

CITY OF SURPRISE
Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, Arizona 85374

Monday, September 11, 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 Miett and Susan deJong.

Absent: Dr. Charlotte Pullins and Margaret Lieu.

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

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

1. Lunchtime Theater programming has been finalized for FY24
2. Updates on Percent for Art Budget Amendment
3. Budget Amendment Package item continued by Council

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. Consideration and action pertaining to the August 4, 2023 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission retreat meeting minutes.

Commissioner Miett moved to approve the August 4, 2023 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner deJong 2nd. 5 Yes votes (2 absent). Motion carried.

2. Consideration and action pertaining to the August 7, 2023 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes.

Commissioner Kupper moved to approve the August 7, 2023 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes. Vice-Chair Ingro 2nd. 5 Yes votes (2 absent). Motion carried.

3. Discussion pertaining to the Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission Strategic Plan draft.

Ms. Akerly discussed the strategic implementation of the following goals of the Arts and Culture Division Strategic Plan with the Commission:

1. Solidify our Unique Cultural Identity

The commission gave the following feedback:

- Commission likes strategic plan implementation item 1 from the provided presentation: Work with arts and culture organizations to create an annual event that amplifies arts and culture in Surprise.
- Commission likes strategic plan implementation item 2 from the provided presentation: Pilot free, casual, outdoor, arts and culture programs for all ages.
- The Commission's least favorite strategic implementation plan is to plan for signature artworks in City Center as they feel we should spread signature art throughout the City.

2. Increase Access to Programs and Resources

The commission gave the following feedback:

- Commission likes strategic plan implementation item 1 from the provided presentation: Prioritize art works and programs located in parks and areas of the city that do not currently have works of art.
- Commission would like to add social media to item 4 from the provided presentation: Commission suggested working with programs and services already within the City rather than creating new programs.

3. Elevate the Arts & Culture Sector in Surprise

The commission gave the following feedback:

- Commission likes strategic plan implementation item 2 from the provided presentation: Organize and facilitate quarterly meetings with Surprise arts and culture organizations.
- Commission suggested moving strategic plan implementation item 8 closer to the top of the list and adding language to deepen current partnerships: Expand partnerships with local schools to ensure public art and educational opportunities for students and artists.
- Commission would like to see a goal added to create artist residencies, mentorships, and public art apprenticeships.

4. Build Internal Capacity

The commission gave the following feedback:

- Commission agreed that local legislators should be invited to all arts and culture events.
- Commission likes strategic plan implementation item 6 from the provided presentation: Create a detailed public art maintenance plan with vendor lists, budgets, and timelines.

The Commission agreed that the 4 main goals do align with current needs and interests of residents as well as the capacity of the Arts & Culture Division. They did not believe there is anything missing in any of the strategic implementations presented at this meeting.

F. Other Business and Future Agenda Items:

- Brainstorm sessions regarding current programs and their alignment to our goals
- Brainstorm sessions for new programs in the future
- Strategic Plan final feedback
- Possible grant opportunities

G. Current Events and Reports

- Commissioner deJong attended the September 5, 2023 City Council meeting where items were presented regarding the Percent for the Public Art Program and Municipal Arts Fund. She also visited the City Hall Art Gallery.
- Chair Morgan attended the AZ Speaks "Flying through Arizona: The Story of the First National Women's Air Race" by Natalie J. Stewart-Smith Speaker Series

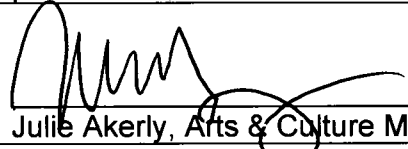
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 7:33pm – Commissioner Miett. Commissioner deJong 2nd. 5 Yes votes (2 absent). 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 September 11, 2023.

	 Julie Akerly, Arts & Culture Manager
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