

CITY OF SURPRISE
Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, Arizona 85374
Monday, June 3, 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, Rhiannon Miett and Susan deJong

Absent: Commission members Dr. Charlotte Pullins, and Margaret Lieu

Staff: Julie Akerly – Arts & Culture Manager and Kelsey Lamphier – Arts, Culture & Library Department Director

- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Staff Reports

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

- Vista Center for the Arts Feasibility Study Update
 - City is exploring a partnership with Dysart and Vista Non-Profit to support sustainable operations of the Vista Center for the Arts
 - Next year District will be continuing to support rentals and educational programming at the Vista
 - City will be conducting a feasibility study to understand the community needs and create governance and operations guidelines for a potential partnership
 - We received 9 applications from consultants for the Feasibility study, and hope to have someone contracted and beginning work July – December, 2024
- Bounce & Swing update
 - Structural engineer is requiring updates to the building plans, artist will need to resubmit their building application for approval
- FY25 meetings at Regional Library
 - Our offices will be moving to the library soon! All of our meetings next year will be moving to the community room at Surprise Regional Library

- 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 May 6, 2024 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes.

Commissioner Miett moved to approve the May 6, 2024 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner deJong 2nd. 5 Yes votes. Motion carried.

2. Presentation by West Valley Arts Council.

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

3. Discussion and update regarding FY25 Budget Updates.

Ms. Akerly and Director Lamphier presented the Commission with the tentative FY25 Arts and Culture budget update where they addressed the following items:

- City budget process
- Arts and Culture Funds
 - General Fund – ongoing funding
 - Municipal Arts Fund – one-time funding
- Tentative FY25 Municipal Arts Fund Balance
- Tentative FY25 Works of Art Projects
- Municipal Arts Fund – Operations
 - Maintenance
 - Grants
 - Administration
 - Education
- General Fund – Operations
 - Personnel
 - Utilities
 - Community Programs
 - Supplies

4. Discussion of commissioner's roles within the community that support advocacy and growth of arts and culture in Surprise.

- Chair Morgan expressed value in knowing the connections and resources the commission has through other groups and affiliations that may benefit arts and culture in Surprise.
- Commissioner Kupper has strong homeschool community relationships; Quite a few co-ops in the community that run their own art festivals, events, activities, etc. She participates in music education professional groups which are well organized and available throughout the County/ State.
- Commissioner deJong is on the board of the West Valley Arts Council, planning committee for the City's MLK Day event, and assists Jo Grant with the Women to Women Charity.
- Vice Chair Ingro is involved with the Dysart School District as a former employee (particularly with the music program), theater community groups, community orchestra, Arizona Broadway Theater, Theater Works.

- Commissioner Miett is a former board member of Theater Works and has worked with many non-profits in Surprise (Benevilla, Chance Shelter, Young Life). She is also an alumni of Leadership West. She ran the Giving Tree program at Verrado and was Founding Member of Charitable Inc.
- Chair Morgan is a member of American Association of University Women which supports arts and culture with a focus on gender equity and diversity. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Vista Non-Profit.
- Chair Morgan asked that Commissioners Lieu and Pullins share their updates at a future meeting.

F. Other Business and Future Agenda Items

- Ms. Akerly presented Certificates of Appreciation for services on the Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission to Chair Morgan, Commissioner deJong and Commissioner Miett
- No Future Business

G. Current Events and Reports

- None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 7:02p.m. – Commissioner Miett. Vice Chair Ingro 2nd. 5 Yes votes. Motion Carried.

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ATTEST:	DocuSigned by: <i>Heather Donaldson</i> 9AC9B439479287A 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 3, 2024.	
	DocuSigned by: <i>Julie Akerly</i> 547D90F5702540A Julie Akerly, Arts & Culture Manager