



MUNICIPAL ART COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 6:00 P.M

1. Roll Call

Meeting started at 6:04 p.m. Roll call of all committee member attendance recorded.

Members Present: Jan Graham, Jesse Lewis, Gurjit Kaur, Israel Fregozo, Denise Stanfield

Members Absent/Excused: Jim Painter, Kalila Aragon, Gwen Lauletta, Sandra Bassett

2. Unscheduled Public Appearance

No unscheduled public appearances occurred at the meeting. In the event a public appearance occurs that is not previously labeled on the agenda, committee will allow the public to speak and members may ask to have a future discussion and a later date. The Committee does not comment on items raised during Unscheduled Public Appearance; however, staff may be directed to report back to the Committee at a future date or to schedule items raised for a future agenda.

3. By-Law Revisions

Staff presented the proposed by-law changes to the Committee. Staff explained the changes to membership requirements, explaining that the number off committee members have been reduced with one alternate and allows the ex-officio members to have the ability to vote on action items. that consider approval of change of membership.

4. Art Organizations Update

No Update – Item Tabled

5. Avondale Commerce Center Private Public Art

The Committee reviewed a presentation by local artist Aaron Hillman titled the 48 of State 48. Aaron Hillman proposed a design to complement the previous design of the Avondale Commerce Center Phase 1 which was the 5C's of Arizona. The private-public art project was approved by the committee. Motion to approve the design was made by Jessie Lewis, seconded by Israel Fregozo.

6. Omni Self Storage Private Public Art

The Committee will discuss and consider approval for a proposed public art element in a private development. For information, discussion and possible action. The committee was concerned with the cultural significance The Committee reviewed a presentation by an artist for the Omni Self Storage on Avondale Boulevard and Lower Buckeye Road. The artist proposed a Native American style design. Committee members were concerned that the design has a potential to be offensive to certain Native American tribes. The artist declared that they would work with the local Native American community to ensure all considerations are incorporated. The private-public art project was approved by the Committee with the stipulation of stakeholder perspectives. Motion to approve the design was made by Israel Fregozo, seconded by Denise Stanfield.

7. Public Art Master Plan

Staff presented an update on the Public Art Masterplan Process, including the results of the public art survey, and coordinated a discussion on the Five Pillars and the Implementation Goals for the Public Art Masterplan. The Committee provided input. Jan Graham introduced several ideas she would like to see implemented, including an Art Map, an art tour, a calendar featuring public art, and a Meet the Artists/Artist Recognition event. Jim Painter stated he agreed that the art map was a great idea as it would provide a visual representation of the city's art inventory and where public art may be lacking. Staff also discussed the timeline, and advised that a Special

Meeting will be convened on July 13 for the Art Committee's consideration of the draft plan. No action taken.

a. Annual Action Plan FY 2021/2022

- i. Heart Sculpture on The BLVD – 'Al Quierdo' *Staff presented an update on the heart sculpture on Avondale Blvd. For information, no action taken.*
- ii. Civic Center Sculpture – *Staff advised that the Rain Curtain sculpture has been ordered and shipment and installation is expected at the end of the year. For information only, no action needed.*
- iii. Alamar City Park – *Staff explained that Brookfield Residential was working with artists on design concepts for Alamar Park as part of a shared cost for public art at Alamar Park between the City and Brookfield Residential. Greg Esser from Alamar spoke briefly about the project. A proposal will be brought to the Art Committee at a future meeting. No action, for information only.*
- iv. Art at Fire Station 175 - *Staff advised that the Call to Artists yielded two responses and that "Grateful Hearts" sculpture by Stephen Fairfield was selected for the site at Fire Station 175.*
- v. Annual Programs: Scholarship Contest, Sponsorship Grants, Banners, Events – Staff advised the committee of the anticipated cost of 4,500 for the AMAC's ongoing sponsorship of the WHAM bus at special events for FY 2021-22, and Israel Fregozo stated that sponsorship recognition of AMAC be provided in conjunction with the WHAM bus events. Jessie Lewis moved to approve the sponsorship recognition of WHAM bus at events, Denise Stanfield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- vi. IN FLUX Cycle 10 Participation – Staff present to the committee the opportunity to join the IN FLUX Program by becoming a Partnering City to host an annual exhibit. Staff presented on overview of the program details such as benefits and requirements. IN FLUX brings together art, economic development, and property management organizations throughout the greater Phoenix area to provide opportunities for Arizona artists to create site-specific temporary public art installations in a wide variety of locations. IN FLUX demonstrates an integrated approach to temporary public art projects through a showcase of Arizona artists presented within the context of viewing the Valley as one community. IN FLUX provides unique project opportunities for artists to expand their skills, innovatively apply their creativity, and garner public recognition for their work. IN FLUX offers new perspective on the connections between community organizations, city governments, local businesses, artists, and audiences. The IN FLUX initiative, currently operated through the strategic partnership of organizations valley-wide, was launched in 2010 as an initiative for temporary installations in vacant storefronts. The initiative has since continued to expand to include both indoor and outdoor spaces, gain momentum since its inception, and has increased its positive impact on our local communities and Arizona artists. Israel Fregozo motioned to approve the program, Jessie Lewis seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.
- vii. BLVD Public Art – Staff provided an overview of the activities at The BLVD such and advised the committee to that this area is another opportunity to add public art.
- viii. Civic Center art elements – Staff mentioned to the committee the new art elements being installed at the Civic Center Campus. The new elements are the Rain Curtain sculpture and the NASCAR art element that will be located at the new Visitor Center.

8. **Approval of Minutes**

The committee review the minutes of March 16, 2021. Signatures on all minutes by chairperson. Motion to Approve Minutes were made by Jessie Lewis, seconded by Denise Stanfield. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn was made by Denise Stanfield; Seconded by Gurjit Kaur. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting ended at 7:57 p.m. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 21, 2021.

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Janice Graham, Chairperson