

CITY OF SURPRISE
ARTS AND CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2023 / 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, and Jay Lickus arrived at 6:28 p.m. after Commission interview.

Absent: Jo Grant and Christopher Whitwell

Staff: Julie Akerly – Arts & Culture Manager and Heather Donaldson – Arts, Culture & Library Management Analyst, Sr.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Current Events Reports

Commissioner Miett moved this section to the end of the agenda for efficiency.

D. Staff Reports

Ms. Akerly reported on the following items:

- Arts and Culture Events:
 - AZ Speaks “Why Dark Skies Matter” on May 23, 2023 had 60 attendees
 - City Hall Public Art Tour on May 18, 2023 had 14 attendees
- Multigenerational Center Community Input
 - Attended community input events with HSCV for community input on public art at the Senior Center and Villanueva Community Center
 - Discussed public art with 35 individuals
- FY23 Goals Updates:
 - Working with Community Development and Economic Development on AIPD Incentive Options
 - Community Survey will be going out on June 20

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS – NON PUBLIC HEARING

Item 1 – Consideration and action pertaining to the May 1, 2023 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes.

Commissioner Lieu moved to approve the May 1, 2023 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner deJong 2nd. 4 Yes votes. Motion carried.

Item 2 – Discussion pertaining to Arts and Culture Division Strategic Plan.

Ms. Akerly made a presentation to the commission. She asked for recommendations from the Commission for ideas or thoughts on how to gather community input for the Strategic Plan.

The Commission offered the following suggestions:

- Be present at Signature City Events
- Partner with Channel 11
- Take part in a Council Conversation
- Be present at Poetry Slam, Lunchtime Theater, Write Clubs, Art Openings, Theater Performances, Speakers Series
- Send survey to all partners (i.e. past grant applicants, organizations, etc.)

Ms. Akerly asked the Commission if there is anything additional they would like to see in the plan.

The Commission offered the following suggestions:

- Add an outreach category under the Partnership section
- Gather information from the survey participants of how they identify themselves in relation to the art community (i.e. artist, art organization, participant, etc.)

Ms. Akerly asked the Commission if there are any specific focus groups we want to discuss the plan with.

The Commission offered the following suggestions:

- Other City Departments
- Other City Commissions

Item 3 – Discussion pertaining to Arts & Culture Advisory Commission retreat.

Ms. Akerly reviewed last year's retreat summary and asked for input from the Commission on their experience and thoughts regarding what they would like to see included in the next retreat.

The Commission offered the following suggestions:

- Legal department refresher for any new members of the Commission
- Municipal Art Fund summary including allowed uses
- Summary of projects coming into the city and how they affect this Commission (i.e. bond, etc.)

The Commission discussed some challenges related to scheduling the retreat. Ms. Akerly advised that she will continue to explore dates and reach out to all commissioners, including any new commissioners, to make a retreat date work sometime soon as there are action items paused for municipal arts fund expenditures.

Item 4 – Discussion and action pertaining to the approval of the fiscal Year 2024 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting calendar.

Commissioner Lickus moved to approve the FY2024 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission Meeting calendar. Commissioner Lieu 2nd. 5 Yes votes. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Budget Plan for FY24
- Municipal Arts Fund line items
- Chair and Vice Chair Elections
- Veterans Bridge
- Public Art Master Plan

CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Lieu attended the General Plan Committee meeting where they bulked up the level of the arts recognition in the General Plan. She advised that there will be a meeting next week as well where they will be looking at how the policies will fit within the goals of the General Plan. She offered to bring suggestions from the Commission to the meeting.

Commissioner deJong attended art openings at Ground Floor Artists and Arts HQ, the open house at the Villanueva Rec Center for the new community center to be located in the Original Town Site and she led the City Hall Public Art Tour.

Vice-Chair Morgan advised that the May speaker series took place and the next one will happen on September 11th with the last one happening on October 25th.

Chair Miett passed

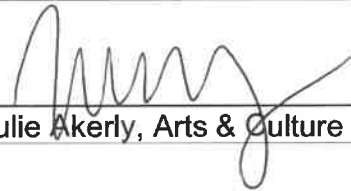
Commissioner Lickus attended the open house at the Villanueva Rec Center for the new community center to be located in the Original Town Site. The big reveal took place at the Vista on May 31st which was a very successful event and the artwork in the lobby was a hit.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn 6:56 p.m. – Commissioner Lieu. Commissioner Lickus 2nd.
5 Yes votes. Motion carried.

	 Rhiannon Miett, Chair
ATTEST:	 Heather Donaldson, Management Analyst – Sr.

CERTIFICATION:

I, Julie Akerly, Arts & Culture Manager for the City of Surprise Arts, Culture & Library 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 June 5, 2023.

	 Julie Akerly, Arts & Culture Manager
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