

CITY OF SURPRISE
Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, Arizona 85374
Monday, May 6, 2024 @ 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, Dr. Charlotte Pullins, Margaret Lieu and Susan deJong

Absent: Rhiannon Miett

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Staff Reports

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

- Arizona Citizens for the Arts – Advocacy resources
 - Upcoming informational meetings
 - Resources and templates on website to contact your representatives
- 3 terms ending on commission
 - Share application with community members you think would be good commissioners
 - Interviews taking place in May/June to swear in at June council meeting
- Bounce & Swing update
 - Awaiting some final signatures from artist
 - Tentative install beginning of September
- RLA Conservation, public art conservation organization based out of Los Angeles, visited Surprise last week to evaluate Surprise public art pieces in order to create a maintenance plan
- Plan for August 20 council meeting
 - Work Session: Economic Impact of arts and culture
 - Regular meeting: Updates to mission, powers, responsibilities, and duties of SACAC
- The art center feasibility study request for proposals is now live with a May 30, 2024 deadline. Commissioner Pullins will be representing the SACAC representative on the panel to select the consultant.

E. Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission Agenda

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS – NON PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Consideration and action pertaining to the April 1, 2024 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes.

Commissioner Kupper moved to approve the April 1, 2024 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner deJong 2nd. 6 Yes votes. Motion carried.

2. Presentation by Stage Left Productions.

Item tabled for a future Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting.

3. Discussion and action pertaining to the approval of the Fiscal Year 2025 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting calendar.

Ms. Akerly presented the Commission with the proposed FY25 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission Meeting schedule.

Commissioner Lieu moved to approve the FY2025 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission Meeting calendar. Commissioner Pullins 2nd. 6 Yes votes. Motion carried.

4. Discussion and review pertaining to Round 1 MCRC Outdoor Gathering Space panel.

Ms. Akerly and Vice-Chair Ingro provided the Commission with an update regarding the MCRC Outdoor Gathering Space Panel and discussed the following items:

- Goals of the Project
- Eligibility for Artists
- Location of the Project
- Round 1: Panel Process
- Round 2: Proposal Scope
- RFQ (Request for Qualifications NOT Proposals)
- Finalists
- Next Steps

The commission was in support of the panelist's recommendations.

5. Discussion and review of FY25 Arts and Culture Grants Panel.

Ms. Akerly and Commissioner Lieu provided the Commission with an update regarding the FY25 Arts and Culture Grants and discussed the following items:

- Goals of Surprise FY25 A+C Grant
- Eligibility
- Panel Process
- Level 1 (\$2,000-\$14,999 Budget)
 - Surprise POPS Band
 - One Step Beyond
 - Café Flutes
 - Focus Comics
 - On Stage Now
 - West Valley Win Ensemble
- Level 2 (\$15,000-\$49,999 Budget)
 - Actors Playground Theater Company
- Level 3 (\$50,000+ Budget)
 - Stage Left Productions
 - Dysart Festival
 - WHAM
 - West Valley Symphony
 - Ottawa Theater
 - West Valley Arts Council
 - Honor Dance
- Next Steps

The commission was in support of the panelist's recommendations.

6. Discussion and review of MCRC construction fence art designs.

Ms. Akerly and Commissioner Pullins provided the Commission with an update regarding MCRC Construction Fence Art and discussed the following items:

- Goals of Project
- Project Overview
- Next Steps

The commission was in support of the fence art designs and process of working with the school and students.

F. Other Business and Future Agenda Items

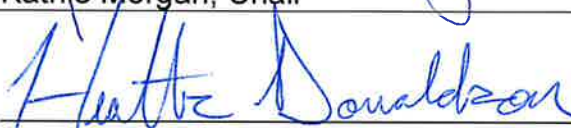
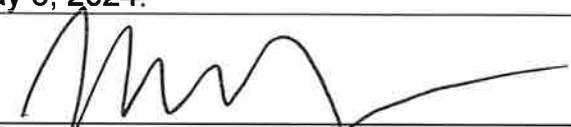
- None

G. Current Events and Reports

- Commissioner Lieu advised that she recently became a board member of WHAM
- Commissioner deJong attended the Charter School Art Reception

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 7:07p.m. – Commissioner deJong. Commissioner Lieu 2nd. 6 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 May 6, 2024.	
	 Julie Akerly, Arts & Culture Manager