

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Policy Compliant:

This item is City and Council policy compliant.

Financial Impact:

None at this time, however future action may lead to financial impact.

Budget Impact:

None at this time, however future action may lead to budget impact.

FTE Impact:

There is no FTE impact associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:



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Staff Recommendations: None

Consent: No	Regular: Yes	Public Hearing: No	Report/Discussion: No
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Agenda Wording:

Update and discussion pertaining to the AZ Humanities Speaker Series.

Motion:

None, discussion only.

Background:

The AZ Humanities Speaker Series allows participants to experience stories of Arizona history and culture right here in Surprise.

The following dates and topics have been proposed for FY22:

January 26, 2022: Western Pulp Fiction by Steve Renzi
March 9, 2022: Why Arizona Dark Skies Matter by Matthew Goodwin
April 26, 2022: Arizona's Vintage Signs: Lighting the Future by Marshall Shore
June 8, 2022: Saviors and Saints on the Arizona Frontiers by Jan Cleere
October 11, 2022: Bisbee: The Alchemical City of Copper Borderlands by Virgil Hancock

This item has been placed on the agenda to allow the commission an opportunity to discuss the schedule and format for the upcoming FY2022 Speaker Series.

Objective Analysis:

The mission of the Surprise Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission is to spur cultural growth through education and advocacy, and to assist the city to create and implement a plan for the placement of public art within the community.

Policy Compliant:

Sec. 2-299 (d)(4) of the Surprise Municipal Code directs the Commission recommend to city council, through the city manager, appropriate public art projects for expenditure of one and one-third percent public art program funds.

Financial Impact:

At the September 13, 2021 meeting, \$500.00 was approved towards the procurement of the AZ

Humanities Speaker Series for FY22.

Budget Impact:

There is no budget impact associated with this item.

FTE Impact:

There is no FTE impact associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. AZ Speaker Series 2022 (Communications)
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AZ Humanities Speaker Series 2022

January 26, 2022

Topic: Western Pulp Fiction

Speaker: Steve Renzi

Pulp fiction magazines sold for a dime and in the 1920s to 1950s, they filled American newsstands. Nobody admitted that they liked them, but everybody read them. They were American pop culture at its best and worst. Western magazines were the most popular. Western pulp fiction, along with movies, helped to create the myths of the American West. Pulp writing was usually formulaic and clichéd, but not always and writers like Elmore Leonard, Jack London and Louise L'Amour wrote for pulp magazines. Also, several classic Western films like “The Searchers, Red River, and 3:10 to Yuma” first appeared as pulp stories. The cover art was fantastic. It was American illustration at its best – bright, bold and energized – made to attract magazine readers like bees to a field of wildflowers. Unappreciated, even by the artists themselves, the original cover art was nearly all lost or destroyed. Pulp fiction magazines disappeared from newsstands in the 1950s. Hardly anyone lamented their loss or noticed when they were gone.

March 9, 2022

Topic: Why Arizona Dark Skies Matter

Speaker: Matthew Goodwin

Flagstaff, Arizona was the world's first community designated an International Dark Sky Place for its active efforts reduce light pollution and protect the visibility of the night sky. There are now over 130 dark-sky communities, places, and parks globally. Arizona alone has 17 dark-sky places, which is more than any other country in the world. Why is it so important that we protect our nighttime views of the starry sky? Why should we turn out the lights at night and can we learn to enjoy the darkness? This presentation will explore the importance of dark skies from a philosophical perspective. Some philosophers argue that the darkness of night is a gift that helps to restore our moral sense. We will discuss what connections can be found between darkness and the night sky with our sense of morality, our sense of who we are as human beings, and our understanding of our place in the universe.

April 26, 2022

Topic: Arizona's Vintage Signs: Lighting the Future

Speaker: Marshall Shore

Arizona has become a hotbed of preserving vintage signage and neon. No wonder, with the rise of Arizona and automobile travel in the 40s, 50s and 60s. Thousands of people were traversing the broad expanses of highways and byways across the Southwest. As the cars sped past, restaurants, motels, curio shops and gas stations needed large, bright signs to make an impression. This informative and entertaining visual presentation explores the social significance of the rise of commercial neon signs, and references the designers whose signs became iconic. What efforts are afoot to save our signage history.

June 8, 2022

Topic: Saviors and Saints on the Arizona Frontiers

Speaker: Jan Cleere

Health care in early Arizona was hardly reliable and frequently nonexistent. Often, settlers were on their own when tragedy struck with women taking on the responsibility for the well-being of

AZ Humanities Speaker Series 2022

their families. And if women were considered incapable of earning the title “Doctor,” they could certainly save souls. Meet a handful of women who influenced the history of the territory through their medical expertise and their spiritual leadership. Theresa Ferrin’s comprehensive understanding of healing herbs earned her the title “Angel of Tucson.” Florence Yount is recognized as Prescott’s first woman physician while Teresita Urrea was sometimes lionized for her hands-on healing powers. Saint Katharine Drexel invested much of her vast fortune in educating Navajo children. The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet trudged across the blazing desert enduring untold hardships before arriving safely in the territory to administer to the health and well-being of the children of the desert.

October 11, 2022

Topic: Bisbee: The Alchemical City of Copper Borderlands

Speaker: Virgil Hancock

My presentation covers the 150 years of Bisbee’s history. The presentation includes a historical deep dive into the copper borderlands, as well as contemporary photographs of greater Bisbee. The presentation will use the concept of alchemy to focus on the transformation of an early mining camp in the Mule Mountains of Southern Arizona into the city of Bisbee. Alchemy also provides an excellent metaphor for the continuing transformation of the town from a half company-owned copper mining town to a contemporary, vibrant, democratic, small-town tourist leader. The indigenous peoples, the immigrants to Bisbee, the fraternal organizations, the history of violence and war, the border, the central role of women, the role of the federal government and the importance of the arts will all be reviewed.

For more information, please contact the Human Service & Community Vitality Department at (623) 222-3243



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Staff Recommendations:

Consent: No	Regular: Yes	Public Hearing: No	Report/Discussion: No
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Agenda Wording:

Discussion and action pertaining to a reception for the Charter School art exhibition in City Hall.

Motion:

I move to approve the hosting of the art exhibition and the purchase of snacks and refreshments at a cost not to exceed \$200.00.

Background:

The City Hall art gallery regularly features rotating artwork submitted by local artists. Last year, the Surprise Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission elected to host a reception for the Fall gallery featuring works from charter school students in Surprise. This item has been placed on the agenda to take action on hosting a reception for the students again in February 2022.

Objective Analysis:

The mission of the Surprise Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission is to spur cultural growth through education and advocacy, and to assist the city to create and implement a plan for the placement of public art within the community.

Policy Compliant:

Sec. 2-299 (d)(6) of the Surprise Municipal Code directs the Commission to serve as arts advocates through art awareness activities. Hosting this event will allow the Commission to promote current and future arts and cultural efforts throughout the city.

Financial Impact:

If approved, the purchase of snacks and refreshments for the Charter School art exhibit reception will not exceed \$200.

Budget Impact:

Currently, \$600.00 is budgeted towards Special Event Hosting.

FTE Impact:

There is no FTE impact associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:
