



**CITY OF SURPRISE
Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission
16089 N Bullard Ave
Surprise, AZ 85374**

Wednesday, November 5, 2025 @ 6:30 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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

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CONSENT AGENDA:

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

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| 1. | Citywide | Consideration and action pertaining to the October 1, 2025 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes. | Sports, Entertainment, and Culture |
| 2. | Citywide | Presentation and discussion pertaining to SCRC Gym Wall art design | Sports, Entertainment, and Culture |
| 3. | Citywide | Consideration and action pertaining to the HeART and Culture of Surprise Award. | Sports, Entertainment, and Culture |

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - PUBLIC HEARING:

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

KRISTI PASSARELLI, CITY CLERK

POSTED: Thursday, October 30th, 2025 @ 4:15 PM

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CITY OF SURPRISE
Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission

Council Meeting Date: November 5, 2025 Contact Person:
Submitting Department: Sports, Entertainment, and District: Citywide
Culture
Staff Recommendations:

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

Agenda Wording:

Consideration and action pertaining to the October 1, 2025 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes.

Motion:

I move to approve the October 1, 2025 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes.

Background:

None

Objective Analysis:

Policy Compliant:

Aligns with City Policy.

Financial Impact:

None.

Budget Impact:

None.

FTE Impact:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

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Wednesday, October 1, 2025 @ 6:30 PM
Surprise Regional Library Programming Room
Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

Chair Crystal Kupper, Vice-Chair Hassan Rasul, Steve Wallgren, Katherine Dunphy, Susan deJong, Margaret Lieu, and Steve Wallgren

Absent:

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:

- Bounce & Swing Ribbon Cutting is now scheduled for October 30 at 5pm
- Bloom Where You're Planted lights have been fixed
- Art in Public Places Coordinator has been hired

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 10th, 2025 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes.
 - Commissioner Rasul moved to approve the September 10th, 2025 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner deJong 2nd. 6 Yes votes. 1 Abstained. 0 No votes. Motion carried.
2. Discussion pertaining to the FY26 HeART and Culture of Surprise Award.

- Ms. Akerly presented the following details regarding the FY26 HeART and Culture of Surprise Award
 - Created in 2024, this can be an individual or an organization in the community
 - Commission members will submit nominations before the next SACAC meeting in November
 - The nominee will receive recognition at a public event
 - Commission members look at sculptures at local galleries to serve as the award with a dedication plaque

3. Discussion pertaining to the FY27 Percent for Art Plan & Initial Project Description Review.

- Ms. Akerly led a discussion for the FY27 Public Art Plan
 - Presentation about the public art budget approval process
 - Commission members agreed to keep the following projects: Traffic cabinets (Greenway Road), City Center mural replacement, Veramonte Park site-specific sculpture(s), Original Townsite Historical Neighborhood art project
 - Commissioners liked the idea of enhancing and identifying the Original Townsite Neighborhood (OTS) and amplifying the community and history of OTS
 - Commissioners liked that SACAC is spreading public art throughout the entire City of Surprise and not just focusing on one area
 - Commissioners agreed to move forward with the FY27 Public Art Plan

4. Discussion pertaining to the Arts HQ Mural.

- Ms. Akerly asked the SACAC if the Arts HQ Mural should be added to the City of Surprise's Public Art Maintenance Plan
 - Commissioners love the mural and will vote to decide if it should be added into the COS Public Art collection at a future meeting

F. Other Business and Future Agenda Items

- Next meeting will take place on November 5th, 2025.

G. Current Events and Reports

- Commissioner deJong reports attending: Golden Rule breakfast and Viva la Cultura opening reception at Arts HQ / City Hall (West Valley Arts Council)
- Commissioner Chair Crystal reports attending: opening of Actors PLAYground show "Peter Pan"
- Commissioner Lieu invites the commission to the WHAM appreciation reception and to the upcoming WHAM charity benefit "Bowls of Hope" on 11/29/25
- Next Commissioner outing: Ribbon cutting for Bounce and Swing, 10/30

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. – Commissioner Dr. motioned. Commissioner Rasul 2nd. 7 Yes votes. 0 No votes. Motion Carried.

	<hr/> Crystal Kupper, Chair
ATTEST:	<hr/> 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 September 10, 2025.	
	<hr/> Julie Akerly, Arts & Culture Manager



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Agenda Wording:

Presentation and discussion pertaining to SCRC Gym Wall art design

Motion:

None.

Background:

Three artist were selected from a the pre-qualified muralist list to create design proposals for the gym wall at the new Surprise Resource and Community Center. The artist following guidelines created by the project stakeholders. The final design was selected through a voting process that was shared with Original Townsite residents, Senior Center visitors, and staff and organizations who will be working at the new SCRC.

Objective Analysis:

The final design artist, MutaVision, will share their design with the commission for feedback and input.

Policy Compliant:

This item is policy compliant.

Financial Impact:

None.

Budget Impact:

No additional budget required.

FTE Impact:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. MUTA VISION Art Proposal
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ARTWORK PROPOSAL

SURPRISE COMMUNITY CENTER GYM

THIS PROPOSAL IS FOR THE PRESENTATION
OF ARTWORKS TO BE INSTALLED ON INTERIORS OF SURPRISE COMMUNITY CENTER





MUTA SANTIAGO

LATINO-AMERICAN VISUAL ARTIST AND MURALIST BASED IN MIAMI, FLORIDA. SANTIAGO IS A SELF-TAUGHT ARTIST WHO BEGAN HIS CAREER THROUGH STREET ART IN THE STREETS OF MIAMI. HE'S BEEN A PRACTICING ARTIST FOR TEN YEARS AND HAS EXTENDED HIS PRACTICE TO PUBLIC ART PROJECTS AND LARGE-SCALE COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL MURAL PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE U.S.

SANTIAGO'S ARTWORK TELLS THE STORY AND INTERPRETS THE ESSENCE AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY SURROUNDING HIM. THROUGH NATURAL AND ORGANIC FORMS AND A MIX OF CAREFULLY SELECTED COLORS, HE EXPLORES HIS INTERACTIONS WITH THE PLACE. THE SHAPES AND COLORS HE USES - DRAWN FROM SITES OF HIS NATIVE HERITAGE LIKE PANAMA EMBERAS AND PUERTO RICO AS WELL AS PLACES WHERE HE'S LIVED - MIMIC EXPLORED LANDSCAPES WHERE THE INTERACTION OCCURRED, INFUSING HIS OWN EXPERIENCE IN A MOMENT SHARED.

SANTIAGO'S ART PRACTICE CONTRIBUTES TO VARIOUS PUBLIC AND CULTURAL MOVEMENTS THROUGHOUT NORTH AMERICA, AS HE USES THE POWER AND IMPACT OF STREET ART AND MURALS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN HOW WE INTERACT WITH EACH OTHER AND OUR URBAN ENVIRONMENTS. YOU CAN FIND HIS PAINTINGS AND DESIGNS ON DOZENS OF COMMUNITY STREETS, PRIVATE PROPERTIES, AND PRINTED PUBLICATIONS.



About

IN THE NEXUS OF MIAMI'S VIBRANCY AND PHOENIX'S DESERT ECHOES, MUTA SANTIAGO EXISTS NOT MERELY AS AN ARTIST, BUT AS A CONCEPT— A DYNAMIC EMBODIMENT OF CHANGE AND CREATIVITY. TRANSCENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF PORTRAITURE, HIS ART WEAVES AN INTRICATE TAPESTRY THAT MELTS EXPERIMENTAL AUDACITY WITH THE RAW ESSENCE OF HUMANITY. ACROSS THE LANDSCAPES OF NORTH AND LATIN AMERICA, HE DOESN'T JUST PAINT; HE REDEFINES THE SPACE. DIGITAL OR CONCRETE, MUTA'S CANVASES CHALLENGE THE NORM, INVOKING THOUGHT AND PIONEERING THE NEXUS BETWEEN ART AND SOCIETAL EVOLUTION. HIS WORKS AREN'T CRAFTED, THEY'RE CONCEIVED— A PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNEY THAT'S AS TRANSFORMATIVE AS IT IS VISUAL. DIVE DEEP, AND YOU DON'T JUST SEE MUTA'S ART; YOU ENGAGE WITH ITS ETHOS— PROFOUND, PARADIGM-SHIFTING, AND ETERNALLY RESONANT.

VISION

“DESERT BLOOM: A WINDOW TO HOPE AND HARMONY”

THIS ARTWORK, DESIGNED FOR THE SURPRISE COMMUNITY AND RESOURCE CENTER GYM WINDOWS, CELEBRATES THE PROFOUND BEAUTY AND RESILIENCE OF ARIZONA’S DESERT LANDSCAPES WHILE EMBRACING THEMES OF HOPE, HEALING, WARMTH, AND HARMONY.

FLOWING ORGANIC SHAPES IN RADIANT HUES OF GOLD, CORAL, AND GREEN EVOKE THE COMFORTING WARMTH OF THE DESERT SUNRISE, A SYMBOL OF NEW BEGINNINGS AND OPTIMISM. THE SOFT GRADIENTS AND TRANSPARENT LAYERS INVITE NATURAL LIGHT TO DANCE THROUGH THE GLASS, CREATING A SOOTHING ENVIRONMENT FOR GYM PATRONS AND STAFF ALIKE.

ANCHORING THE COMPOSITION IS A VIBRANT CACTUS IN FULL BLOOM, A POWERFUL EMBLEM OF STRENGTH AND RENEWAL. IN THE DESERT, THE CACTUS FLOWER IS A RARE AND PRECIOUS EVENT; HERE, IT STANDS AS A REMINDER THAT GROWTH AND BEAUTY CAN THRIVE EVEN IN THE MOST CHALLENGING CONDITIONS, OFFERING INSPIRATION TO ALL WHO ENTER THE SPACE.

THE SWEEPING ARCS OF COLOR ECHO ARIZONA’S ROLLING HILLS AND OPEN SKIES, WHILE LEAVING INTENTIONAL TRANSPARENT GAPS THAT ALLOW GYM USERS TO FEEL CONNECTED TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD AND STAFF TO MAINTAIN A CLEAR LINE OF SIGHT FOR SAFETY MEETING THE CITY’S REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVACY WITHOUT SACRIFICING OPENNESS.

ROOTED IN MY SIGNATURE STYLE OF ABSTRACT GEOMETRY AND BOLD GRADIENTS, THIS DESIGN HARMONIZES THE ENERGY OF SURPRISE’S COMMUNITY WITH THE HEALING POWER OF NATURE, CREATING A WELCOMING ENTRANCE THAT SPEAKS TO EVERY GENERATION. IT INVITES EACH PERSON, ESPECIALLY OUR BELOVED SENIORS, TO STEP INSIDE FEELING UPLIFTED, CARED FOR, AND INSPIRED BY THE TIMELESS BEAUTY OF ARIZONA’S DESERT SPIRIT.

PROFFESIONAL REFERENCES

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Kindly, Muta





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Description: Vinyl for Community Center

		Quantity	Unit Price	Subtotal
1	Product: Wide Format Description: Wide Format Prints • 1- 323.5 in (W) x 117 in (H) Single Sided Print(s) made from Lintec 2mil Clear Window Vinyl	1	\$1,020.97	\$1,020.97

		Quantity	Unit Price	Subtotal
2	Product: Graphic Install Description: Graphics Install 15800 N Litchfield Rd #115 Surprise, AZ 85374 Location needs to be verified before installation happens • 3.25 hr of Install Time. • Using a Crew of 2 Personnel. • 0.5 hr of Travel Time.	1	\$1,012.50	\$1,012.50

Estimate Total:	\$2,033.47
Subtotal:	\$2,033.47
Taxes:	\$82.70
Total:	\$2,116.17

Payment Terms: PRE-PAYMENT - Order will be processed once payment is received.

Client Reply Request

Estimate Accepted "As Is". Please proceed with Order. Other: _____

Changes required, please contact me. **SIGN:** _____ **Date:** / /

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ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

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 INSTALLATION
 QUOTE**

ARTWORK CONCEPT

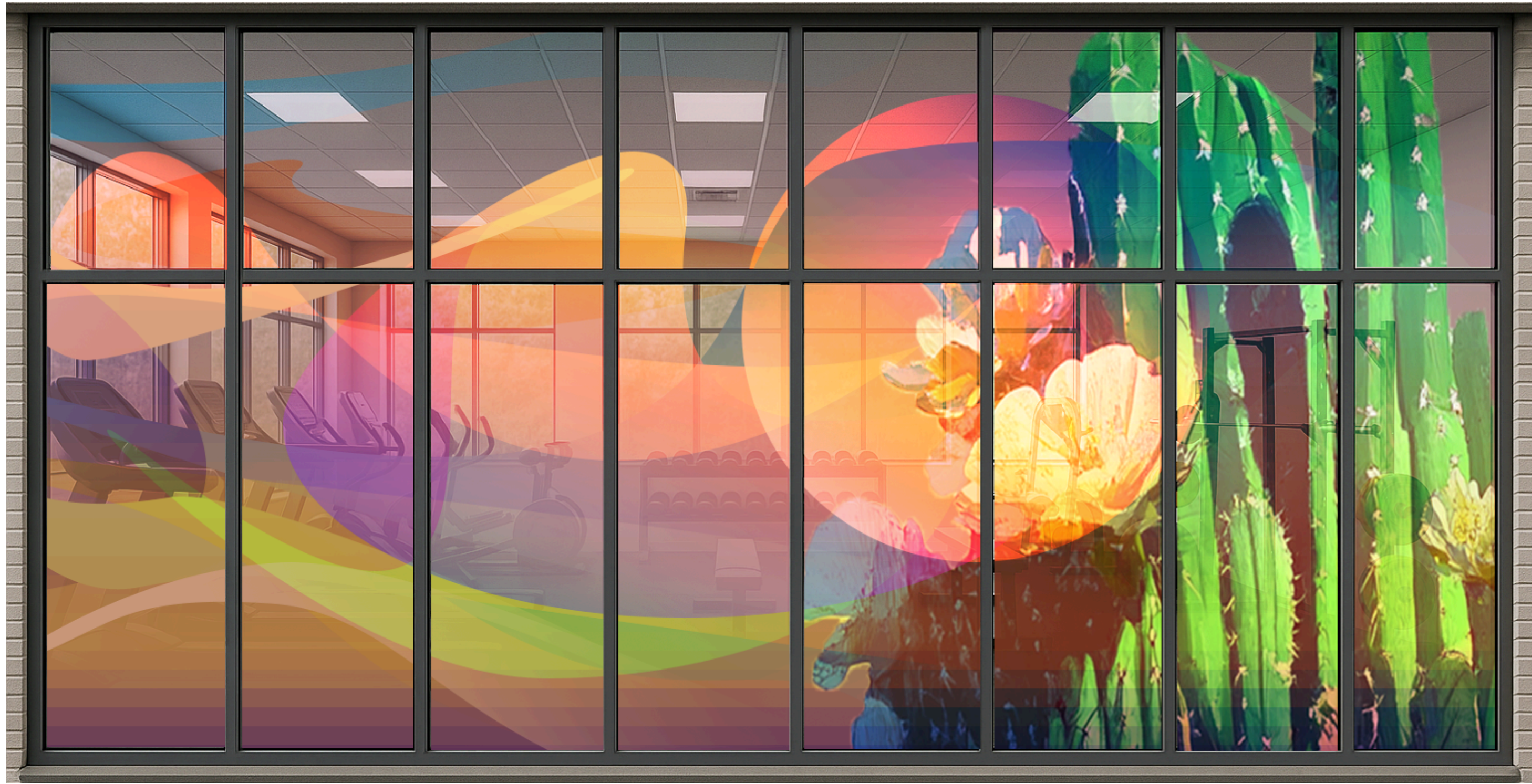


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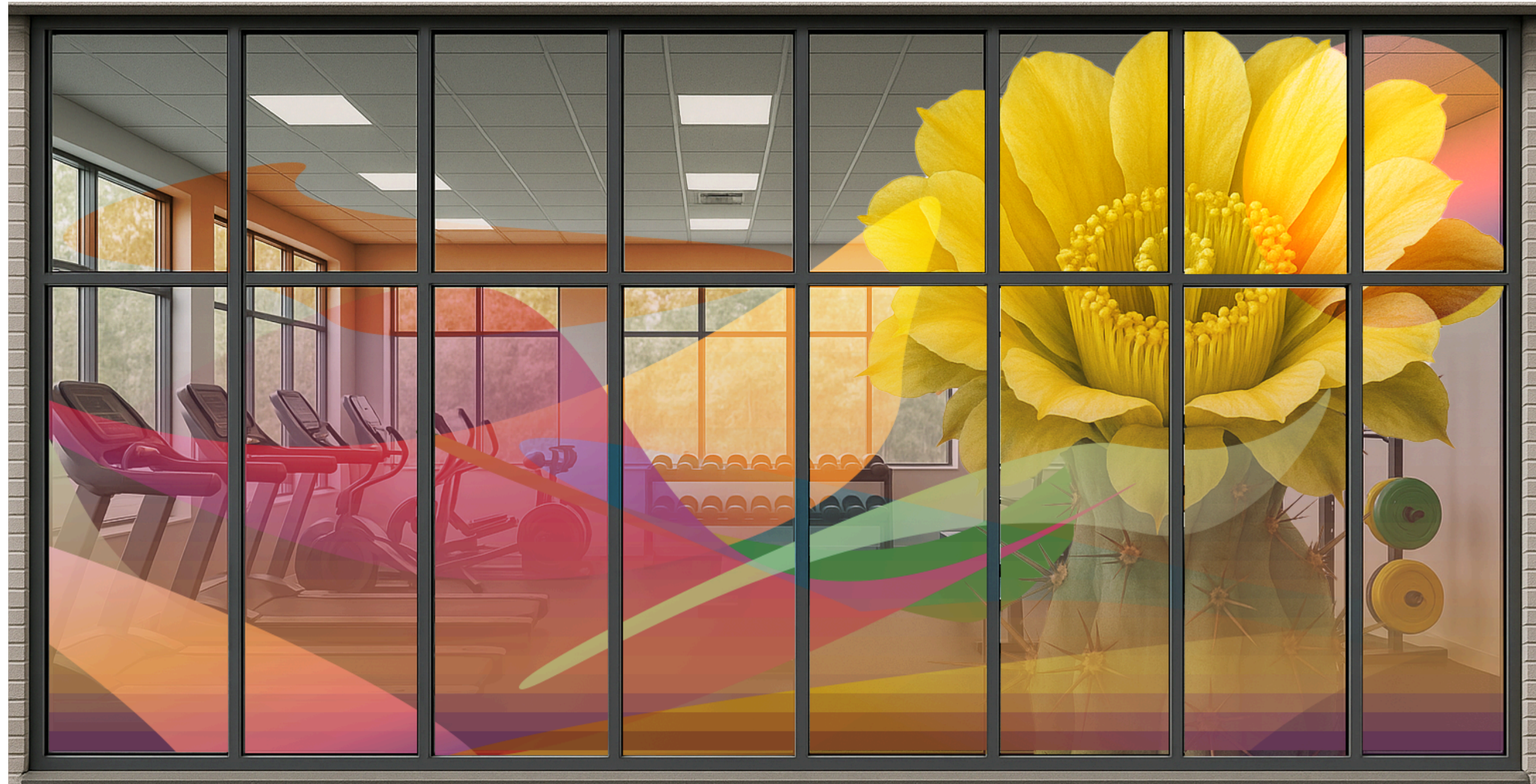
ARTWORK CONCEPT

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THANK YOU

FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT
PRELIMINARY/REVISED SKETCHES.





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Agenda Wording:

Consideration and action pertaining to the HeART and Culture of Surprise Award.

Motion:

I motion to approve the selection of _____ as the awardee of the FY26 HeART and Culture of Surprise Award.

Background:

The Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission would like to recognize individuals and organizations in Surprise who have made a significant impact or contribution to arts and culture in Surprise.

Objective Analysis:

Commissioners will discuss nominations for the award, and select an awardee for the FY26 HeART and Culture of Surprise Award.

Policy Compliant:

This item is policy compliant.

Financial Impact:

None.

Budget Impact:

None.

FTE Impact:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:
