

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

**Meeting Minutes**

July 6, 2009 / 6:00 PM

SURPRISE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

12425 W. BELL

SURPRISE, ARIZONA 85374

CALL TO ORDER: 6:02pm

A. Roll Call

**Arts Committee Members:** Kristy Miller - Chair, Valerie Hagenbush – Vice Chair (absent), Kathie Morgan, Jim Biundo, Sandra Staehle, Joanna Ciccolini-Mankiewicz

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

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

**Guest:** Janet Cantley, Heard Museum

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Current Events Reports - None

D. Staff Reports – M. Miller overviewed the boards and commissions' attendance policy and ordinance per municipal code. A copy will be forwarded to the members. Janet Cantley was sworn in by the Surprise City Clerk. Ms. Cantley will be a participating ex-officio effective at the September meeting.

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.

ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA ITEMS – NON PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

**Item 2 – CITYWIDE – Presentation, discussion and possible action on a concept for a charity arts exhibit in the New City Hall entitled, “The Arts are Alive in Surprise.”**

Mr. Ramer and Mr. Bowers provided an overview of the program in an effort to receive the board's recommendation to the City Manager that staff move forward with implementation. 50% of the proceeds would benefit the artist, and 50% would be given to the West Valley Arts Council. Mr. Biundo impressed upon the board that that the focus should remain with Surprise as the name implies and not help fund charities outside of Surprise initially. Artists will be encouraged to be local. Ms. Richard handed out information on a similar campaign she has been involved with in the past. Ms. Amburgey advised a different title should be chosen as the Arts are Alive is already in use. Ms. Miller inquired into responsible parties for installation, etc.

Ms. Richard volunteered her organization to handle and noted that presently there is the ability to hang pieces and podiums are available. Ms. Amburgey recommended rotating participation thru the various organizations. Ms. K. Miller commented that would achieve results from student aspect as well. Ms. M. Miller commented that any fundraisers would require a city process be set-up and staff would discuss the partnership with the City in any collateral pieces. The program will be open to City employees and their families. Members of the board will serve as judges. J. Biundo-motion to approve with name change stipulation. S. Staehle-2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 3 – CITYWIDE – Exploration and possible action on options for enhancing the arts, programs and cultural activities in the City of Surprise taking into account current budgetary constraints. Options may include, but are not limited to, traveling art programs and collateral design. Other options may be explored.**

Ms. Ciccolini-Mankiewicz commented that the who, what, etc., aspect of the board should be discussed prior to exploring options. Mr. Biundo asked how do we define ourselves as an Arts and “Cultural” board without having an established cultural event. He questioned if the strategic plan should identify activities and events or become a 501(3)(c). Ms. Richard commented that others are struggling with the same issues. Most exclusively focus on grants and public art. Ms. K. Miller advised the group to brainstorm ideas that don’t require funding and that when delving into the strategic plan, efforts need to continue despite not having funding so as not to be forgotten. Kathy Morgan commented that there seems to be a void in cultural activities and programs that could be addressed. Ms. Amburgey requested ideas be inclusive of Charter Schools, Home School groups, Desert Oasis, Nadaburg, and Dysart. Bring ideas to the next meeting.

**Item 4 – CITYWIDE – Discussion and possible action to place items on future Arts & Cultural Advisory Board Meetings and identification of the next meeting date.**

Review upcoming City events, discuss booths at events for Arts and Tourism, strategic plan funding, artist dedications for city art (press release and possible council meeting acknowledgement suggested by M. Miller), update on new name and progress for the Art’s Are Alive in Surprise concept.

**Item 5 – CITYWIDE – Report on the status of BJ Katz’s project as City Hall and Joe Tyler’s projects at Fire Station 301.**

Staff provided update that BJ Katz’s meltdown glass was installed in the Mayor’s atrium. BJ made repairs to a piece earlier in the day. Joe Tyler’s project has received approval to proceed with installation now that the tree at the fire station has been removed. Foundation and electrical should be complete shortly and final install completed within two weeks.

**Item 6 – CITYWIDE – Discussion and possible action regarding a grant opportunity that may assist with funding a public demonstration garden at City Hall.**

This item was tabled as presenting staff from public works has chosen not to submit for the grant at this time.

**Item 7 – CITYWIDE – Review budget for May 2009.**

Staff presented the budget as unchanged since June meeting. Two artists have pending payment which will be reflected in July’s budget report once posted.

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

**ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm. The next meeting will be September 14, 2009, location to be determined.**

Staehle moved to adjourn. Morgan 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 July 6, 2009.

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Dana Garr, Analyst

**POSTED:**

**TIME:**

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Linda Stevens, Deputy City Clerk

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