



MUNICIPAL ART COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 6:00 P.M

1. Roll Call

Meeting started at 6:03 p.m. Roll call of all committee member attendance recorded.

Members Present: Jan Graham, Jim Painter, Gurjit Kaur, Israel Fregozo, Denise Stanfield, Jayaker Nagamalla, Sandra Bassett

Members Absent: Kalila Aragon, Gwen Lauletta

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. INFLUX Cycle 10

Artist Michelle Meyer presented her public art concept for the INFLUX project to be located at the BLVD Garage. Michelle presented her concept of Metro Raven. "Retro Maven", an 11 foot tall sculpture created via a grant opportunity from ArtWins AZ, Creative Flagstaff, and ArtPrize. This piece was the winner of an open call and pitch night to create and display a work of art for participation in the famed ArtPrize event in Grand Rapids, Michigan. About "Retro Maven" "Retro Maven" is a free standing sculpture created to play off of its environment. Each material choice creates a multitude of experience opportunities for viewers. Beginning with the hair the Moire Effect is employed, creating an optical illusion of movement. The rectangle area that designates the eyes is outfitted with a mirrored surface, which gives the ability of the piece to reflect its surroundings. Each moment a potential new view is created for the observer as well as the sculpture. It is built on the concept of Life observing Art, as Art observes Life. The skin treatment utilizes the science of retro-reflection, commonly found in street signs, and offers a significant pop of color to any landscape. The goal of this piece is to inspire curiosity and to prompt people to take in their surroundings. Jim Painter moved to approve the proposed design of the Retro Maven public art project for INFLUX, Israel Fregozo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Art Organizations Update

No Update – Item Tabled

5. Public Art Master Plan

Committee discussed current fiscal year projects outlined in the public art master plan. The committee reviewed and approved annual action plan for fiscal year 2021/2022 and conversed with staff regarding proposed projects.

- i. Alamar City Park – Staff reminded committee members of the Alamar Park project and directed that the project be recapped and approved formally, staff re-iterated the project concept. The creative works with a focus on flowers and butterflies that will cast color changing shadows that will paint the park, passers-by and those close by in ever changing and vivid colors. Art committee members questioned the maintenance process for the proposed project in which staff assured the project is low maintenance with a life cycle of 10 years for the optical filters and explained the longevity of powder coated steel. Jim Painter moved to approve the proposed design of the Alamar Community Park public art project, Gurjit Kaur seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Art at Fire Station 175 – Staff updated members regarding the status of the project. Pier Simeri recapped the project and noted the possibility of the public art dedication event.

iii. Annual Programs: Scholarship Contest, Sponsorship Grants, Banners, Events –
Scholarship Contest – Staff informed committee of the schedule date of the annual event. The Art Show will take place on April 19, 2022 at the Performing Art Center of the Estrella Mountain Community College. Staff advised the committee of the status of the Hometown Heroes project. Pier Simeri described one specific banner that paid tribute to an Avondale Employee who had passed suddenly. Staff also mentioned to the committee that possibly re-use the banners along the Veterans Memorial Walkway at Civic Center Drive. Staff informed the committee of the dates scheduled for the annual High School Art Contest. The show is scheduled for April 19, 2022. Staff notified the committee of the status of the public art calendar and map that showcases public art around the city.

Sponsorship Grant – Staff updated the committee of three scholarship grant request received since the September 2021 meeting. The first request was submitted by Agua Fria High School for to support their Sprint Art Show. Jan Graham asked staff if this was the schools second request and if they provided the proper documentation required of this request. Staff responded that the school provided a recap of the event along with a report outlining the community impact. Jayaker Nagamalla moved to approve the proposed grant request, Jim Painter seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Amberlea Elementary School requested a sponsorship grant for their Mariachi Education Program. Gurjit Kaur moved to approve the proposed design of the grant request, Jim Painter seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

v. Black History Month murals – A sponsorship grant request to host several murals in Historic Avondale. The details of the event were outlined and staff provided regarding the past experience relating the obtaining information regarding specific details as it relates to the businesses. Sandra Basset described the purpose of the project on behalf of the Shining Light Foundation and has explained the process working with the business and what is required. The discussion surrounded the process of the design review by the city and businesses. The committee was unsure of the correlation between the sponsorship grant process and decided to table request until more information was received by applicant.

vi. NASCAR Mural – Staff shared a final and informed the committee the dedication will take place on February 10, 2022.

vii. Traffic Box – Phase 1 Restoration- Staff informed the committee that the traffic utility boxes that were installed in 2012 are in need of replacement. The committee voted to restore with a new design type. Committee agrees to replace the current and with the direction to make it more specific to Avondale. Jim Painter moved to approve the traffic utility box restoration project, Israel Fregozo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Approval of Minutes

The committee review the minutes of September 21, 2021. Signatures on all minutes by chairperson. Motion to Approve Minutes were made by Jim Painter, seconded by Gurjit Kaur. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn was made by Jim Painter; Seconded by Jayaker Nagamalla. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting ended at 7:58 p.m. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, March, 15. 2022.

Janice B. Graham

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Janice Graham, Chairperson