



CITY OF SURPRISE
Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission
16089 N. Bullard Ave.
Surprise, AZ 85374
Monday, December 9, 2024 @ 6:00 PM
Surprise Regional Library

- A. Call To Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Staff Reports
- E. Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission Agenda

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CONSENT AGENDA:

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

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| 1. | Citywide | Consideration and action pertaining to the November 4, 2024 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes. | Arts, Culture & Library Department |
| 2. | Citywide | Presentation pertaining to Actors PLAYground. | Arts, Culture & Library Department |
| 3. | Citywide | Presentation and discussion pertaining to the Commission's cultural support calendar. | Arts, Culture & Library Department |
| 4. | Citywide | Consideration and action pertaining to the restoration, maintenance, and deaccession of City art pieces. | Arts, Culture & Library Department |

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - PUBLIC HEARING:

- F. Other Business and Future Agenda Items
- G. Current Events and Reports
- H. Adjournment

KRISTI PASSARELLI, CITY CLERK

POSTED: Friday, December 6th, 2024 @ 9:00 AM

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CITY OF SURPRISE
Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission

Council Meeting Date: December 9, 2024 Contact Person:
Submitting Department: Arts, Culture & Library District: Citywide
Department
Staff Recommendations:

Consent: No Regular: Yes Public Hearing: No Report/Discussion: No

Agenda Wording:

Consideration and action pertaining to the November 4, 2024 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes.

Motion:

I move to approve the November 4, 2024 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes.

Background:

N/A

Objective Analysis:

N/A

Policy Compliant:

N/A

Financial Impact:

N/A

Budget Impact:

N/A

FTE Impact:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 110424 SACAC Meeting Minutes DRAFT
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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, Alexandra Giambalvo – Arts & Culture Assistant 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:

- Introduce new arts and culture assistant, Alexandra Giambalvo
- The HeART and Culture of Surprise award will be presented during the City Manager updates at the November 19 regular council meeting
- Starting in December, organizations who received grant funding have been invited to give presentations to the commission
- Vista consultants had a site visit at the end of October and conducted over 20 interviews, met with City, Foundation, and District leadership, and connected with thousands of attendees at GAIN Night. They will be putting together findings of their research to present to the client cohort and community cohort in December/January.

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 October 7, 2024 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes.

Commissioner Wallgren moved to approve the October 7, 2024 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Rasul 2nd. 7 Yes votes. Motion carried.

2. Presentation pertaining to the Oasis Court Mural.

Ms. Akerly presented the Commission with a panel update and artist presentation regarding the Oasis Court Mural. Commissioner Kupper advised the Commission of the panel process and guidelines for this art project. The following topics were addressed:

- Community Pool Project Background
- Artist Mentorship & Project Consultant
 - Finalist onboarding
 - Selected artist support
 - City staff project consultation
- Process
 - Round 1: Qualifications
 - Round 2: Proposals
- Proposal Guidelines
 - Examples of clear, bold court lines
 - Not allowed: complex shading
 - Must align with Oasis Pool design & themes

The artist, Mr. Curiel addressed the Commission regarding the final design for the Oasis Court Mural.

The Commission requested that the artist include the entire free throw circles in the mural.

The Commission appreciated the design and felt it was appropriate for the project and location.

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

Ms. Akerly lead a discussion with the Commission to discuss and brainstorm strategies to actively fulfill their mission, powers, duties, and responsibilities.

The Commission discussed ways that the Surprise Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission can encourage arts and cultural growth through education and advocacy. The Commission suggested the following ideas:

- Commissioners to provide presentations at schools to advise of what we have going on
- Commissioners to provide presentations for senior communities
- A commissioner picked every month to get out with the public (boots on ground) advocating for more arts and culture in community - TOP PRIORITY
- Take advantage of any opportunities to pair up and advocate for the things the Dysart Unified School District is already doing such as the Festival of the Arts, etc.

- Activate the original townsite as there a lot of kids and artists there who don't feel like what we do is accessible to them at this time
- Partner with the Surprise Youth Council who could go out and help the Commission get the word out about events and opportunities
- Look into sponsoring some students in something similar to the Gallery 37 project where students can intern for well-known artists and get paid while they learn the business of art and how to sell themselves, etc.
- Create a social media platform and newsletter

4. Discussion pertaining to a review of the art collection survey and discussion of restoration priorities.

Ms. Akerly lead a discussion with the Commission and provided an overview of artworks in the City's collection that have high restoration costs compared to replacement values, high maintenance priorities, low curatorial priorities, and/or high annual maintenance costs. The following topics were discussed:

- RLA Conservation
- Restoration summary
- Maintenance summary
- Works for discussion
- Objective

The Commission discussed the priorities of the above referenced projects and provided input on next steps towards maintenance, restoration, and/or deaccessioning.

The Commission agreed to restore the following works:

- The Learning Tree

The Commission agreed to only maintain the following works:

- Brian's Story
- Swimming with Porpoises & Splash

The Commission agreed the following works should be considered for deaccession:

- Life in Arizona

The Commission agree the following works should be considered for deaccession and replaced with a similar community-based project:

- Be Yourself, Find Your Crowd
- We Are the Past, Present, and Future of Surprise

The Commission would like to vote on the next steps for the following works at their next meeting to determine the next steps of restore, maintain, or deaccession:

- Leaf Benches
- The 5 C's of Arizona
- Totem
- Regina Well Memorial Bench

F. Other Business and Future Agenda Items Steps

- Frog painting activity

- Next meeting will take place on 2nd Monday of December (December 9, 2024)

G. Current Events and Reports

- Commissioner Kupper attended the Daughters of the American Revolution meeting last Saturday where Mayor Hall and Councilmember Cline were present and spoke to the group
- Commissioner deJong attended the following events:
 - The Ground Floor Artists studio Picasso show
 - The Arts HQ Members, Quilt and Native American shows
 - Gain Nights
 - Lunchtime theater
 - City Hall gallery show

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. – Commissioner Lieu. Commissioner deJong 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 November 4, 2024.	
	Julie Akerly, Arts & Culture Manager



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Department
Staff Recommendations:

Consent: No Regular: Yes Public Hearing: No Report/Discussion: No

Agenda Wording:

Presentation pertaining to Actors PLAYground.

Motion:

None.

Background:

The City of Surprise provided grant funding to 14 organizations in FY25. Organizations who received grant funding and are based in Surprise have been invited to present at a commission meeting to share information about the organization and their impact on Surprise.

Objective Analysis:

A representative from Actors PLAYground will present information about their organization and create space for questions from the commissioners.

Policy Compliant:

Aligns with City Policy.

Financial Impact:

None.

Budget Impact:

None.

FTE Impact:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Actors PLAYground Presentation
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ACTORS **PLAY** GROUND

Magic Happens at the Theater

2024 RESULTS



10 Programs
Plays or classes



177 Students



895 Audience
members



8 Shows
Classes &
Camps



GO BEYOND THE STAGE!

Youth theater is about more than sets and scenes, costumes and lines.
At Actors PLAYground, we know the theater's transformative power.

Children and teens:

- Gain confidence
 - Explore complex emotions and situations
 - Discover new levels of compassion, empathy and understanding
 - Make friends that last a lifetime.
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Home of Actors PLAYground



Actors PLAYground
11340 W Bell Rd #105
Located in the breezeway, behind the
fountain, next to Hurricane Grill



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Contact Person:
District: Citywide

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Agenda Wording:

Presentation and discussion pertaining to the Commission's cultural support calendar.

Motion:

None.

Background:

City Council approved an update to the mission, powers, duties, and responsibilities at the August 20, 2024 regular council meeting. The updated mission for the SACAC is: *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.*

The commission previously discussed ways they could fulfill their mission of advocacy and education for arts and culture in Surprise. The commission agreed to select one arts and culture event to attend each month to support and learn about organizations and programs in Surprise.

Objective Analysis:

The SACAC will share upcoming arts and culture events in Surprise and plan to support at least one event each month as a commission.

Policy Compliant:

Aligns with City Policy.

Financial Impact:

None.

Budget Impact:

None.

FTE Impact:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:



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Agenda Wording:

Consideration and action pertaining to the restoration, maintenance, and deaccession of City art pieces.

Motion:

I move to approve the commissions recommendations for next steps of the discussed artworks.

Background:

The City contracted an outside art consultant, RLA Conservation, to conduct a survey of the current works of art collection. The survey includes an evaluation of replacement and restoration costs and a multi-year maintenance plan. The survey also includes a prioritization of maintenance and restoration needs. Commissioners completed a survey to evaluate the curatorial priority of each artwork.

Objective Analysis:

Staff will provide an overview of artworks in the collection that have high restoration costs compared to replacement values, high maintenance priorities, low curatorial priorities, and/or high annual maintenance costs. The commission will discuss the priorities of these projects and vote on next steps towards maintenance, restoration, and/or deaccessioning.

Policy Compliant:

Aligns with City Policy.

Financial Impact:

None.

Budget Impact:

Discussion of this item will inform the FY26 Percent for Art Budget package. The budget will be derived from the Municipal Arts Fund and will be subject to the policies outlined in Ordinance #2021-05.

FTE Impact:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

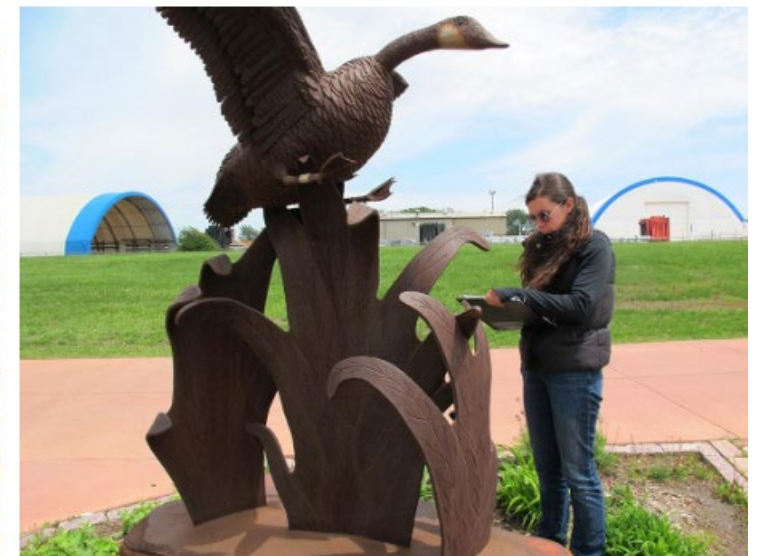
1. Collection Survey Review Presentation
 2. Collection Voting Sheet
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Art Collection Survey

— Priority Review & Discussion —

RLA Conservation

- City hired consultants to survey collection and create a maintenance plan
- Professionally trained conservators and artisans specializing in the care of public art
- Based in LA and Miami



Restoration Summary

Restoration Priority	Number of Artworks	Cost
1	1	\$19,350 + artist fees
2	10	\$275,350 + subcontractor expenses
3	10	\$112,350 + electrical
Restoration Total		\$407,050 + Subcontractors

Maintenance Summary

Recurrence	Number of Artworks	Cost
1 Year	15	\$21,840
2 Years	8	\$15,975
3 Years	5	\$28,650
4 Years	7	\$32,150
As Needed	4	\$11,975
First-Time Maintenance Total		\$110,590 + Subcontractors

Works for Discussion

The following artworks warrant consideration and review based on curatorial priority, maintenance priority, replacement value, restoration cost and/or maintenance costs.



SACAC November Meeting Consensus

Next Steps	Project(s)
Restoration	The Learning Tree
Maintenance Only	Brian's Story Swimming with Porpoises & Splash
Replacement	Be Yourself, Find Your Crowd We Are the Past, Present, and Future of Surprise
Deaccession	Life in Arizona



Non-Consensus Artwork

The following artworks did not have a consensus and are being brought to the commission for a vote on the next steps.

Regina Well Memorial Bench

- Restoration = 5x Replacement
- HIGH curatorial priority



Leaf Benches (5)

- Restoration = Replacement
- High annual maintenance
- Insecure base
- LOW curatorial priority (4)



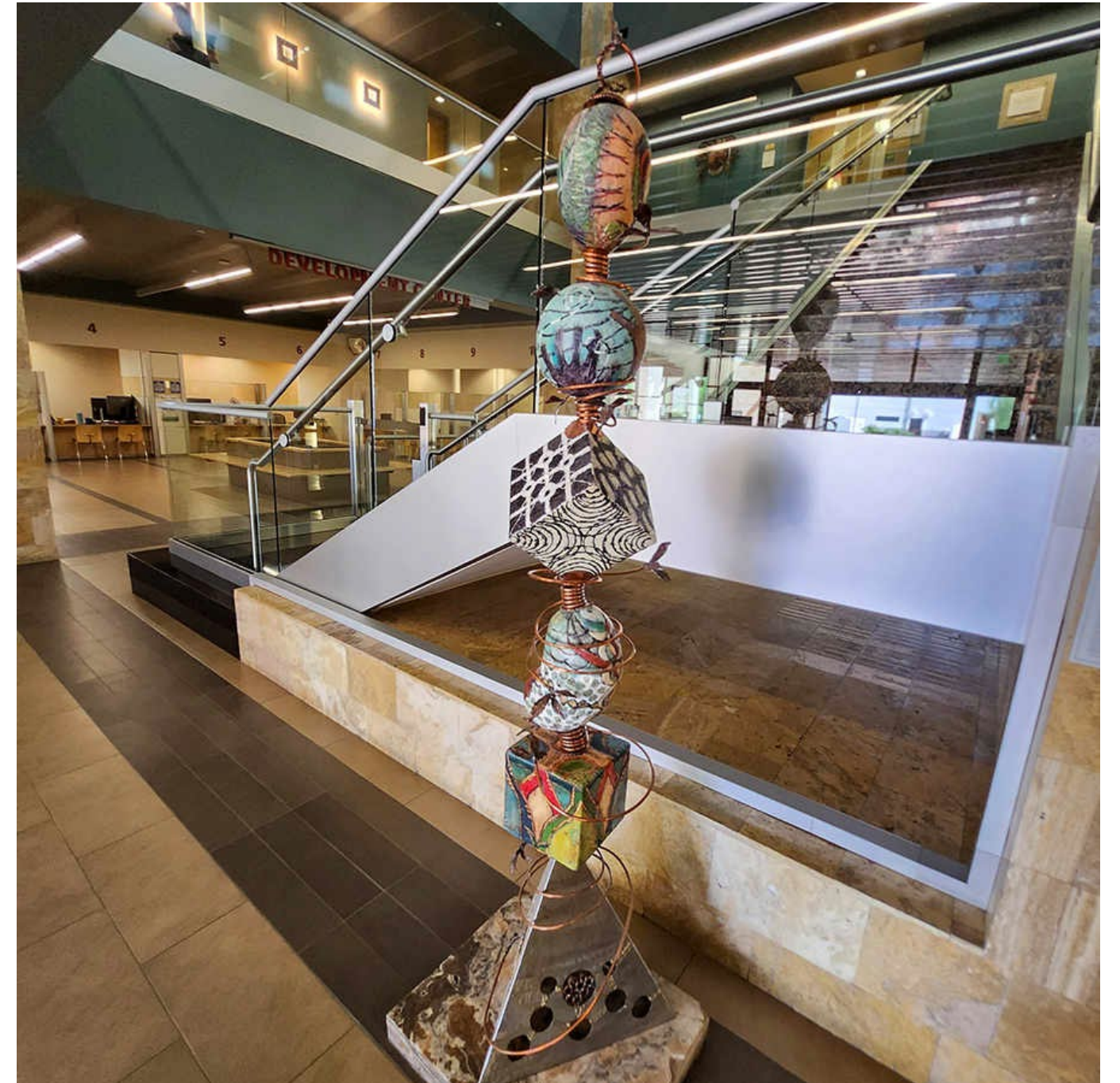
The 5 C's of Arizona

- Restoration = 2x Replacement
- LOW curatorial priority (4)
- Significant corrosion



Totem

- Restoration = Replacement
- LOW curatorial priority (4)



Objective

Determine one of the next steps:

1. Restoration
2. Maintenance Only
3. Replacement
4. Deaccession

ART COLLECTION NEXT STEPS VOTING SHEET

COMMISSIONER NAME _____

Artwork Title	Next Step
<i>The Learning Tree</i> Joe Tyler	☐ Restoration ☐ Maintain ☐ Replacement ☐ Deaccession
<i>Brian's Story</i> Jeremy Cites	☐ Restoration ☐ Maintain ☐ Replacement ☐ Deaccession
<i>Swimming with Porpoises & Splash</i> Jeremie "bacpac" Franko	☐ Restoration ☐ Maintain ☐ Replacement ☐ Deaccession
<i>Be Yourself, Find Your Crowd</i> Hugo Medina	☐ Restoration ☐ Maintain ☐ Replacement ☐ Deaccession
<i>We Are the Past, Present and Future of Surprise</i> Connie Whitlock	☐ Restoration ☐ Maintain ☐ Replacement ☐ Deaccession
<i>Life in Arizona</i> Connie Whitlock	☐ Restoration ☐ Maintain ☐ Replacement ☐ Deaccession
<i>Regina Well Memorial Bench</i> Connie Whitlock	☐ Restoration ☐ Maintain ☐ Replacement ☐ Deaccession

Artwork Title	Next Step
<i>Leaf Benches</i> Joe Tyler	☐ Restoration ☐ Maintain ☐ Replacement ☐ Deaccession
<i>The 5 C's of Arizona</i> Joe Tyler	☐ Restoration ☐ Maintain ☐ Replacement ☐ Deaccession
<i>Totem</i> Laurel Delaney	☐ Restoration ☐ Maintain ☐ Replacement ☐ Deaccession