

CITY OF SURPRISE
Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission
16089 N. Bullard Avenue
Surprise, Arizona 85374
Wednesday, October 1, 2025 @ 6:30 PM
Surprise Regional Library Programming Room
Meeting Minutes - Final

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



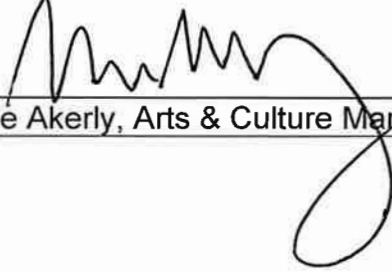
- Next meeting will take place on November 5th, 2025.

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.

	 Crystal Kupper, 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 September 10, 2025.	
	 Julie Akerly, Arts & Culture Manager