

CITY OF SURPRISE
ARTS AND CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – Approved

March 1, 2021 / 6:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
16000 NORTH CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
SURPRISE, ARIZONA 85374

CALL TO ORDER:

A. Roll Call

Chair Margaret Lieu, Vice-Chair Deborah Welch, Commission members, Susan deJong, Kathie Morgan, Jay Lickus, Jo Grant.

Absent: Commissioner Rhiannon Miatt (excused).

Staff: Danielle Osborne, HSCV Administrator, Karina Caraveo, Administrative Specialist – HSCV, Seth Dyson, Human Service & Community Vitality Director, Hobie Wingard, Assistant City Attorney.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Current Events Reports

Chair Lieu shared how excited she is about schools going back to in person class setting. She mentioned she visited the Player One Arcade, which included some fabulous murals by a Phoenix Muralist. She advised of news that the Arizona Commission on the Arts recently approved by the state to distribute \$5 million in grant funds, and added that they are still working on how those funds will be used.

Ms. Morgan shared that the first Speaker Series virtual program was on February 23rd, there were about 50 attendees and with Ms. Osborne's assistance this was facilitated in the same manner as a live in person event. She shared there was great feedback during and after the presentation. She added as a result two other presentations have been scheduled, one on April 14th by Jim Turner: "Lives of Arizonans from Memoirs and Fiction;" and the other on June 8th by Kevin Schindler: "The 1894 Lowell Expedition to Arizona". Ms. Morgan advised these would resume again in the fall. Ms. Morgan shared that Ms. Osborne arranged a meeting with artist Steve Weitzman regarding the art at the Public Safety Evidence facility, wherein Mr. Weitzman advised on the possibility of enhancing some side walls to the project. Ms. Morgan advised that Ms. Osborne has created a nice timeline to keep the project moving forward, including two reviews in April and then a subsequent Commission review in June. Ms. Morgan shared that the menu of ideas for the Mobile Tent will be presented to the Commission at the next meeting. She shared how impressed she was while she attended an exhibition of Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel, saying that it contained nice historical and artistic information. Ms. Morgan added that the event was done very nicely in terms of safety and was encouraging to know that there's a future for events.

Mr. Lickus shared with the Commission that he attended the Speaker Series, and found it very interesting.

Ms. deJong said she attended the Speaker Series Virtual event, and found the speaker to be amazing because she knew a lot about her subject. Ms. deJong said she visited the Asante Library for the first time, adding that it's an incredible building. She also went to see the progress of the art work at Fire Station 304, and commented on its visibility from the roadway. Ms. deJong attended three Vision and Sound virtual programs, and was part of the final MLK meeting, the WHAM opening, and the Underground Slam Poetry event which she found very different than other Poetry Slams. Ms. deJong shared the last two Surprise Independent covers where there were articles regarding the art at the Public Works facility, and the possible grant program.

Vice-Chair Welch shared that she was part of the Public Safety Evidence facility meeting, and is excited to see the progression of this project.

Commissioner Grant shared that she participated in the inspection of the "Give Your Community a Hand" tiles along with Commissioner Lickus and Commissioner deJong.

D. **Staff Reports**

Ms. Osborne reported on the following items:

- Spring Training season, International Women's History Month, and Youth Art Month.
- Public Art maps have been updated.
- Meeting with FS 308 artist, Vice-Chair Welch will present to Council on March 16th.
- Completed art work at FS 304.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS – NON PUBLIC HEARING

Item 1 – Consideration and action approving the February 1, 2021 Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission meeting minutes.

Ms. Grant moved to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting. Ms. deJong 2nd. 6 Yes votes. 1 Absent (Miatt). Motion carried.

Item 2 – Discussion and action pertaining to the deaccession of the "Give Your Community a Hand" mural.

Chair Lieu advised that items three and four would be moved up on the agenda because Ms. Whitlock was there to answer any questions the Commission may have. She recused herself for items three and four, and asked Vice-Chair Welch to chair the meeting.

Vice Chair Welch asked to hear from the panel. Ms. deJong shared that the working panel came to the conclusion during their meeting that the mural is irreparable.

Ms. Morgan moved to approve the deaccession of the “Give Your Community a Hand” mural. Ms. deJong 2nd. 5 Yes votes. 1 Abstain (Lieu), 1 Absent (Miett). Motion carried

Item 3 – Discussion and action pertaining to the restoration of the “We are the Past, Present, and Future of Surprise” mural at Bicentennial Park.

Ms. Osborne shared that at the last commission meeting, it was agreed that the commission would like to pursue a restoration of the mural due to wear and tear by the sun. She directed the commission’s attention to the proposal provided by WHAM, and said that Ms. Whitlock was available to answer any questions about the proposal.

Vice-Chair Welch asked for additional clarification on proposed quote provided.

Ms. Whitlock shared that the mural is nine years old, and has only been affected by graffiti once in its lifetime. It was painted by adults and teens in a period of three weeks. Ms. Whitlock recommended a repaint of the front and back of the building, and a touch-up for the other two sides. She estimates the work to take three weeks, at a total cost of \$5,780.00. Ms. Whitlock will be collaborating with teens from the Young Life organization to complete the work.

Ms. deJong questioned the proposed amount being based on expenses from nine years ago. Ms. Whitlock agreed the costs are now higher, but the paint that will be used is a residential paint type rather than art paint, and that a nice sealant and WHAM supplies would be used, therefore the proposed amount should be sufficient.

Vice-Chair Welch asked for clarification about WHAM paying for supplies, and the \$30.00 an hour budgeted for two artists. Ms. Whitlock responded that the funds are going to two different organizations for their time offered.

Ms. deJong mentioned her concern about not restoring entire facilities, citing the Aquatic Center and the newfound desire to paint the remainder of the building due to the initial work completed. Ms. Whitlock advised that the north side of the Bicentennial restroom does not get a lot of sun, therefore it needs little attention, while the South side has started to fade but is mostly fine and very little paint will be needed. Ms. Whitlock advised she will come back to the commission if additional work is needed.

Mr. Lickus asked if the whole facility would be sealed. Ms. Whitlock responded that it would, and recommended for sealants to be re-applied every 3-4 years. Vice-Chair Welch added this is something to add as a process on existing projects. Ms. Whitlock shared her goal to start the project late April, otherwise she would postpone for fall due to the summer heat.

Vice-Chair Welch shared her excitement to involve the youth in this project.

Ms. Grant moved to approve the restoration of the “We Are the Past, Present, and Future of Surprise” mural at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.00. Ms. deJong 2nd. 5 Yes votes. 1 Abstain (Lieu), 1 Absent (Miett). Motion carried.

Item 4 – Discussion and action pertaining to the implementation of the Surprise Arts & Culture Grant program, to include a presentation on Arizona conflicts of interest law.

Ms. Osborne advised the Commission that prior to discussion, Assistant City Attorney Hobie Wingard would provide an overview on Arizona Conflict of Interest Law to help the commission as they review grant applications.

Mr. Wingard made the presentation to the commission.

Chair Lieu asked for clarification about Conflict of Interest as it relates to being a volunteer at different organizations. Mr. Wingard advised that it should be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Ms. Osborne moved forward by pointing out the grant application and timeline in the agenda and mentioned there was an adjustment on the timeline to engage the City Council and present during a work session on March 16th, to be led by Chair Lieu. Ms. Osborne mentioned everything else is on track, and asked for any recommendations on the timeline or on the rubric.

Ms. deJong expressed concerned about line number 14 on the application because this may lead applicants to believe they will receive the entire \$10,000.00 grant amount. Ms. Osborne pointed out there is a line on application asking the applicant what the amount needed for their program. Ms. deJong suggested that if there was a line added on application stating the amount available for the grant, it may help the applicant make decision on the grant amount requested. Ms. Osborne agreed that this can be included.

Chair Lieu asked if there can be a line added advising the organizations to apply even if the amount granted is not the full amount needed for the program. Mr. Dyson advised that line number 6 on the application was added to understand from the applicant what amount is needed to have a successful program. Chair Lieu mentioned applicants may not understand they are allowed to apply for the grant even if the full amount granted will not cover the program expense. Director Dyson advised this will be up to the commission's discretion to grant an amount that may not cover a program expense, and pointed to the pre-application meeting as an opportunity to clarify those types of questions with prospective applicants. Ms. Morgan added that asking the applicant if they would still like to be considered if there were less than requested funds available may further clarify this point. Director Dyson advised that changes to the application can be made at the commission's discretion.

Ms. Grant asked whether an organization would be able to apply for multiple programs. Director Dyson responded that it would be entirely up to the commission whether a second round of applications are needed, pointing out that this would extend the timeline.

Mr. Lickus mentioned as he seen with past, applicants typically apply for the entire amount understanding that the full amount may not be granted.

Ms. Morgan asked for clarification if the commission may choose only one organization and grant them the full amount. Director Dyson agreed that is correct.

Ms. Grant asked for clarification about organizations being able to apply for more than one project. Director Dyson said that it is an option for the organization to apply for multiple project.

Ms. Grant mentioned she would like to use the checklist shared by Commissioner Morgan.

Chair Lieu clarified the desire to share this checklist with the commission, but not include in the application packet.

Ms. deJong asked about how this grant will be publicized. Ms. Osborne advised that it would be publicized just like the SCOP grant.

Ms. deJong moved to approve the application of the Surprise Arts & Culture Grant Program with recommended changes. Ms. Welch 2nd. 6 Yes votes. 1 Absent (Miett). Motion carried

Item 5 – Presentation and discussion pertaining to an update on the Municipal Arts Fund.

Ms. Osborne advised this item was placed on the agenda as requested on last meeting. She made the presentation to the commission.

Ms. deJong asked about the lighting at the Public Works facility. Ms. Osborne advised the lighting had been installed.

Chair Lieu asked about the roadways projects and when the funds need to be spent. Ms. Osborne advised that she is clarifying the timeline with staff.

Ms. Morgan mentioned potential amendments to the 1.3% ordinance. Ms. Osborne advised this is a Council ordinance therefore it would be up to Council for any changes.

Ms. Morgan asked more specifically about possible changes to Bond project funds. Ms. Osborne clarified that the General Obligation (GO) Bond was a voter initiative, which resulted in the requirement of funds being tied to a specific location.

Chair Lieu asked if it would be possible to have a ribbon cutting at the new art project installations. Ms. Osborne advised at this time there has been a very little activity due to limited events happening in the city, but she would inquire about the possibility for future ribbon cuttings.

Item 6 – Discussion pertaining to the procurement of an art piece for the city's permanent collection.

Ms. Osborne reminded the commission of their discussion to install Joe Tyler's "Five C's" at the Asante Library. She asked for clarification from the commission as to where it should be placed.

Chair Lieu liked the idea of placing these pieces outdoors as a grouping. Vice-Chair Welch agreed because of new families coming in to this area, it would be a great idea to place them at this new library.


Ms. Osborne advised she will be looking at different possibilities of having these pieces installed indoors or outdoors.

Vice-Chair Welch asked if the artist Joe Tyler has provided a quote on the cost for these art pieces. Ms. Osborne mentioned there had not been any quote provided by the artist up to this point, but she would follow up with this request.

Other Business and Future Agenda Items:

- Mobile Museum
- Joe Tyler 5 C's
- Arts & Culture Grant Program
- Budget Update
- Art Acquisition

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn 7:36 p.m. – Ms. Welch, 2nd by Ms. Grant. 6 Yes votes. 1 Absent (Miett). Motion carried.



Margaret Lieu, Chair

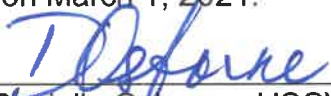
ATTEST:



Karina Caraveo, Administrative Specialist

CERTIFICATION:

I, Danielle Osborne, HSCV Administrator for the City of Surprise City Manager's Office, Maricopa County, Arizona, do hereby verify that these are the true and correct minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission meeting held on March 1, 2021.



Danielle Osborne, HSCV Administrator