

CITY OF SURPRISE
Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission
16089 N. Bullard Avenue
Surprise, Arizona 85374
Monday, May 5, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
Surprise Regional Library Conference Room
Meeting Minutes FINAL

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

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

Absent: Commissioner Katherine Dunphy, Commissioner Steve Wallgren

Staff: Kendra Pettis – Sports & Tourism Director, 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:

- Summer Oasis court mural installation is near completion. We will be at Safety Splash on May 9 with art activities, basketball, and an opportunity to meet the artist.
- Updates have been made to the lighting circuit for Bloom Where You're Planted
- Installation beginning for Bounce & Swing at the Stadium on May 12 and is estimated for completion at the end of June/early July.
- Community voting opens in June for Traffic Cabinets designs.
- Summer Reads free art workshops at all the libraries June-July
- City of Surprise staff art exhibit on display at City Hall through May
- 13 eligible grant applications received. Panels will be meeting next month to determine applicant scores
- AZ Speaks program on indefinite pause due to National Endowment for the Humanities funding cuts

E. Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission Agenda

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS – NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

The Commission will revisit this item on a future agenda.

5. Discussion pertaining to the Commission cultural support calendar.

The Commission discussed how they will continue to support Arts and Culture:

- May: Commissioner Walgren – Choir (Thursday, May 8th)
- June: TBD
- July: TBD

F. Other Business and Future Agenda Items Steps


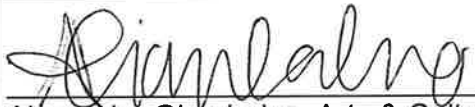
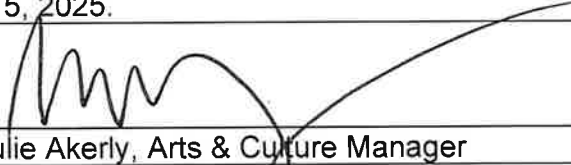
- Next meeting will take place on June 6, 2025.

G. Current Events and Reports

- Commissioner deJong reports:
 - Attended lunchtime theatre, LIVE! at Asante, Ground Floor art show opening, WHAM flute concert, Commission dinner, Vista Presentation at City Council meeting, Charter School reception, School Board Vista presentation, State of the City, Staff Art Show at City Hall Gallery, AZ Humanities Program rally
- Commissioners really enjoyed the Joe Tyler Home Studio tour

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. – Commissioner Lieu motioned. Commissioner Rasul 2nd. 5 Yes votes. 0 No 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 May 5, 2025.	
	 Julie Akerly, Arts & Culture Manager