

CITY OF SURPRISE
ARTS AND CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – Approved

May 3, 2021 / 6:00 PM

Community Room
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, Rhiannon Mielt, Kathie Morgan, Jay Lickus, Jo Grant.

Staff: Danielle Osborne, HSCV Administrator, Karina Caraveo, Administrative Specialist – HSCV, Deborah Perry, HSCV Financial Analyst-Senior, Seth Dyson, HSCV Director, Robert Wingo, City Attorney.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Current Events Reports

Chair Lieu shared that she and Commissioner deJong met with Council Members Cline and Hastings to discuss the roadway projects. She also attended Council Member Remley's meet and greet at the original town site, and Vice Mayor Duffy's and Council Member Judd's group meeting. She mentioned that she and Commissioner Grant met with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission to discuss the opportunity of an art piece at the new 8-acre park. Chair Lieu also visited the WHAM Art Festival.

Commissioner deJong shared with the Commission that she attended the Ground Floor Art sale, the West Valley Arts Festival, and viewed a number of AZ Humanities speaker series.

Commissioner Lickus shared that he visited Viva La Cultura at the West Valley Arts HQ.

Commissioner Morgan and Commissioner Mielt met with BacPac to discuss the Aquatic Center Mural.

D. Staff Reports

Ms. Osborne reported on the following items:

- Give your Community a Hand deaccession.
- FS 308 project agreement with artist.
- 5 C's art piece at Asante Library meeting with artist.
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission meeting.
- Gallery 37 student orientation scheduled.

- Roadway project meetings and finalizing the RFQ.
- 1.3% for the Arts Ordinance reviewed and updated.
- Parks & Recreation Director Donna Miller's retirement; thanked her for years of service and partnership.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS – NON PUBLIC HEARING

Item 1 – Consideration and action pertaining to approval of the April 5, 2021 Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission meeting.

Commissioner Grant moved to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2021 Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission meeting. Ms. Mielt 2nd. 6 Yes votes. 1 Abstained (Vice-Chair Welch). Motion carried.

Item 2 – Consideration and action pertaining to approval of the final design of the art at the new Public Safety Facility.

Ms. Osborne made the presentation to the Commission.

Commissioner Morgan added that the panel is favorable to expanding the design through additional space on the wall, subject to budget availability. She also expressed excitement on the new partnership formed with this artist, especially one who is from outside of the area. Commissioner Mielt commented that the panel was very pleased with the design that the artist presented, despite initial hesitations with the project scope. Vice-Chair Welch discussed the function of the form liners. Chair Lieu loved the idea that the formliners could be re-used in multiple locations, possibly creating cohesion in the city, and called it a very effective use of the funds.

Commissioner Mielt moved to approve the final design of the art at the new Public Safety Facility. Vice-Chair Welch 2nd. 7 Yes votes. Motion carried.

Item 3 – Consideration and action pertaining to the Arts & Culture Grant applicants funding recommendations.

Ms. Osborne advised the Commission that grant application presentations are in the order in which the applications came. She also stated that the Commission would take action to recommend prospective awardees to Council after their presentation.

Proposals were presented to the Commission as follows:

WHAM - Connie Whitlock made the presentation to the Commission.

Chair Lieu recused herself from this item.

Commissioner Miett asked for clarification on the number of people served during the 8-10 week program. Ms. Whitlock advised the number identified in her presentation was based on prior year's data. Commissioner Miett asked if the shared budget was based on this number of attendees. Ms. Whitlock responded her budget was based on current proposed project.

West Valley Chorale - Bob Walling made the presentation to the Commission.

Chair Lieu asked if tickets for their performance would be sold. Mr. Walling answered no. Commissioner Morgan asked for clarification on the 70% of Surprise area statement in their application. Mr. Walling advised it's 70% of Surprise audience they're targeting to attend their program. Commissioner Miett asked Mr. Walling what city they are based from. Mr. Walling advised they are located in Sun City. Chair Lieu questioned the \$1,100.00 listed on their budget, asked for clarification on what advertising method they would use. Mr. Walling explained that this amount is based on prior publicity cost, Surprise Newspaper and flyers being some of them.

West Valley Arts - Jacquelyn Ahrenberg made the presentation to the Commission.

Commissioner Miett asked if their projects would involve students only. Ms. Ahrenberg stated that some of their projects would involve students.

Commissioner deJong asked for clarification about public access to their lobby. Ms. Kara Polling who accompanied Ms. Ahrenberg advised the Commission that their lobby would be open during box office hours, Tues - Fri. Chair Lieu asked about the operational cost listed on their budget. Ms. Ahrenberg stated this cost is to cover installers and coordinator expense.

Heartsy Senior & Heartsy Adaptive - Tina Ferguson presented two of programs to the Commission, one for a senior program and the other for an adaptive program. Commissioner Grant asked where the senior program would take place. Ms. Ferguson advised she would like to partner with the Surprise Senior Center or offer the option of offering her program virtually. Commissioner Miett asked if these programs are new to Surprise. Ms. Ferguson stated they have been very successful in the City of Tempe and the City of Peoria but have not been brought to the City of Surprise. Commissioner Miett asked how the kits mentioned on her proposal make it to the participants. Ms. Ferguson advised that they can be provided to the city to hand out. Commissioner deJong asked about whose salary expense was listed on budget form. Ms. Ferguson responded that it would be hers. Chair Lieu asked if there were any volunteers involved. Ms. Ferguson shared that prior to pandemic restrictions, she had about 12 volunteers.

At 7:15 pm Commissioner deJong made a motion for the Commission to recess. Commissioner Grant 2nd. 7 Yes votes. Motion carried.

The Commission reconvened at 7:50 p.m. Ms. Osborne explained the rubric and presented the average scores given by the Commissioners.

Chair Lieu advised the Commission to discuss thoughts and recommended funds for each of the prospective awardees.

Commissioner Lickus felt that WHAM had a great track record. Commissioner Morgan was torn between WHAM and Heartsy Senior because the two entities offer the same type of program.

Chair Lieu loved the program West Valley Chorale proposed but had concerns about not having a venue for their performance. Commissioner Morgan advised the venue is targeted at the Surprise Senior Center. Vice-Chair Welch felt this would bring a different form of art but does not see a clear game plan.

Commissioner Mielt mentioned the cost for the West Valley Arts Council is mostly for staff expenses, and added that she understands the need for it. Commissioner Morgan liked the idea of considering venues other than a traditional gallery, because this would promote two types of art. Chair Lieu added she would be more inclined if the proposed project would be geared to the DUSD Arts festival and/or student art.

Commissioner Mielt pointed out she was unclear if the Surprise Senior Center was aware of the proposed project by Heartsy Senior. Vice-Chair Welch reminded the group about the proposed virtual presentation as an option. Commissioner Mielt felt that the partnership between Parks & Recreation and the Heartsy Adaptive program would be amazing.

Commissioner Mielt moved to recommend grant funding of \$7,000.00 to Heartsy Adaptive. Commissioner Morgan 2nd. 5 Yes votes 2 No votes (Lieu, deJong). Motion carried.

Commissioner Lickus moved to recommend grant fund of \$3,000.00 to WHAM. Commissioner Mielt 2nd. 2 Yes votes. 4 No votes (Welch, Morgan, deJong, Grant). 1 abstained (Lieu). Motion failed.

Commissioner deJong moved to recommend grant fund of \$2,000.00 to WHAM. Vice-Chair Welch 2nd. 5 Yes votes. 1 No vote (Mielt). 1 abstained (Lieu). Motion carried.

Commissioner Morgan moved to recommend grant fund amount of \$1,000.00 to West Valley Chorale. Commissioner deJong 2nd. 6 Yes votes. 1 No vote (Mielt). Motion carried.

Chair Lieu thanked all the prospective awardees who shared with the Commission about their programs.

Ms. Osborne announced that the recommended funds would be presented to City Council on June 15, 2021.

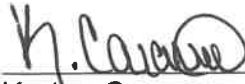
Other Business and Future Agenda Items:

Review Grant process.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn 9:13 p.m. – Commissioner Grant, 2nd by Ms. deJong. 7 Yes votes. Motion carried.


Margaret Lieu, Chair

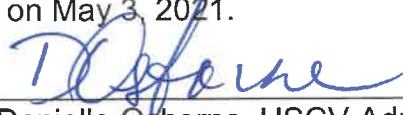
ATTEST:



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 May 3, 2021.



Danielle Osborne, HSCV Administrator

