

**CITY OF SURPRISE  
ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY BOARD**

**Meeting Minutes**

June 1, 2009 / 6:00 PM

SURPRISE CITY HALL

12425 W. BELL

SURPRISE, ARIZONA 85374

CALL TO ORDER: 6:14pm

A. Roll Call

**Arts Committee Members:** Kristy Miller - Chair, Valerie Hagenbush – Vice Chair (absent), Kathie Morgan, Jim Biundo, Sandra Staehle, Joanna Ciccolini-Mankiewicz, Larry Manne (absent/resigned), Dorothy Reeve (absent), Manuel Hernandez (absent),

**Ex-Officio Arts Committee Members:** Julie Richard, Ex-Officio (absent), Kendra Amburgey, Ex-Officio (absent)

**City Staff:** Melissa Miller, Dana Garr

**Guest:** Janet Cantley, Heard Museum

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Current Events Reports - None

D. Staff Reports – Budget report presented

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No requests for the floor were received.

CONSENT AGENDA

E. Approval of items on the Consent Agenda

No items were identified as consent agenda items.

TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA ITEMS – NON PUBLIC HEARING

**Item 1 – CITYWIDE – Approval of minutes of the May 4, 2009 regular meeting**

Joanna Ciccolini-Mankiewicz motion to approve. Jim Biundo Second. None opposed. Motion carried.

**Item 2 – CITYWIDE – Review budget for May 2009.**

Staff presented budget as unchanged since April meeting. Two artists will be forwarding invoices that will be reflected in June's budget report.

**Item 3 – CITYWIDE – Subcommittee reports and possible action on member's responses to the Master Plan subcommittees request for input regarding, "Who we are, what we do, and for whom?"**

Staff updated the board on the newly adopted municipal code item regarding committees, boards and commissions that was approved by council on May 14, 2009. As part of the change, subcommittees will no longer be allowed to conduct business on behalf of the board.

All items will need to be presented as an agenda item and discussed amongst the full board. The Arts Board Master Plan subcommittee will need to present a status update in June. The board will then begin collaborating on the strategic plan that is also required by the new code.

Significant discussion regarding the direction of the board brought forth several questions:

Biundo – What do we have the capacity to do? What does council want us to do? A policy and procedure manual is needed.

K. Miller – This ties into agenda item number 5 for this evening.

Ciccolini-Mankiewicz – Funding is an issue.

Biundo – Prudent to cancel the June 10 master plan subcommittee meeting.

K. Miller – This item should be brought back as a wrap-up and discuss how it ties into the strategic plan.

M. Miller – Staff will summarize the report and bring back as an agenda item.

Motion to table item until next meeting made by Sandra Staehle. Seconded by Ciccolini-Mankiewicz. None opposed. Motion carried.

**Item 4 – CITYWIDE – Review, discussion, and possible action on Ms. Ramona Sakiestewa’s latest design for the glass panels for the Atrium Lobby Project.**

K. Miller overviewed a conference call that was held with Ms. Sakiestewa. An interesting aspect of the call was that her idea for the project was one of a found object that represented old and new. The result will be metal, glass and gold leaf with a print wedged between two pieces of glass in each of the four quadrants. An artist statement will be mounted nearby. The artist wasn’t asked to produce another model since she hasn’t been paid. Once approved, the project will be able to move forward.

Ciccolini-Mankiewicz – Its helpful to have this better description. If the atrium is 22 feet, concern is that it won’t be tall enough.

K. Miller – The artist worked with the architect and didn’t want to overpower the space.

Ciccolini-Mankiewicz – Hard to visualize without seeing the space and all its elements.

Morgan – So there are other things to ensure this is not diminished? 11x5.5 feels squat.

Ciccolini-Mankiewicz – Want this to be grand and eye-catching. Sometimes girth makes up for the beholders lack of interest if its not their cup of tea. It would help to see how it fits with the meltdown glass project and how all fit into the space.

Biundo – We have to let go at some point. We can’t keep second guessing the artist.

Guest Cantley – The artist has experience making pieces fit into the space.

Biundo – Shall we try for a vote?

Staehle - Motion to approve Ramona Sakiestewa’s design. Seconded by Ciccolini-Mankiewicz. None opposed. Motion carried.

K. Miller – Powerpoint will be created and brought before council for approval.

**Item 5 – CITYWIDE – Exploration and possible action on options for enhancing the arts, programs and cultural activities in the City of Surprise.**

K. Miller - This item tied into item #3. No action taken.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Ciccolini-Mankiewicz – Did artist do channel 11 interview in lieu of dedication?

M. Miller – We will provide artist updates as an agenda item at next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm. The next meeting will be July 6, 2009 at 6pm at the new City Hall.**

Staehle moved to adjourn. Biundo seconded. Unanimously approved.

**ATTEST:**

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Kristy Miller, Chair

**CERTIFICATION:**

I, Dana Garr, Analyst for the City of Surprise Community and Recreation Services Department, Maricopa County, Arizona, do hereby verify that these are the true and correct minutes of the Tourism Board meeting held on June 1, 2009.

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Dana Garr, Analyst

**POSTED:**

**TIME:**

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Linda Stevens, Deputy City Clerk

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