



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

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 @ 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 April 1, 2026 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes. | Sports,
Entertainment, and
Culture |
| 2. | Citywide | Presentation and discussion regarding new artwork at Surprise Regional Library. | Sports,
Entertainment, and
Culture |
| 3. | Citywide | Presentation and discussion pertaining to the FY26 Traffic Cabinet Artwork panel review. | 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: Monday, April 27th, 2026 @ 11:30 AM

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CITY OF SURPRISE
Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission

Council Meeting Date: May 6, 2026 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 April 1, 2026 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes.

Motion:

I move to approve the April 1, 2026 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes.

Background:

N/A

Objective Analysis:

N/A

Policy Compliant:

Aligns with City policy.

Financial Impact:

None.

Budget Impact:

None.

FTE Impact:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 040126_SACAC Meeting Minutes_FINAL
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CITY OF SURPRISE
Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission
16089 N. Bullard Avenue
Surprise, Arizona 85374
Wednesday, April 1, 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, Margaret Lieu, Susan deJong.

Absent: None

Staff: Julie Akerly – Arts & Culture Manager, Luis Payan – Patron Services Coordinator, Pinky Guerrero – Arts Development Coordinator

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Staff Reports

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

- The HeART and Culture of Surprise Award program was given to recipient Sherry Aguila during Founders Day on March 28.
- Maintenance and restoration work on the City’s art collection will be completed this week.
- Panelist opportunities are coming up for commissioners; staff will be reaching out to schedule.
- A discount code is available to Commissioners for Surprise Arts ticketed events.
- Surprise Arts is now live. Commissioners are encouraged to view upcoming show information, sign up for the email list, and follow on social media.

E. Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission Agenda

- Minutes
- Volunteer Program
- Advocacy Opportunities
- FY2027 Meeting Calendar

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS – NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Consideration and action pertaining to the February 4, 2026 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes.
 - Commissioner Dr. Pullins moved to approve the February 4, 2026 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner deJong 2nd. 5 Yes votes. 1 Abstained. 0 No votes. Motion carried.
2. Presentation and discussion pertaining to the Surprise Arts volunteer program.
 - Mr. Payan gave a presentation on the following:
 - Introduction of program and its importance
 - Volunteers categorized into public events and Surprise Arts presents volunteers
 - Volunteers will receive training, resources and recognition for their contribution
 - Commissioners had the following comments:
 - Praised the philosophy of mutual commitment by the City to volunteers
 - Suggested creating clear checklists for each volunteer role
 - Recommended capturing demographic data on volunteers including age and city of residence
 - Suggested exploring youth partnerships
3. Discussion and presentation pertaining to SACAC Advocacy Opportunities
 - Mrs. Guerrero gave a presentation on the following:
 - Ways to build community connections and support for Surprise Arts events
 - Methods for commissioners to serve as ambassadors, share events on social media, and connect with local businesses
 - The importance of presenting to community groups and engaging in simple conversations about Surprise arts
 - Commissioners were provided with materials to share and encouraged to introduce Mrs. Guerrero to interested community members.
 - Commissioners had the following comments:
 - Commissioners requested a follow-up presentation when the membership and sponsorship programs are live
4. Discussion and action pertaining to the approval of the Fiscal Year 2027 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting calendar.
 - Commissioner Dunphy moved to approve the FY27 Arts & Culture Advisory Commission meeting calendar with the following amendments:
 - Moving the meeting time from 6pm to 6:30pm
 - Cancelling the Wednesday, September 2 meeting and replacing with an all day Commissioner retreat in September.
 - Commissioner Rasul 2nd. 6 Yes votes. 0 Abstained. 0 No votes. Motion carried.

Other Business and Future Agenda Items

- Next meeting will take place on May 6th, 2026.
- Future commission outings will be to Surprise Arts events. Commissioners will continue to rotate responsibility of selecting the event each month.
- Commissioner Retreat to be scheduled for September 2026.

F. Current Events and Reports

- Commissioner deJong and Rasul reported on events they attended

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. – Commissioner Rasul motioned. Commissioner Dunphy 2nd. 6 Yes votes. 0 abstained. 0 No votes. Motion Carried.

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



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Submitting Department: Sports, Entertainment, and Culture
Staff Recommendations: None

Contact Person:
District: Citywide

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

Agenda Wording:

Presentation and discussion regarding new artwork at Surprise Regional Library.

Motion:

None.

Background:

The Arts and Culture Division and the Surprise Arts and Culture Advisory Commission developed a five-year Percent-for-Art Plan, with implementation beginning in FY25. As a part of this plan the Surprise Regional Library was included as a project site. Artist was selected from the City's pre-qualified muralist list following the approved selection process. The selected artist met with project stakeholders to better understand the space, user groups, and project priorities, and then created a site-specific, custom proposal responsive to the facility and community. The resulting artwork proposal reflects Surprise Regional Library stakeholder input and aligns with the objectives outlined in the Percent for Art Plan.

Objective Analysis:

The selected artist, Adrian Ramirez, will share their design with the commission for feedback and input.

Policy Compliant:

This item aligns with City Policy.

Financial Impact:

None.

Budget Impact:

No additional budget is required.

FTE Impact:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. SRL Mural_SACAC_050626
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Surprise Regional Library Mural

Adrian Ramirez

May 6, 2026

Left Panel





Right Panel

Left Panel



Right Panel



Note: the white areas are non-representational placeholders for connect Page 12 of 23



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Culture
Staff Recommendations: None

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

Agenda Wording:

Presentation and discussion pertaining to the FY26 Traffic Cabinet Artwork panel review.

Motion:

None.

Background:

Thirty Six (36) artists applied to share their artwork as part of the FY26 traffic cabinet artwork public art program. A representative of the SACAC served on a panel with three (3) other community members to select seven (7) finalists to participate in the program.

Objective Analysis:

Objective Analysis: Commission panel representative and staff will report back to the commission on the process and selection by the panel for the seven (7) finalists.

Policy Compliant:

Aligns with City Policy.

Financial Impact:

None.

Budget Impact:

None.

FTE Impact:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Traffic Cabinet Panel Selections_SACAC_050626
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Traffic Cabinet Panel Selections

163rd Ave, and other locations

May 6, 2026

Goals of Project

- Opportunities for local artists
- Increase access to art throughout the city
- Diversify the stories, artists, and types of artwork
- Involve community in decision-making
- Create professional development opportunities in public art for students

Eligibility & Expectations

- West Valley Visual Artists
- Up to 7 artists selected
- 8 locations on 163rd Ave and other identified locations
- \$1000 for design
- Selected artists next steps will be:
 - Attend an onboarding and information session
 - Develop engagement plan and connect with community
 - Create two design ideas to be voted on by community
 - Present designs to Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission for input at feedback
 - Submit designs in a digital format to be printed and wrapped by print company

Design Theme

Family and Community



Artist: KAWS
The Promise



Artist: Ameya Marie



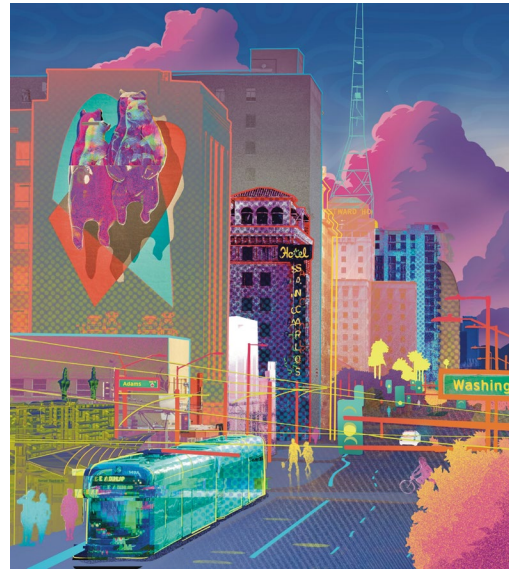
Artist: Consuelo Soto Murphy

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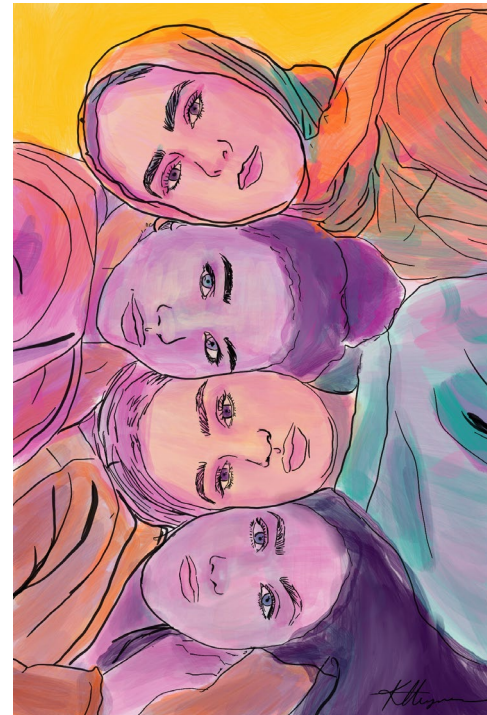
(Request for Qualifications
NOT Proposals)

***NOTE**

The images shared on the next slides are **NOT** the designs for traffic cabinets in Surprise, they are examples of past work created by the finalists



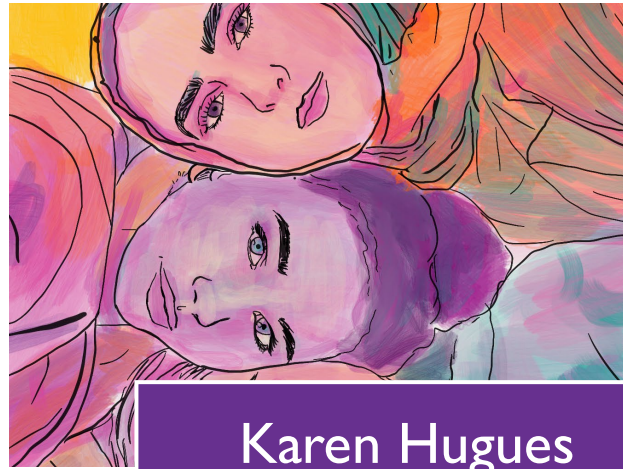
Selected Artists



Finalists



Jyll Either-Mullen



Karen Hugues



Anthony Eli Farias



Maria Madrid Reed

Finalists



Chroma



Elizabeth Nilsen



Steven Luna

Selected Student Artists



Mayven Yazzie



Mallori Yazzie

Next Steps

- Onboarding
- Design
- Community Voting
- SACAC Review
- Install (~October 2026)