

CITY OF SURPRISE
ARTS AND CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – Approved

December 5, 2022 / 6:00 PM

Community Room
16000 NORTH CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
SURPRISE, ARIZONA 85374

CALL TO ORDER:

A. Roll Call

Chair Rhiannon Miett, Vice-Chair Kathie Morgan, Commission members, Susan deJong, Margaret Lieu, Jo Grant, Christopher Whitwell, and Jay Lickus.

Staff: Danielle Osborne – HSCV Administrator, Kelsey Lamphier – Arts Culture & Library Acting Director, Robert Wingo – City Attorney, Seth Dyson – HSCV Director, and Karina Caraveo – HSCV Administrative Specialist.

Councilmember in attendance: Vice Mayor Aly Cline.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Current Events Reports

Chair Miett mentioned the current events and reports will be skipped to allow more time on agenda items.

Staff Reports

Ms. Osborne reported on the following items:

- “Bloom Where You’re Planted” art piece – Artist Brad Oldham visited the site, tentative date for installation is end of January/early February.
- SciTech Festival is scheduled for Saturday, December 10th, from 10am – 2pm at Mark Coronado Park.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS – NON PUBLIC HEARING

Item 1 – Consideration and action pertaining to the minutes of the November 7, 2022 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting.

Commissioner deJong asked to remove the third sentence on page 2, item 4, as she does not recall making this statement. Chair Mielt acknowledged and asked staff to revise it.

Commissioner Lieu moved to approve the November 7, 2022 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes with amendments. Commissioner Whitwell 2nd. 6 Yes votes. 1 abstain (Grant). Motion carried.

Item 2 – Presentation by the Friends of the Surprise Libraries regarding a bookmark contest.

President of the Friends of the Surprise Libraries Aly Cline provided an overview of their program. She stated that 6th, 7th, and 8th grade schools participate, there is a Mayor's Choice Award, a 1st place, and an Honorable Mention award for each grade. She said the program deadline is January 31st, the judging would take place in February, the date and location are forthcoming, and the awards will be presented during a council meeting.

Commissioner Lickus shared that highly talented students participate based on his experience with the previous year's contest. Ms. Cline invited the commission to judge the upcoming bookmark contest.

Item 3 – Discussion and action pertaining to a recommendation for art at the Surprise Stadium.

Ms. Osborne updated the commission on the qualified artists participating in stadium art solicitation, and stated the highest nominated artist was selected unanimously.

Chair Mielt pointed out that the proposed artwork to be installed outside of the 1st and 3rd base entrance gates at the Surprise Stadium is shown on page 25 of the agenda. She shared some highlights of the art piece, including a metal cut cotton pattern baseball bounce effect that represents the agriculture once in this area, lighting to reflect the art at night, and the bright red color that is reminiscent of the stitching on a baseball. She also mentioned that the proposal provided by the artists included a maintenance plan and an option for a landscape plan.

Commissioner Lieu inquired about a warranty period for the art and materials. Mr. Wingo advised that warranties are considered during contract negotiations.

Commissioner Grant moved to recommend the artwork at the Surprise Stadium not to exceed \$450,000. Commissioner Lieu 2nd. 7 Yes votes. Motion carried.

Item 4 – Discussion pertaining to use of the Municipal Arts Fund for a project at the new Multigenerational Community Resource Center.

Commissioner deJong recommended that an art piece be installed at the new Community Resource Center that will be built at the Original Townsite Surprise (OTS), suggesting a working group be formed to discuss the details.

Commissioner Lieu asked if there had been an approved plan for this project, Mr. Dyson responded that they're currently about 9-12 months out to receive from the architects. He also shared that members from the community were invited to complete a survey and share their vision of the center.

Commissioner Lickus showed interest in the visibility the Community Resource Center would have. Mr. Dyson shared that the proposed location would place the center facing Grand Ave., where thousands of vehicles drive by daily.

After further discussion, Commissioner deJong, Commissioner Whitwell, and Commissioner Lickus agreed to form a working group to further discuss an art piece at the new Multigenerational Community Resource Center after a plan is in place with the architects.

Item 5 – Discussion pertaining to the Joe Tyler bench at Arts HQ.

Ms. Osborne explained that during the construction of the new Xeriscape Garden, the leaf bench by Joe Tyler was relocated to accommodate an ingress/egress modification. She pointed out the attached quote and said the funds would come from the Municipal Arts Fund.

Commissioner deJong stated that Mr. Tyler is okay with the current location of the bench. Ms. Osborne advised that no further action is necessary if the commission agrees to leave it at its current location. The commission came to a consensus that no further action was necessary.

Item 6 – Discussion and action pertaining to the Dysart Unified School District exhibit reception.

Ms. Osborne advised the Dysart Unified School District exhibit reception is scheduled from January 27, 2023 through March 10, 2023. She advised the exhibition will be coordinated by West Valley Arts Council and that funds from the current budget for this reception would include refreshments and snacks. She reminded the commission that the Charter Schools exhibit takes place from March 17th through May 19th.

Chair Miett proposed to hold this reception on February 6th at 5pm, and suggested having the Surprise Youth Council involved as jurors.

Commissioner Lieu moved to approve the Dysart Unified School District exhibit reception. Commissioner Whitwell 2nd. 7 Yes Votes. Motion carried.

Item 7 – Discussion pertaining to the Dysart Festival of the Arts.

Ms. Osborne asked the commission for their input on the booth plan and features they would like to see during the event.

Chair Miett suggested bringing the Arts, Culture & Library team to table the booth. Commissioner deJong disagreed and suggested hiring an artist to do a demo. Chair Miett proposed that staff ask the Dysart School District for participation from their students at no additional expense.

After further discussion, the commission agreed staff would reach out to Dysart School District to inquire about student's participation and to have the booth unmanned if necessary.

Item 8 – Discussion pertaining to the Poetry Slam backdrop.

Ms. Osborne asked the commission for a draft design for the Poetry Slam backdrop since there had been conflicting directions.

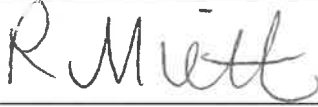
Commissioner Grant suggested having the host acknowledge the commission on their marketing materials such as newsletters, social media, or on a backdrop. Commissioner Whitwell agreed and suggested having them design this backdrop.

After further discussion, the commission agreed that staff would follow up with WHAM Arts Association.

Other Business and Future Agenda Items:

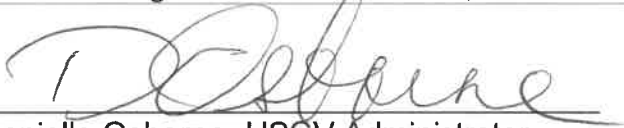
Dysart Festival for the Arts
Poetry Slam Backdrop

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn 7:13 p.m. – Commissioner Grant. Commissioner deJong 2nd. 7 Yes votes. Motion carried.

	 Rhannon 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 December 5, 2022.

	 Danielle Osborne, HSCV Administrator
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