

CITY OF SURPRISE
Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission
16089 N. Bullard Avenue
Surprise, Arizona 85374
Wednesday, February 4, 2026 @ 6:30 PM
Surprise Regional Library Programming Room
Meeting Minutes - FINAL

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

Chair Crystal Kupper, Vice-Chair Dr. Charlotte Pullins, Hassan Rasul, Katherine Dunphy, Susan deJong.

Absent: Steve Walgren, Margaret Lieu

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, and Ms. Marlin, Art in Public Places Coordinator, reported on the following items:

- The first annual Roots of Creation: Art and Nature Festival occurred January 24, 2026.
- Traffic Cabinet Reception for the Cactus Rd series has a reception and celebration February 5, 2026.
- Confluencia construction is underway with work through May.
- Maintenance and restoration work is underway with work ongoing through March.
- Shows are coming to the Vista in Spring/Summer 2026.

E. Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission Agenda

- Minutes
- Veteran-focused arts programming

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS – NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Consideration and action pertaining to the January 7th, 2026 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes.

- Commissioner Rasul moved to approve the January 7th, 2026 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner deJong 2nd. 5 Yes votes. 2 Abstained. 0 No votes. Motion carried.

ATTEST: "


Luis Payan, Patron Services 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