

**CITY OF SURPRISE  
ARTS AND CULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD**

**DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

June 6, 2011/ 6:00 PM

**Northwest Regional Library  
16089 N. BULLARD  
SURPRISE, ARIZONA 85374**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:04pm

**A. Roll Call**

Sandra Staehle (Chair), Kathie Morgan (Vice Chair), Margaret Lieu, Loretta Warner, Jim Biundo, ellise hayden, Kendra Amburgey, Julie Richard (absent)  
Guests – None

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Current Events Reports –**

Jim Biundo complimented ellise hayden and credited her for helping with the WHAM request. He also stated that Chair Staehle has also been working hard on behalf of the board.

Loretta Warner went to moon over buffalo at the ghost light theater for the first time. Approximately 40 people were at the matinee and were very enthusiastic. The production was wonderful and right down the street. Very impressive. Play schedule is set for next season with the hope that more people support them.

Margaret Lieu shared a flyer for the centennial celebration of Arizona on Feb 14, 2012 She suggested that perhaps the board can do something to participate.

Chair Sandy Staehle shared the article about AZ Town Hall residents in Tucson want to change curriculum to add arts.

The board thanked Kendra Amburgey for her service over the past year and commented that she is a tremendous asset and while she can no longer serve on two boards, she will continue to advocate the benefits of arts and culture to a community as a member of the Tourism Board.

**D. Staff reports –**

Tara Combs stated she spoke with Connie Whitlock after the Tourism meeting and provided the council date for hearing the proposal for the art event. The timeframe was a concern and WHAM decided to push the event to the spring which will allow time to find the artists and potential sponsors to fund her salary. Ms. Whitlock is enthusiastic and excited to have the support of the arts board as well. Second Sunday's report will come at the next meeting.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC : No comments received on unagendized items**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

## E. Approval of items on the Consent Agenda

No items were identified as consent agenda items.

## **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS – NON PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Item 1 – CITYWIDE – Budget update.**

Staff is confident that the budget submitted by the board will be approved. Council was very clear that they would like to see the strategic plan completed prior to funding. The public art in city hall was another component that Council wanted to see implemented.

### **Item 2 – CITYWIDE – Strategic plan.**

The Board discussed if they are an active or recommendation board and talked about the creative ideas that were in the parking lot that could be accomplished if funding opportunities exist. The Board requested to add photos of existing projects to the strategic plan. They want to let Council know they have thought beyond goals and objectives into future years.

Margaret Lieu talked about tying our plan in with the goals of the City so they better understand the Board's importance in the overall plan of the city.

Motion to approve content with staff to put into final format and incorporate photos with a draft wordsmith of the board message. Loretta Warner motion, Margaret Lieu second.

### **Item 3 – CITYWIDE – Thomas Schultz update**

Thomas Schultz advised he is taking a different direction. After reviewing the public art policy and the request for a presentation, he has decided to decline to submit. There were deal points he wasn't comfortable with and he may also be relocating. He extended his appreciation to the board for trying to find a place for his art and to keep him in mind as he is supportive of the arts. Margaret Lieu asked about the list of scheduled artists he had referred to. Staff had received no information on the planned performances. The board can put the word out to industry contacts and outreach to WVAC to post a call to artists. Ms. Lieu discussed the success of the Congressional Art Awards for 9-12 graders that provides prizes and eventually pieces are absorbed into a collection. Chair Staehle volunteered to speak with WVAC and WHAM with the Board's approval to acquire pieces for city hall. Artists would bring renderings to the board for approval. It would be nice if a Surprise artist could be featured first.

### **Item 4 – CITYWIDE – Approval of minutes**

Margaret Lieu motioned to approve the April 4 minutes seconded by Kathy Morgan. Loretta Warner motioned to approve the May 2 meeting minutes, seconded by Jim Biundo. None opposed.

### **Item 7 – CITYWIDE – Future agenda items.**

Chair and Vice Chair elections  
WVAC presentation on the WVAC  
Grants Process  
Ken Lynch

New Board member welcome  
Second Sundays Update  
Strategic plan final  
Meet on Tuesday, July 5 at 6pm

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn LW, second JB.**

**ATTEST:**

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Mark Coronado, Interim City Manager

**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 CRS Board meeting held on June 6, 2011.

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Dana Garr, Sr. Analyst

**POSTED:**

**TIME:**

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Linda Stevens, Deputy City Clerk

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