

CITY OF SURPRISE
ARTS AND CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – Approved

February 7, 2022 / 6:00 PM

Community Room
16000 NORTH CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
SURPRISE, ARIZONA 85374

CALL TO ORDER:

A. Roll Call

Vice-Chair Rhiannon Miett, commission members, Susan deJong, Margaret Lieu, Jay Lickus, Jo Grant, Kathie Morgan. (1 Vacancy)

Staff: Seth Dyson, HSCV Director, Deborah Perry, HSCV Senior Financial Analyst, Karina Caraveo, HSCV Administrative Specialist.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Current Events Reports

Commissioner Morgan said she is continuing to work with staff to discuss the space for the art at the Surprise Stadium. She mentioned the first AZ Humanities Speaker Series on January 26th had under 30 attendees and thanked staff for the assistance with the presenter during the presentation.

Vice-Chair Miett thanked staff for facilitating the commission's events.

Commissioner Lieu mentioned that she, along with Commissioner Morgan and Commissioner deJong, met with Andre Licardi to start the planning of a permanent art collection. She thanked former commission Chair Welch for her service and leadership during her participation in the commission.

Commissioner deJong attended the meeting on the permanent art collection, the two Martin Luther King Jr. Day events, visited Lunchtime Theater, AZ Humanities Speaker Series and a Ground Floor artist show. She mentioned that the Joe Tyler Studio Tour was a success, all spots were filled and there was a waiting list.

Commissioner Lickus mentioned that he also attended the Martin Luther King Jr. Day events, visited the Joe Tyler Studio tour and the Impact exhibition reception at the West Valley Arts Council.

D. Staff Reports

Mr. Dyson reported on the following items:

- Friends of the Library invitation
 - Bookmark Contest judging February 16th 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. at the Northwest Regional Library.
- Countryside Park working group

Ms. Bassett invited the commission to participate in the Joe Tyler celebration on April 14th from 4 – 7 p.m. and also asked them to consider acknowledging the Gallery 37 students who created the totems that will be placed in the Xeriscape Garden.

Commissioner Morgan asked what the participation would involve. Ms. Bassett responded it would help with awards that will be purchased for the artist's acknowledgement.

Chair Mielt asked if the reception would take place at West Valley Arts; Ms. Bassett responded that it would.

Commissioner Lieu asked how many other cities are participating. Ms. Bassett responded there are two others. Commissioner Lieu recommended the Commission to participate because there are many of Mr. Tyler's art pieces throughout the city.

Commissioner Morgan moved to approve the West Valley Arts sponsorship at a cost not to exceed \$500.00. Commissioner Lieu 2nd. 5 Yes votes(1 vacancy). 1 abstain (deJong). Motion carried.

Item 4 – Presentation and discussion pertaining to the “W.E.C.A.R.E. Runway” hosted by the Surprise Youth Council.

The Surprise Youth Council asked to be removed from the agenda.

Item tabled indefinitely.

Item 5 – Discussion and action pertaining to the FY2023 Arts & Culture Grant Program.

Mr. Dyson advised the commission that the grant application had been updated to reflect last month's discussion. He asked the commission to address the comments throughout the application.

Commissioner Morgan recommended removing the limit per applicant, mentioning this would allow the commission to award the full grant amount to one applicant if they so chose. Mr. Dyson stated that this would be revised accordingly on the application. Chair Mielt recommended that a line be included to address the total amount available for funding, Mr. Dyson asked for clarification. The commission seeks to remove the limit per applicant and add a statement that \$30,000.00 in overall funding is available.

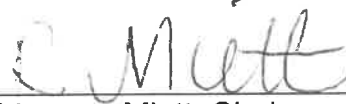
Commissioner Grant reiterated the importance of obtaining approval from city departments when proposing any projects in their premises. Mr. Dyson agreed and mentioned a conditional letter of approval for venues will be required as part of the application.

The Commission agreed on changing the 4th bullet on page 6 of what is funded to “venue space” instead of “rehearsal space, office rental space”.

Commissioner Morgan questioned why the applicant is asked for a minimum amount to successfully run their project. Commissioner Lieu advised that this is included to understand if the proposed program would take place even if the applicant was not awarded. Chair Mielt pointed out that this is not a question listed on the application. Ms. Caraveo called out the eligibility criteria on page 6 where applicants must demonstrate the ability to generate revenue from other sources to successfully run their project.

State of the City event
Bookmark Give-A-Ways

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn 7:23 p.m. – Commissioner Lieu. Commissioner Lickus 2nd.
6 Yes votes (1 vacancy). Motion carried.



Rhiannon Miett, Chair

ATTEST:



Karina Caraveo, Administrative Specialist

CERTIFICATION:

I, Seth Dyson, Human Service & Community Vitality Director 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 February 7, 2022.



Seth Dyson, HSCV Director