

CITY OF SURPRISE
ARTS AND CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – Approved

December 6, 2021 / 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.

Absent: Chair Deborah Welch (excused).

Staff: Danielle Osborne, HSCV Administrator, Hobie Wingard, Assistant City Attorney, Karina Caraveo, HSCV Administrative Specialist.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Current Events Reports

Commissioner Morgan visited the West Valley Arts Council market event in early November and the “Hidden in the Hills” Studio Tour by the Town of Cave Creek. She also mentioned that she met with the Sports & Tourism department for further discussions on the stadium art.

Commissioner Lieu attended the arts booth at the Surprise Party, and suggested inclusion of a checklist of items needed for each event to avoid having outdated materials. She also attended the “Barefoot in the Park” performance at Ottawa University, starring OUAZ students, Mayor Hall, and the president and CEO of Ottawa University.

Commissioner deJong mentioned that the first Public Art Tour and the Gallery Tour were a success, and that attendees were very happy. She also manned the arts booth at the SciTech Festival and the Surprise Party. She visited WHAM, Ground Floor Artists, RISE, and The Vista, where she enjoyed several events. She also participated in planning meetings for the MLK event in 2022 and the Xeriscape Garden.

Commissioner Lickus attended the Surprise Party, Veterans Day Parade, and visited Ground Floor Artists.

D. Staff Reports

Ms. Osborne reported on the following items:

- Xeriscape Garden/Gallery 37
- Five C’s of Arizona
- PSERC art

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS – NON PUBLIC HEARING

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

Commissioner Morgan asked to remove the second sentence on item #6, page 3.

Commissioner deJong asked to correct the second sentence under her report on page 1.

Commissioner Grant moved to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2021 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting as amended. Commissioner deJong 2nd. 6 Yes votes. 1 absent (Welch). Motion carried.

Item 2 – Discussion and update pertaining to the Arts & Culture Grant program.

Ms. Osborne shared reports overviewing updates and reimbursements submitted by the grant awardees.

HeARTsy Adaptive classes are ongoing and reimbursements are being used to pay for administrative and supply costs.

WHAM had not yet submitted their first quarterly report or reimbursement request. They have been contacted with a reminder regarding their report.

West Valley Chorale held their musical showcase on November 18th at RISE/Rio Salado College.

West Valley Choral Representative Bob Walling shared some details about their event and invited the Commission to their performance at the Lunchtime Theater at Arts HQ on December 9th.

Commissioner Grant asked to obtain the number of attendees at events held by awardees. Commissioner Lieu agreed and suggested the awardees should report if attendees are new attendees or if the same attended each class. Ms. Osborne agreed and mentioned it will be asked for in their next quarterly report.

Vice-Chair Miett asked if events held by awardees were free to the public, Ms. Osborne responded yes. Vice-Chair Miett asked the Commission to bring in their suggestions on their next meeting to review and discuss the overall grant selection process.

Item 3 – Discussion pertaining to potential expansion of the Aquatic Center Mural.

Commissioner Lieu asked if there was a picture of the proposed expansion. Commissioner Morgan stated she did not take pictures but suggested that the ceiling of the entryway be painted because this is very noticeable when you're up close, making it look unfinished. She

recommended having this done so that it would make it feel as though you are under the sea.

Commissioner Lickus pointed out that the biggest visual impact are the walls and pillars, not the ceiling. Commissioner Lieu agreed, and reiterated that if it is not noticeable by the public, then the expense should not be undertaken.

Item 4 – Discussion and action pertaining to enhancements to the Poetry Slam.

Ms. Osborne referred to the backdrop designed by the Marketing & Communications department, and shared that pricing had been included. She informed the commission that if approved, coordination with WHAM would be made to ensure their staff can store and set up this backdrop at each event.

Commissioner Lickus suggested that the event title be included in the backdrop. Commissioner Lieu agreed, suggesting that the Arts Commission name be included as well, and that the image of the microphones be removed. She felt that there were too many little things happening in the same space, and suggested more simplicity.

Commissioner Morgan recommended having the backdrop redrawn completely.

Ms. Osborne asked for clarification. Commissioner Lieu asked to see a more graphic design, but with simpler details. Commissioner Morgan suggested keeping it uniform, and Commissioner deJong suggested a more modern look. Vice-Chair Miett liked the proposed backdrop, and felt that it compliments the event.

Ms. Osborne said that she would take the feedback back to the Communications team. No action was taken.

Item 5 – Discussion and action pertaining to City Hall Art Gallery.

Commissioner deJong shared with the Commission that she has been coordinating the City Hall Art Gallery exhibits since 2013. She asked to explore some options of how to proceed after Fall 2022. She suggested a permanent art collection, a mural, or continuation of the current format of having exhibits rotated on a quarterly basis, but with more commissioners leading the effort. Commissioner deJong recommended that the current art installer be reconsidered by the commission due to difficulties that have come arisen within the process.

Commissioner Lieu liked the existing format but expressed concern regarding how many people truly visit the gallery. She pointed out that most of the art pieces are displayed between the different public art galleries within the city, and that the only exhibit that has been highly successful is the Charter School gallery because families are involved. She agreed with the recommendation of a permanent art collection.

Commissioner Morgan mentioned that other galleries that she has visited do not rotate their exhibits so frequently. Commissioner Lieu felt that having art displayed only twice a year would not entice artists to participate.

Vice-Chair Miett asked if it was necessary to place art on these walls. Commissioner Morgan felt that art on the City Hall walls were of value, and liked the idea of building a

permanent collection.

Vice-Chair Miett asked about the current agreement for art installation. Ms. Osborne responded that it was effective until May 2022.

Commissioner Lieu suggested that the student art exhibit be a rotating format. Vice-Chair Miett agreed and suggested meeting with the school art teachers for discussion. Commissioner Morgan suggested one wall be used for community rotating art and the other for the permanent collection. She also suggested a working group to explore all options.

Vice-Chair Miett reiterated a working group consisting of Commissioners Lieu, deJong, and Morgan convene for further research. No action was taken.

Item 6 – Discussion pertaining to the Charter School Gallery reception.

Commissioner Lieu suggested the Charter School Gallery reception to include a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prize for entries. She felt that this would encourage the students, and that outside organizations or the youth council can be involved as judges for the competition.

Commissioner deJong agreed this was a great idea, and shared that in the past there have been about 50 pieces placed.

Commissioner Miett suggested ribbons for the winners. Commissioner Lieu suggested gift cards.

Commissioner Grant felt that there was no time available to have this ready by the February reception. Commissioner Lieu felt that there were sufficient funds available to use towards the prizes, and that it would not have to be a big expense since it is just recognition for the students.

Ms. Osborne said that she would explore the possibility of involving the youth council and prize suggestions, and bring an item back to the Commission for further discussion during the next meeting. No action was taken.

Other Business and Future Agenda Items:

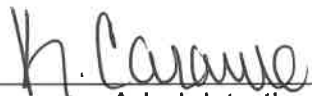
- Art Grant Process
- Charter School Gallery Award
- Art Maps
- Poetry Slam Backdrop
- Thunderbird Art & Wine Festival
- Event Tent - procedure/checklist

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn 7:28 p.m. – Commissioner Grant. Commissioner Lieu 2nd. 6
Yes votes 1 absent (Welch). Motion carried.



Deborah Welch, Chair

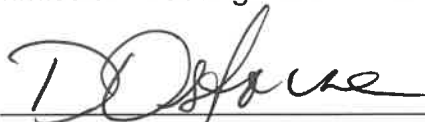
ATTEST:



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 December 6, 2021.



Danielle Osborne, HSCV Administrator