

CITY OF SURPRISE
Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission
16089 N. Bullard Avenue
Surprise, Arizona 85374
Wednesday, August 5, 2026 @ 6:30 PM
Surprise Regional Library Programming Room
Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

Chair: Hassan Rasul, Vice-Chair: Katherine Dunphy, Dr. Charlotte Pullins, Susan deJong, Kurwin Forest

Absent: Crystal Kupper, 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:

- Public Art Project Updates
- Upcoming events: Sons of Serendip, Speaker Series, Live at Asante, Sketching Tours and season Save the Dates

E. Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission Agenda

- Chair selection
- Vice Chair selection
- Minutes approval
- Deaccession presentation
- Pre-qualified Muralist Roster

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS – NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

1. **Discussion and action pertaining to the selection of the Arts & Culture Advisory Commission Chair**

- Commissioner deJong nominated Commissioner Rasul
- Commissioner Charlotte moved to approve Rasul as the new Commission Chair.
- Commissioner Pullins 2nd. Motion carried. 5 yays, 0 nays, 2 abstains.

2. **Discussion and action pertaining to the selection of the Arts & Culture Advisory Commission Vice-Chair**

- Commissioner Pullens nominated Commissioner Dunphy
- Commissioner Forest moved to approve Dunphy as the new Commission Vice-Chair.
- Commissioner deJong 2nd. Motion carried. 5 yays, 0 nays, 2 abstains.

3. **Consideration and action pertaining to the June 3, 2026, Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes.**

- Commissioner Forest moved to approve the June 3, 2026, Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Pullins 2nd. 5 Yes votes. 2 Abstained. 0 No votes. Motion carried.

4. **Presentation and discussion pertaining to policies and procedures for deaccessioning City-owned artwork**

Staff provided a presentation on the process and discussed the following with the commission:

- Purpose of deaccessioning artworks
- Guiding principles
- When deaccession may be considered
- Review process

5. **Presentation and discussion pertaining to the FY26 pre-qualified muralist roster panel review and roster additions**

Staff and Commissioner Forest presented the pre-qualified muralist roster panel recommendations and discussed the following with the commission:

- Panel review process
- Murals definition
- 8 artists recommended to be added to the pre-qualified roster by the panel
 - Melyssa Amann
 - Lisa Bernal Brethour
 - DreamBox Art
 - Paige Reesor
 - Robert Panzer
 - Prime After Prime
- Commissioners reviewed recommended muralists and were in agreement with the panel's recommendations.

Other Business and Future Agenda Items

- No meeting in September
- Commissioner retreat on September 26, 2026
- Next meeting will take place on October 7, 2026

F. **Current Events and Reports**

- DeJong reports attending the opening at Arts HQ.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. – Commissioner Forest motioned. Commissioner deJong 2nd. 5 Yes votes. 2 abstained. 0 No votes. Motion Carried.

	Hassan Rasul, 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 June 3, 2026.	
	Julie Akerly, Arts & Culture Manager