

CITY OF SURPRISE
Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, Arizona 85374
Monday, November 6, 2023 @ 6:00 PM
Community Room
Meeting Minutes

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

Chair Kathie Morgan, Vice-Chair Taylor Ingro, Commission members, Crystal Kupper, Rhiannon Mielt, Susan deJong, Dr. Charlotte Pullins and Margaret Lieu.

Absent: None

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Staff Reports

Ms. Akerly, Arts & Culture Manager, reported on the following items:

- Bounce and Swing Updates
 - Budget amendment approved by Council for additional design/landscaping elements.
 - Artist has submitted initial review documents to prepare for building permit submission.
 - Timeline is expected by end of fiscal year and depends on how long the building permit review takes, once approved there will be 16 weeks for fabrication + 2 weeks for installation and we will need to work with the fabricator and stadium schedules to determine installation dates.
 - Will be printing coming soon signage to be at the stadium during Spring Training, these will be designed once the building permit review is completed.
- Website updates
 - The website has been updated! Much easier navigation to information and events, and hopefully a useful resource we can send people to now for more information about events, signing up for the newsletter, grants, public art map, and artist calls.
- Community Events
 - Arts & Culture had tables at Fiesta Grande and GAIN Night, both were great opportunities to connect with community members and we were able to build a lot of excitement and education around Bounce & Swing at GAIN Night.
 - Future events with A+C presence will be MLK Day of Service and Dysart Festival of the Arts.

- City Council Meetings
 - After September 5 council meeting for an FY24 Municipal Arts Fund budget amendment was withdrawn, we have been meeting with council members to provide background and education and answer questions.
 - Road show for bounce and swing additional design elements & answer questions about Percent for Art Ordinance
 - Work Session to provide background and overview of public art at-large
 - Upcoming:
 - Roadshow to discuss community survey, strategic plan, percent for art plan, and FY24 budget amendment
 - FY24 Municipal Arts Fund Budget Amendment at Regular Council Meeting on November 21
 - Advocacy and support of SACAC and community in attendance at meetings would be beneficial, please let me know if you are planning to attend the November 21 meeting.

E. Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission Agenda

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Chair Morgan reviewed the protocol for the Call to the Public process.

None

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS – NON PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Presentation and discussion regarding Friends of the Library Annual Bookmark Competition.

Ms. Aly Cline, Friends of the Library President, presented the annual bookmark competition and following points to the Commission:

- Friends of Library supports literacy through art
- Bookmark competition is open to 6-8th grade students
- Entry form explanation
- Awards are given for several categories and grade levels
- In the past, there has been a bookmark art show on display at the Library
- Winning bookmarks will be printed and distributed at the Friends of the Library store
- Bookmark entries must be submitted by January 31, 2024
- There will be a judging event in February to include but not limited to the Surprise Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission
- There will be a ceremony at a City Council meeting in the Spring

2. Consideration and action pertaining to the September 11, 2023 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes.

Commissioner deJong moved to approve the September 11, 2023 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes. Vice-Chair Ingro 2nd. 6 Yes votes – 1 Abstain (Commissioner Lieu). Motion carried.

3. Presentation and overview of the 1 1/3 Percent for Art Ordinance.

Ms. Akerly presented the following points regarding the 1 1/3 Percent for the Art Ordinance to the Commission:

- Purpose
- Ordinance Timeline
- Funding comes from CIP Appropriations
 - CIP Project Plans must have a budget that exceeds \$500,000
- No Nexus Requirement
- Funds can be used for allowable expenditures made up of acquisition, maintenance and administration
- Project savings remain in the Municipal Arts Fund
- Municipal Art Fund Budget Process
 - Allocation to Municipal Arts Fund
 - Council Budget Approval
 - Budget Moved to Municipal Arts Fund
 - Project Savings return to Municipal Arts Fund

Chair Morgan suggested that if the Commission ever feels it would be helpful to review this presentation at any time again in the future it can be added to the agenda.

4. Discussion of Arts and Culture Division programs and goals.

Ms. Akerly gave a quick presentation to the Commission regarding existing programs and goals focusing on the following items:

- Values
 - Creativity
 - Curiosity
 - Inclusion
 - Connection
- Goals
 - Solidify our unique cultural identity
 - Increase access to programs and resources
 - Elevate the arts and culture sector in Surprise
 - Build internal capacity
- Current Programs
 - Cultural Education Programs
 - Art Tours
 - Performance Programs
 - Works of Art Collection
 - Community Gallery
 - Arts and Culture Grants

The Commission discussed what goals are being fulfilled with current programs and how they can fulfill additional goals.

F. Other Business and Future Agenda Items:

- American for the Arts Economic Prosperity Overview
- Strategic Plan
- Grants updates

G. Current Events and Reports

- Commissioner Lieu advised the Commission that a more arts-forward General Plan was approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission last week.

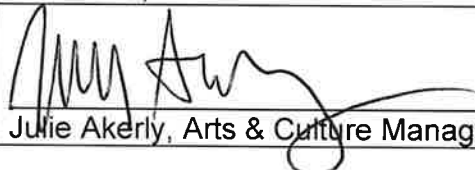
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. – Commissioner Lieu. Commissioner deJong 2nd. 7 Yes votes. Motion Carried.

	 Kathie Morgan, 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 November 6, 2023.

	 Julie Akerly, Arts & Culture Manager
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