

CITY OF SURPRISE
ARTS AND CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – APPROVED

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 Miatt 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 Miatt 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 Miatt 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 Mielt 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 Mielt 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 Mielt 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:

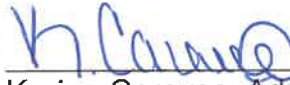
Charter School Reception February 7th 5:00 – 6:00pm
Surprise Party
Gallery
Poetry Slam
Dreamcatcher Park Benches

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

