

CITY OF SURPRISE
ARTS AND CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – Approved

December 7, 2020 / 6:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
16000 NORTH CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
SURPRISE, ARIZONA 85374

CALL TO ORDER:

A. Roll Call

Chair Margaret Lieu, Commission members, Susan deJong, Kathie Morgan, Jay Lickus, (1 Vacancy).

Absent: Commission members, Vice-Chair Deborah Welch (excused), Rhiannon Miett (unexcused).

Staff: Danielle Osborne, HSCV Administrator, Karina Caraveo, Administrative Specialist – HSCV, Seth Dyson, Human Service & Community Vitality Director, Hobie Wingard, Assistant City Attorney.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Current Events Reports

Chair Lieu has been teaching art work virtually and stated that it can be difficult and she misses her students, but understands it's for their own safety. She also participated in the Bowls of Hope event at WHAM, and was glad to see everyone who participated.

Ms. Morgan attended two project meetings, met w/Rhiannon and Deborah to outline details for BacPac on the aquatic mural added proposals will be made in the near future. Also met with Jay and Rhiannon for the first time to start on ideas on how to manage the interior of the Mobil tent, hope they can present some ideas in January. Shared Ms. Osborne had informed her that applications to AZ Humanities can be submitted for the speaker series, January program has been moved to Jan. 27 with Jim Turner and Love of Turquoise with Kerry Cannon is scheduled for Feb 23. Stated only two virtual presentations are scheduled at this time and then assess again in January to schedule the additional three presentations. She was advised by Ms. Osborne that she will start publicity information to the bring public aware of these series.

Mr. Lickus attended a performance in Scottsdale where Sandra Bassett performed an amazing concert set. He got to see the Canal Convergence in Scottsdale, and highly recommends it, especially at night. He also attended the "Curiouser Nutcracker" installation at Theater Works in Peoria.

Ms. deJong added to Ms. Morgan's comment about AZ Humanities, says she's signed up on their speaker series newsletter coming from other places. She continued to participate in MLK

Day planning, enjoyed herself while jurying an art show for Ground Floor Artists, and made her yearly purchase from Bowls of Hope.

D. Staff Reports

Ms. Osborne reported on the following items:

- Introduced Karina Caraveo, Administrative Specialist
 - Karina will be assisting with administrative tasks for the commission.
- Art at the Public Works Operations Facility is now complete; Ms. Osborne invited everyone to go by and see.
- Art at FS 304 is underway; she advised that construction will pause due to the holidays, and resume again in January.
- FS 308 RFP is now closed. The next step will be for the panel to meet and discuss before making a final recommendation to the commission.
- Dysart and Vision & Sound presenters asked to be moved to future meetings due to continued adjustment of their events and planning in light of new COVID-19 state and local guidelines.
- Commission vacancy interviews will be on 12/08/2020 starting at 4:30 pm in the City Council Chambers.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS – NON PUBLIC HEARING

Item 1 – Consideration and action approving the November 2, 2020 Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes.

Ms. Osborne noted that the motion for the minutes carried an incorrect date. Ms. deJong noted that the current events report incorrectly noted Lunchtime Theater where Theater Works was discussed.

Ms. deJong moved to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2020 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting with noted changes. Mr. Lickus 2nd. 4 Yes votes. 2 Absent (Miett, Welch). 1 Vacancy. Motion carried.

Item 2 – Presentation pertaining to an update on the Gallery 37 project by WVAC.

Ms. Osborne introduced Sandra Bassett and Melody Kokora of West Valley Arts Council (WVAC), announced Amy Peterson from Water Resource Management (WRM) would be presenting virtually.

Ms. Bassett pointed out WVAC will be closed for the Holidays and mentioned upcoming events starting on January 22, 2021. Ms. Kokora introduced herself, presented and explained what Gallery 37 is. She shared images of the proposed location, art work ideas including sculptures, totems and arches as future projects, and advised on next steps.

Ms. deJong questioned the benches mentioned during the presentation. Ms. Kokora advised that Ms. Peterson would elaborate during her presentation.

Ms. Peterson presented the Xeriscape Demonstration Garden, and overviewed the project location, plan design, and timeline. She addressed how the proposed pedestals will be built and invited Michael Boule, WRM Assistant Director, to provide additional remarks. Mr. Boule greeted the commission and mentioned that WRM looks forward to working with the commission on the Gallery 37 project.

Ms. deJong asked who will be using the proposed benches. Ms. Peterson suggested these will most likely be used by city staff and students from Ottawa University.

Chair Lieu thanked Ms. Peterson and Mr. Boule, but expressed concern that the commission was not brought on during the initial design phase of the pedestals. Mr. Boule acknowledged her concerns and offered to meet with the panel for further discussion.

Mr. Lickus pointed out the project timeline and asked for a clarification on the grand opening date. Ms. Peterson clarified the projected completion as spring 2022.

Chair Lieu asked about the timeline and possible future amendments, as well as next steps. Ms. Osborne explained that once the project type and budget have been decided, the panel would meet with WVAC and WRM to move forward.

Item 3 – Presentation and action pertaining to the re-installation of the “Give Your Community a Hand” mural.

Due to her membership at WHAM, Chair Lieu recused herself and asked Ms. deJong to preside over the item. Ms. deJong talked about the history of the mural and the proposed relocation. Ms. Osborne clarified that the location had previously been settled by the commission and shared the quote provided by WHAM.

Mr. Lickus questioned the history of this piece and why it's being relocated. Ms. deJong explained that its previous location caused the mural to accumulate damage, and pointed out that a decision must be made on how to proceed.

Ms. Morgan expressed concern about the remaking of these tiles and the real significance of this piece. Ms. Osborne added that WHAM's goal is to rebuild these pieces and still hold significance. She offered to invite Connie Whitlock of WHAM to speak to the commission and have a more robust discussion. The commission was in agreement that this would be the best course of action.

Ms. Morgan moved to table the item for future discussion. Mr. Lickus 2nd. 3 Yes votes. 1 Abstain (Lieu). 2 Absent (Miett, Welch). 1 Vacancy. Motion carried.

Item 4 – Discussion and update pertaining to a proposed art installation for the City Hall Development Center Bench.

Chair Lieu turned the item over to Ms. Osborne for update. Ms. Osborne explained the use and purpose of this bench. She explained that due to trend changes in response to the

pandemic, the migration of processes to online platforms, and a decrease in foot traffic in City Hall when the building was briefly re-opened to the public, there will be an evaluation of the lobby space to determine whether it is being properly utilized. Ms. Osborne recommended that the commission hold off on investing additional funds into the bench, until plans for the lobby have been determined. She advised that the proposal could be revisited when appropriate. She shared with the commission that she reached out to the Proposer, Logan Simpson, and said that they shared similar concerns about their own work space being underutilized due to the trend of staff working from home and meeting virtually. Logan Simpson was completely understanding, and looked forward to future opportunities to work with the city. The commission was understanding and agreed to place the project on hold.

Seeing no further discussion, Chair Lieu moved on to the next item.

Item 5 – Presentation and action pertaining to the Fiscal Year 2022 recommended budget.

Ms. Osborne provided an overview of her recommendations for the new fiscal year budget. She made note of the five-year analysis attached to the item, which showed trends in spending. She pointed out that previous budget years yielded a higher total budget due to one-time project funds which carried over until completion.

Ms. deJong asked about the Poetry Slam proposal. Ms. Osborne advised this will be discussed on future meetings, however the funds were considered as she reallocated funds for this recommendation.

Ms. Morgan questioned the art grant fund. Chair Lieu talked about the inactive programs due to unprecedented times, and felt that operational grants may be the best course of action as opposed to event-based grants. Ms. Morgan felt that grant funds had not been thoroughly discussed. Mr. Dyson advised detailed discussion can be placed in future meetings.

Chair Lieu agreed with the recommendations, including the new grant fund line item, as provided by staff. Ms. deJong asked what line items are being removed. Ms. Osborne reviewed the line items individually, including increases and decreases, and her reasoning based on spending trends over the past few years. Ms. Osborne further explained that there is an opportunity during mid-year fund projections to re-appropriate funds if needed. Ms. Morgan asked whether budget could be changed by council, and whether funds could be removed. Mr. Dyson advised he cannot speak for council but does not anticipate budget changes by Council.

Ms. Morgan expressed she would like the budget amount increased. Ms. Osborne pointed out that in the five-year analysis, there had not been a single year where the commission spent 100% of their funds. She advised that for any budget-related request to council, the need would have to be demonstrated first. Ms. Morgan shared concern about the reduction of the maintenance line item, and that those funds were good to have available if needed. Chair Lieu felt that the better course of action would be to go to request those maintenance funds from council on an as-needed basis if an unforeseen circumstance were to occur. Ms. Osborne reminded the commission of the Municipal Arts Fund, and its intended purpose towards maintenance, as well as acquisition of art.

Mr. Lickus pointed out that the bottom line amount is what would be approved by council. Ms. Morgan felt that council would be more interested in the lines. Mr. Dyson explained the budget process and reminded the commission that they would have an opportunity to re-allocate funds as long as the total budget amount was approved by council. Chair Lieu asked Ms. Osborne to keep the commission updated on the budget process moving forward.

Mr. Lickus moved to make a request to the City Council for the recommended budget of the Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission for Fiscal Year 2022. Ms. deJong 2nd. 3 Yes votes 1 No vote (Morgan). 2 Absent (Miett, Welch). 1 Vacancy. Motion carried.

Item 6 – Action pertaining to rescheduling the January 4, 2021 meeting to January 11, 2021 due to the New Year's Day holiday.

The commission agreed that due to New Year's Day taking place on a Friday, it would be best for the meeting to be rescheduled to the following week.

Mr. Lickus moved to reschedule the January 4, 2021 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting to January 11, 2021. Ms. deJong 2nd. 4 Yes votes. 2 Absent (Miett, Welch). 1 Vacancy. Motion carried.

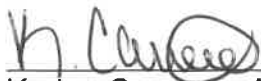
Other Business and Future Agenda Items:

Mobile Museum
Gallery 37/Xeriscape Garden
Vision and Sound
DUSD Festival of the Arts
Poetry Slam at WHAM
Give Your Community a Hand mural
Bicentennial restroom mural
BacPac Mural

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn 7:44 p.m. – Ms. deJong, 2nd by Ms. Morgan. 4 Yes votes. 2 Absent (Miett, Welch). 1 Vacancy. Motion carried.


Margaret Lieu, 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 December 7, 2020.



Danielle Osborne, HSCV Administrator