

CITY OF SURPRISE
Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission
16089 N. Bullard Avenue
Surprise, Arizona 85374
Wednesday, December 3, 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, Katherine Dunphy, Susan deJong, Margaret Lieu, and Steve Walgren.

Absent: Dr. Charlotte Pullins

Staff: Julie Akerly – Arts & Culture Manager, Danica Marlin – Art in Public Places Coordinator

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Staff Reports

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

- Roots of Creation: Art and Nature Festival has been announced for January 24, 2026
- Traffic Cabinet Designs will be installed on Cactus Rd over the weekend. A reception and celebration will be planned with the artists in February.
- Maintenance and restoration work is planned for several works in the public art collection in January and February.
- The new Patron Services Coordinator will be starting on Monday, December 8.
- New “Get Involved” opportunities for residents in the public art process.
- New Surprise Arts branding is coming soon.

E. Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission Agenda

- Minutes
- iHOLA! West Valley Project
- SACAC commissioner appointment criteria
- Surprise Arts Presenting Program
- HeART and Culture of Surprise Award Design

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None

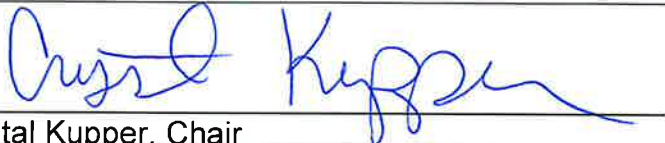

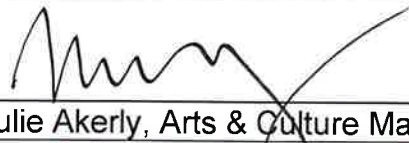
REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS – NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Consideration and action pertaining to the November 5th, 2025 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes.

- Commissioners Rasul, Lieu, and Kupper attended the SciTech Festival.
- Commissioner Lieu reported on Bowls of Hope which beat their record. Bowls are sold through December.
- Commissioner Lieu reported on an upcoming event: invitation to the December commissioner outing at WHAM
- December Commissioner outing: WHAM

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. – Commissioner Lieu motioned. Commissioner deJong 2nd. 6 Yes votes. 1 abstained. 0 No votes. Motion Carried.

	 Crystal Kupper, Chair
ATTEST:	 Danica Marlin, Art in Public Places Coordinator
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 3, 2025.	
	 Julie Akerly, Arts & Culture Manager