

CITY OF SURPRISE
ARTS AND CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – APPROVED

August 2, 2021 / 6:00 PM

Community Room
16000 NORTH CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
SURPRISE, ARIZONA 85374

CALL TO ORDER:

A. Roll Call

Chair Margaret Lieu, Vice-Chair Deborah Welch, Commission members, Susan deJong, Rhiannon Miett, Kathie Morgan.

Staff: Danielle Osborne, HSCV Administrator, Karina Caraveo, Administrative Specialist – HSCV.

Commissioners Lickus and Grant joined the meeting at 6:02 pm.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Current Events Reports

Chair Lieu shared that she traveled to Texas. She said she found some interesting rock murals in northwestern Arizona. She mentioned that the Bicentennial mural has been placed on hold due to the heat, and added that it is really close to being completed.

Commissioner Morgan said that she met with the Aquatic Center workgroup but the item would be discussed in greater detail during the agenda item.

Commissioner deJong shared that she visited the Ground Floor Artists and Arts HQ exhibits. She also visited all Surprise Libraries and delivered some art maps. She mentioned that the City Hall Art Gallery will be opening on June 19th.

D. Staff Reports

Ms. Osborne reported on the following items:

- Fire Station 308 permits approved
- Roadway working group meeting
- Top Knot remediation quotes
- 1.3% for the Arts ordinance
- Art Commission retreat
- Bookmarks

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS – NON PUBLIC HEARING

Item 1 – Consideration and action pertaining to approval of the June 7, 2021 Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission meeting.

Vice-Chair Welch moved to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2021 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting. Commissioner Grant 2nd. 7 Yes votes. Motion carried.

Item 2 – Discussion and action pertaining to the selection of the Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission Chair.

Ms. Osborne explained the nominations and voting procedures to the Commission. Chair Lieu opened the floor to nominations for the position of Chair.

Commissioner Mielt nominated Deborah Welch.

Ms. Welch accepted the nomination.

Seeing no other nominations, Chair Lieu closed the nomination period. Commissioners submitted their votes. Deborah Welch was selected as the Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission Chair with 7 votes. Motion carried.

Item 3 – Discussion and action pertaining to the selection of the Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission Vice-Chair.

Chair Welch opened the floor to nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

Commissioner Morgan nominated Rhiannon Mielt. Ms. Mielt accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Mielt nominated Jo Grant. Ms. Grant declined the nomination.

Commissioner deJong nominated Kathie Morgan. Ms. Morgan declined the nomination.

Seeing no other nominations, Chair Welch closed the nomination period. Commissioners submitted their votes. Rhiannon Mielt was selected as the Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission Vice-Chair with 7 votes. Motion carried.

Item 4 – Presentation and action pertaining to the proposed Aquatic Center mural expansion by artist BacPac.

Chair Welch overviewed the artist proposal.

Commissioner Morgan discussed the artist rendering and explained that the pillars will be painted to match the entryway despite not being depicted in the proposal.

Commissioner Morgan stated that the artist has met the working group's expectations by including the mix of gender, ages, ethnicity and sea life. Commissioner Lieu shared concern with the spacing between the characters. Commissioner deJong agreed, stating that it makes them seem as if they are not interacting. Commissioner Morgan said that it was discussed with the artist and it was agreed that it would change the appearance of the children in the water if drawn differently. Vice-Chair Mielt added the artist's judgment should be trusted on final placement.

Commissioner Lieu moved to approve the proposed Aquatic Center mural expansion including the entry way and pillars at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.00. Commissioner Morgan 2nd. 7 Yes votes. Motion carried.

Item 5 – Presentation and action pertaining to the recommended Gallery 37 proposals.

Commissioner Lieu shared how much fun the working group had listening to the students and artist. She overviewed the top two art selections by the working panel.

Vice-Chair Mielt mentioned that there were seven different designs proposed. Commissioner Lieu elaborated, saying that the purpose for each design all had a xeriscape idea, where water conservation and recycling are meant to help the environment.

Chair Welch asked what material would be used for this proposed art pieces. Commissioner Lieu responded that it would all be metal, which would help with maintenance and allow pieces to last longer.

Vice-Chair Mielt moved to approve the recommended proposal for the Gallery 37. Commissioner Grant 2nd. 7 Yes votes. Motion carried.

Item 6 – Discussion and action pertaining to the acquisition of "The Five C's of Arizona" by Joe Tyler for the city's permanent art collection.

Ms. Osborne advised the location at the Asante Library was agreed upon by the librarians and Mr. Tyler. Ms. Osborne shared the proposed pedestal by the artist.

Commissioner deJong shared additional photos of the pedestal.

Ms. Osborne said that the Library agreed to host this piece, and that they would like to pursue opportunities to host future artist talks at their site.

Commissioner Grant moved to approve the acquisition of "The Five C's of Arizona" by Joe Tyler at a cost not to exceed \$7,000.00 Commissioner Lieu 2nd. 7 Yes votes. Motion carried.

Item 7 – Discussion and action pertaining to the landscape for the art project site at Fire Station 308.

Ms. Osborne explained that when the art piece was proposed at this location, the landscape surrounding the piece was not planned. She added that after talking to the Public Works department, it was recommended that decomposed granite be utilized as a cost-effective option for landscaping. She discussed the funds for the project, and stated that if the Commission agreed to pursue landscaping, it would come out of the Commission's

operating budget. Chair Welch asked about the budget for the lighting, Ms. Osborne responded that it would also be from the Commission's budget.

Commissioner Lieu did not agree with landscaping the entire space because then it would become a landscape piece and not an art piece. Ms. Osborne offered to reach out to the artist and ask for recommendations on the landscape.

Commissioner deJong asked if proposals for the decomposed granite can be obtained and brought to the Commission for recommendation. Ms. Osborne agreed to pursue a proposal.

Chair Welch asked the Commission to recommend the decomposed granite or pursue another quote from the artist recommendation.

Commissioner deJong moved to continue the item. Commissioner Lickus 2nd. 7 Yes votes. Motion carried

Item 8 – Discussion and action pertaining to an art contest in collaboration with the Dysart Unified School District.

Commissioner deJong shared an opportunity to start an art contest with the Dysart Unified School District. She shared that she received a large donation of picture frames that could be used for this project.

Commissioner Miett suggested inviting the Dysart School District to get their feedback on a proposed contest. Commissioner Lieu added that there would need to be some parameters in place prior to reaching out to the school district.

Chair Welch suggested a working group to look at the logistics of the contest.

Commissioner deJong said that this may not have to be with the school district. She suggested involving the art grantees as an alternative. Chair Welch agreed. Commissioner deJong said that she would further review the contest logistics and bring it back to the commission at a future date.

Item 9 – Discussion and action pertaining to the approval of the FY22 calendar of events and a review of the ticket costs associated with the Lunchtime Theater event.

Commissioner Morgan advised the AZ Humanities Speaker Series calendar will be released mid-August. She said once received the FY22 calendar of events will be amended.

Commissioner deJong advised the Lunchtime Theater ticket cost has increased from \$14.00 to \$15.00 to cover the artist time and materials. Vice-Chair Miett asked if tickets can be purchased online now. Commissioner deJong responded that tickets can be purchased online or by phone.

Commissioner deJong pointed out the number of art pieces that are in City Hall. Vice-Chair Miett asked whether Commissioner deJong uses a script when leading tours, to which Commissioner deJong responded that she has some talking points she is willing to share with staff. Vice-Chair Miett suggested hiring a professional to run the tours, to which Commissioner deJong agreed. Commissioner Morgan said that a representative of the

commission should still be a part of the tours even if a professional speaker is hired. Chair Welch recommended a future agenda item to discuss this further.

Commissioner Morgan moved to approve the FY22 calendar of events. Commissioner Vice-Chair Miatt 2nd. 7 Yes votes. Motion carried

Other Business and Future Agenda Items:

Top Knot
1.3% for the Arts Ordinance
Roadway Art
FS 308 Landscape
Mobile Museum
Art Tours

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn 7:27 p.m. – Commissioner Lieu. Commissioner deJong 2nd. 7 Yes votes. Motion carried.


Deborah Welch, Chair

ATTEST:


Karina Caraveo, Administrative Specialist

CERTIFICATION:

I, Danielle Osborne, HSCV Administrator for the City of Surprise City Manager's Office, Maricopa County, Arizona, do hereby verify that these are the true and correct minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission meeting held on August 2, 2021.


Danielle Osborne, HSCV Administrator

