

CITY OF SURPRISE
Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission
16089 N. Bullard Avenue
Surprise, Arizona 85374
Monday, September 9, 2024 @ 6:00 PM
Surprise Regional Library
Meeting Minutes

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

Chair Pullins, Vice-Chair Kupper, Commission members Hassan Rasul, Margaret Lieu and Susan deJong.

Absent: None

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:

- Updates to the SACAC mission, powers, duties, and responsibilities were approved by City Council on August 20
- The Council nominations committee conducted interviews and have recommended two SACAC appointees to the whole council, these commissioners will be voted on at a future council meeting
- The City is working with Capably to provide free organizational development services to Surprise arts and culture organizations, with a goal to provide a multi-year grant funding opportunity to organizations who participate
- Finalists for the basketball court mural have been asked to redesign their proposals as the initial designs did not meet the proposal criteria
- A community survey for the Vista Feasibility study will be going live at the end of September

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 August 12, 2024 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes.

Commissioner Lieu moved to approve the August 12, 2024 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner deJong 2nd. 5 Yes votes. Motion carried.

2. Discussion pertaining to the FY26 Percent for Art Plan.

Ms. Akerly provided the Commission with updates on the status of projects in the FY25 budget and asked for input on project requests to be included in the FY26 budget package and on the prioritization of current and future projects in relationship to the Percent for the Art Plan. The following topics were addressed:

- Process Overview
 - September 2024: SACAC Review
 - October 2024: Staff Research
 - November 2024: Council Presentation
 - December 2024: Budget Package
 - June 2025: Budget Approval
- Changes since FY25 Plan
 - Staffing
 - New Responsibility
 - FY25 Delays
 - FY26 Plan Adjustments
- Current Projects: 90% Complete
 - FY24 Traffic Cabinets
 - Construction Fencing
- Current Projects: In-Progress
 - Bounce & Swing
 - Basketball Court Mural
 - iHOLA!
 - Confluencia
- Current Projects: In-Que
 - FY25 Traffic Cabinets
 - MCRC Gym Wall
 - Dick McComb Park
 - Countryside Rec Center
- FY26 Proposed Projects
 - FY26 Traffic Cabinets
 - iHOLA!
- Other ideas for FY26
 - Neighborhood Mural Grant
 - Multi-Year Operating Support Grants
 - WHAM Signage Update
- Prioritization for next two years

- Commissioners discussed that traffic cabinets and a multi-year grant support program should be the priorities for the next year because of their large impact and alignment with goals.
- Commissioners discussed that Dick McComb Park should be next in line for a national call once some of the current larger projects are completed.
- Commissioners discussed the value of a neighborhood grant, but shared concerns over initial work and capacity to set up a new program.
- FY25 Traffic Cabinet theme ideas
 - Commissioners recommended creating a theme around technology and industry to align with some of the businesses and industries on Cactus Rd.
 - Commissioners felt that community engagement with designs could be a voting process after designs are created instead of gathering input from community for design inspiration
 - Commissioners liked the idea of working with nearby schools for some of the traffic cabinet designs

3. Discussion pertaining to strategies to advance the SACAC's mission.

Ms. Akerly and Commissioner Lieu lead a discussion with the Commission to brainstorm strategies to actively fulfill their mission, powers, duties and responsibilities. The Commission reviewed the City Council approved updates (as of August 20, 2024) to the mission, powers, duties and responsibilities of the SACAC as well of the updated mission: To encourage arts and cultural growth through education and advocacy, and promote the development of related opportunities and resources, as well as the creative, social, and community benefits they provide.

- Commissioner Lieu shared an idea to celebrate businesses and individuals for their contribution to arts and culture in Surprise.
- Commissioners discussed ideas around how to recognize leaders include plaques and annual recognition at a City Council meeting, and criteria around nominating and selecting individuals or businesses including advocacy, going above and beyond to incorporate arts, leading projects, and showing up.
- The commission discussed presenting plaques, artworks, or videos to highlight contributions
- The commission requested an October agenda item to nominate someone for this year who has made a significant impact on arts and culture in Surprise.

4. Report and discussion pertaining to MCRC Outdoor Gathering Space panel review.

Ms. Akerly reported on the process and selection by the panel for the MCRC Outdoor Gathering Space art piece and lead a discussion with the Commission regarding the next steps in the process of the project: The following topics were addressed:

- Project location
- Process
 - Round 1: Qualifications
 - Round 2: Proposals
- Proposal Guidelines
- Proposal: Confluencia

F. Other Business and Future Agenda Items Steps

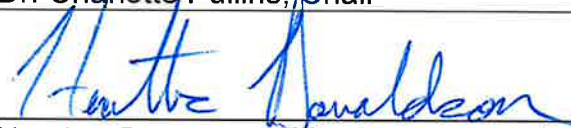
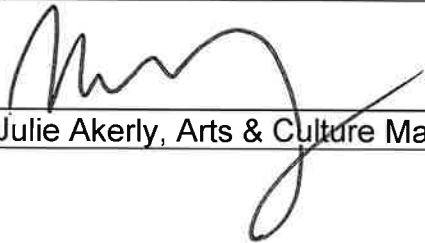
- Item to discuss art recognition award, criteria, and nominations

G. Current Events and Reports

- Vice Chair Kupper will be attending the September 24th Golden Rule Breakfast.
- Commissioner deJong attended the Vanguard art show at City Hall and the Members' Salon show at the Arts HQ Gallery. She went to the planning meeting for the Golden Rule Breakfast and will be attending the event. She also went to the planning meeting for the MLK event and advised the Commission that there will be a website to feature organizations who provide community services in the community.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. – Commissioner Lieu. Commissioner Hassan 2nd. 5 Yes votes. Motion Carried.

	 Dr. Charlotte Pullins, 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 9, 2024.	
	 Julie Akerly, Arts & Culture Manager