

CITY OF SURPRISE  
ARTS AND CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

**Meeting Minutes – APPROVED**

November 7, 2022 / 6:00 PM

Council Overflow Room  
16000 NORTH CIVIC CENTER PLAZA  
SURPRISE, ARIZONA 85374

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**A. Roll Call**

Chair Rhiannon Miett, Commission members, Susan deJong, Margaret Lieu, and Jay Lickus.

Staff: Danielle Osborne – HSCV Administrator, Kelsey Lamphier – Arts Culture & Library Acting Director.

Absent: Jo Grant, Kathie Morgan, Christopher Whitwell (excused).

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Current Events Reports**

Commissioner Lieu visited WHAM Community Art Center, where she enjoyed a couple of poetry clubs.

Commissioner deJong visited several art exhibits at The Vista Center for the Arts and Surprise City Hall. She attended the Poetry Slam at WHAM, the Fiesta Grande event, and participated in the 2023 MLK planning meeting and a Mobile Museum working group meeting.

Commissioner Lickus also visited The Vista Center for the Arts and Surprise City Hall art exhibits.

**Staff Reports**

Ms. Osborne reported on the following items:

- Joe Tyler reptile sculptures will be moved onto the shoreline to accommodate the lake edge construction at the Surprise Community Park.
- “Bloom Where You’re Planted” art piece – a tree is currently sitting at the future site. It will be relocated to make way for the art piece. This will take place after Surprise Founder’s Day Party.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

None.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS – NON PUBLIC HEARING**

**Item 1 – Consideration and action pertaining to the minutes of the October 3, 2022 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting.**

Commissioner Lieu moved to approve the October 3, 2022 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Lickus 2<sup>nd</sup>. 4 Yes votes. 3 absent (Grant, Morgan, Whitwell). Motion carried.

**Item 2 – Update and discussion pertaining to the Arts & Culture Grant Program FY23 cycle.**

Ms. Osborne provided an update on the FY23 Arts & Culture Grant Program grantees as follows:

- The Vista Promotional Tickets: No draws have been submitted as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, the nonprofit (NPO) has been tabling events and distributing promotional tickets.
- The Vista Subsidized Tickets: No draws have been submitted as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, the NPO is working to identify which performance can best utilize the award. More details will be shared once contracts are finalized.
- Drum AZ – No draws submitted as of September 30<sup>th</sup>; first event scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>.
- OUAZ – No draws submitted as of September 30<sup>th</sup>. Registration for “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown” tickets have gone out. 25 Surprise residents are participating in preparation process.

**Item 3 – Update and discussion pertaining to the Arts & Culture Advisory Commission’s Fiscal Year 2023 budget.**

Ms. Osborne provided an update on the commission's current operating budget. She advised that they're on track to fully expend their current fiscal year's budget after the increase of the Art Grant Program, sponsorships, and service costs due to inflation. She also explained that there will be a remaining \$100,000 in the Municipal Arts Fund after the Stadium Art project which can be used in future art projects.

**Item 4 – Discussion pertaining to possible public art opportunities in city parks.**

Ms. Osborne shared that the Parks & Rec Department has asked the commission to partner to beautify some traffic control boxes and utility boxes around the parks, aquatic center, and surrounding city areas.

Commissioner Lickus questioned if these boxes could be painted instead of wrapped. Ms. Osborne advised that after some research, the wrap is a better option than painting because it will have greater longevity and involve less maintenance.

Commissioner deJong recommended starting with a couple of boxes first rather than doing them all at once.

Commissioner Lieu suggested automotive retailers should be approached to sponsor.

After further discussion, the commission agreed for staff to explore this further and return with quotes.

#### **Item 5 – Discussion to the effective use of the Mobile Museum.**

Commissioner deJong shared that the working group met and reviewed the menu of options that were previously created, and they would like to make the following recommendations:

Fiesta Grande – booth be unmanned, decorated with a combination of local student art, photos of the Original Townsite as a history display, and event-appropriate decorations.

Surprise Founder's Day Party Carnival – booth be manned this year, but future events can be unmanned, decorated with holiday decorations, candy canes be handed out, and use the chalkboard cloth and bookmarks with crayons for the kids. Future events may include local student art.

Sunday In The Park - booth be unmanned, only once each season and a history display or pictures of public art with small blurbs will be displayed.

Spring Training – approval will have to be sought before planning.

Dysart Festival for the Arts – booth be manned, and activities should remain the same as in prior years.

Thunderbird Art & Wine Festival – no participation during this event due to the length of the event, and the booth cannot be unmanned.

After further discussion, the commission agreed to move forward with planning their participation at the next Surprise Founder's Day Party Carnival and the Dysart Festival for the Arts. Sunday In the Park will be brought back in the new year to plan their participation. They expressed interest in having their tent placed next to the Surprise Library booth during future events and will continue to prepare their participation in the Dysart Festival for the Arts event on a future agenda.

Ms. Osborne advised she will send out a signup sheet for the Surprise Founder's Day Party Carnival, have the commissions marketing materials available, and order candy canes.

#### **Item 6 – Discussion pertaining to the participation in the SciTech Festival.**

Ms. Osborne advised SciTech Festival is scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup> at Mark Coronado Park. She asked the commission if they would like to participate and passed around a signup sheet to man the booth.

After further discussion, the commission agreed to participate in the SciTech Festival to which Chair Miett, Commissioner deJong, and Commissioner Lickus agreed to man the booth.

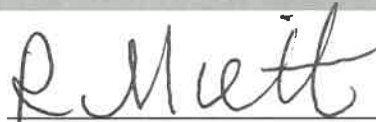
#### **Item 7 – Discussion pertaining to the participation in the Thunderbird Artist Fine Art & Wine festival.**

This item was tabled, as per the commissions discussion on previous agenda item.

## Other Business and Future Agenda Items:

Dysart Festival for the Arts  
Dysart School Reception at City Hall  
Poetry Slam Backdrop

**ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn 6:58 p.m. – Commissioner Lieu. Commissioner deJong 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
4 Yes votes. 3 absent (Grant, Morgan, Whitwell). Motion carried.



Rhiannon Miett, Chair

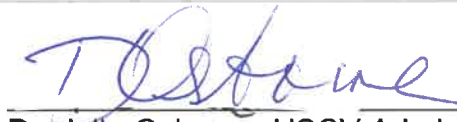
**ATTEST:**



Danielle Osborne, HSCV Administrator

## **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 November 7, 2022.



Danielle Osborne, HSCV Administrator