

CITY OF SURPRISE
Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission
16089 N. Bullard Avenue
Surprise, Arizona 85374
Monday, October 7, 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, Katherine Dunphy, Margaret Lieu, Steve Wallgren and Susan deJong.

Absent: None

Staff: Julie Akerly – Arts & Culture Manager, Hobie Wingard – Senior Assistant City Attorney 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:

- Welcome new commissioners and introductions
- Vista study survey is now live at surpriseaz.gov/VistaStudy
- Vista study consultants will be doing a site visit Oct 22-26. Meeting with stakeholders, attending community events, and conducting interviews
- Basketball court muralist proposal was selected, will be on a future agenda
- Capably kick-off event took place last week, 8 Surprise organizations are participating in the organizational development program. Program funded by \$13,555 grant from Arizona Commission on the Arts
- Finalizing commissioner support assignments for panels and events with the two new commissioners and will be sending out information soon

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 September 9, 2024 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes.

Commissioner Lieu moved to approve the September 9, 2024 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes. Vice Chair Kupper 2nd. 7 Yes votes. Motion carried.

2. Discussion regarding the FY26 Percent for Art Plan & Initial Project Description Review.

Ms. Akerly lead a discussion with the Commission regarding the 5 Year Percent-for-Art Plan and its related FY26 budget packages and requests for percent for art projects. The following topics were addressed:

- FY26 Proposed Projects
 - FY26 Traffic Cabinet Artwork
 - iHOLA! – Regional Library

3. Discussion pertaining to the SACAC recognition for arts and culture leadership.

Ms. Akerly lead a discussion with the Commission to discuss the name, title, and process for formal recognition of individuals and organizations nominated to be acknowledged for their advocacy and action affecting arts and culture in Surprise. She presented the Commission with a Draft Award Guidelines document and asked for their input. The document contains the following information:

- About (description of program)
- Process
- Criteria (list of ideas)

The Commission agreed to call the award The HeART and Culture of Surprise Award. They went on to discuss and select the criteria they want to be used when selecting an award nominee.

4. Consideration and action pertaining to FY25 recognition of arts and culture leadership.

Commissioners were able to nominate any candidate(s) who they would like to recognize for The HeART and Culture of Surprise award. They discussed their nominee as they relate to the determined criteria and voted as reflected below to approve an individual or organization to recognize.

Commissioner Lieu moved to approve Mayor Skip Hall as the nominee for recognition of the 2025 HeART and Culture of Surprise award. Commissioner deJong 2nd.

Yes: Crystal Kupper, Dr. Charlotte Pullins, Hassan Rasul, Katherine Dunphy, Margaret Lieu, Steve Wallgren and Susan deJong

No: None

Abstain: None

Vote Result: Passed

F. Other Business and Future Agenda Items Steps

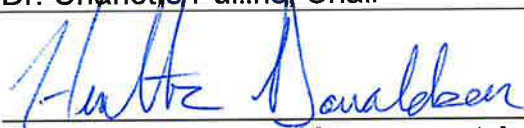
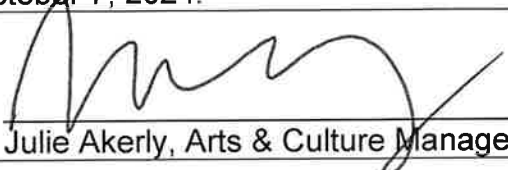
- Basketball Court Mural Panelist Presentation
- Inventory of Works of Art Collection

G. Current Events and Reports

- Commissioner deJong attended the Golden Rule breakfast and a MLK Planning meeting and provided the Commission with information and a link to participate in the #SurpriseCelebratesMLK challenge.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. – Commissioner Lieu. Commissioner Hassan 2nd. 7 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 October 7, 2024.	
	 Julie Akerly, Arts & Culture Manager