

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

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

Chair Pullins, Vice-Chair Kupper, Commission members Katherine Dunphy, Margaret Lieu, Steve Wallgren and Susan deJong.

Absent: Commissioner Hassan Rasul

Staff: Julie Akerly – Arts & Culture Manager, Alexandra Giambalvo – Arts & Culture Assistant

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Staff Reports

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

- Traffic cabinet artwork has been installed on Bell Road, call open for next round
- Thank commissioners for participation at City events including Fiesta Grande, LIVE at Asante, SciTech Fest, HeART of Surprise Award
- Commission guided through a holiday art-making activity

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 November 4, 2024 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes.

Commissioner Lieu moved to approve the November 4, 2024 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner deJong 2nd. 6 Yes votes. Motion carried.

2. Presentation pertaining to the Actors PLAYground.

Amber Ryan from Actors PLAYground presented information about their organization. The following topics were addressed:

- Benefits and results from the 2024 theatre season
- Formed December 2023, in the last year they've accomplished: 10 programs, 177 students, 895 audience members, and 8 shows, classes, and camps
- Thanked committee for the grant they received as well as for the connections to local art non-profits (WHAM, GroundFloor)
- Provided examples of feedback from kids and parents
- Found a permanent location: 11340 W Bell Rd #105

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

Ms. Akerly led a discussion with the Commission to discuss the upcoming arts and culture events in Surprise and how the Commission plans to support at least one event per month. The following topics were addressed:

- Determine commission cultural support
- Each commissioner was assigned a month to choose a community event to support in Surprise
- January's choice by Chair Pullins: MLK Day of Service

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

Ms. Akerly led a discussion with the Commission and provided an overview of artworks in need of restoration in the City's collection that were previously discussed by the Commission.

- Ms. Akerly presented an overview of the artworks to be discussed and voted on for next steps (restoration, maintenance only, replacement, or deaccession)
- The Commission members filled out a Voting Sheet and verbalized their final decisions.
 - *The Learning Tree* – Restore
 - *Brian's Story* – Maintain
 - *Swimming with Porpoises & Splash* – Maintain
 - *Be Yourself, Find Your Crowd* – Replace
 - *We Are the Past, Present and Future of Surprise* – Replace
 - *Life in Arizona* – Deaccess
 - *Regina Well Memorial Bench* – Maintain
 - *Leaf Benches* – Maintain
 - *The 5 C's of Arizona* - Maintain
 - *Totem* - Maintain

Commissioner deJong moved to approve the commission's recommendations for next steps of the discussed artworks. Commissioner Wallgren 2nd. 6 Yes votes. Motion carried.

F. Other Business and Future Agenda Items Steps

- Next meeting will take place on January 6, 2025.
- Updates on the Vista Study
- Updates on *Bloom Where You're Planted* lights

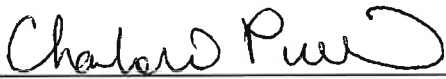
Update on *Bounce and Swing* installation timeline

G. Current Events and Reports

- Commissioner Kupper: Invited the commission to her music festival on Friday the 13th
- Commissioner deJong participated in the following community events: Lunchtime theatre, council meeting to present Mayor Skip with HeART Award, WHAM photo show, West Valley symphony
- Commissioner Lieu participated in "Bowls of Hope"; many bowls are still available for purchase. They also went to the City Council meeting to present Mayor Skip with HeART Award

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. – Co-chair Kupper. Commissioner deJong 2nd. 6 Yes votes. Motion Carried.

	 Dr. Charlotte Pullins, Chair
ATTEST:	 Alexandra Giambalvo, Arts & Culture Assistant
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 December 9, 2024.	
	 Julie Akerly, Arts & Culture Manager