



MUNICIPAL ART COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:07 PM. Members present Jan Graham, Jim Painter, Gurjit Kaur, Israel Fregozo

Members Absent: Kalila Aragon, Denise Stanfield, Jayaker Nagamalla

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. Tres Rios Mural Proposal

The Committee tabled the proposal to be located at Avondale Visitor and Conference Center.

4. American Legion Mural Proposal

The Committee will review art proposal from the Sons of the American Legion. Bryan Hughes provided an overview to the committee members regarding the background of the proposed project. The Committee reviewed a request from the Sons of the American Legion who proposed a veteran mural project. The committee asked staff questions about the history of the cemetery, background information about the current public art at the cemetery, the security. Staff assured the cemetery has security cameras, etc. The committee recommends denial of this specific proposal but will conduct a call to artists for new design proposals to further preserve the cultural heritage of the Goodyear Farms Historical Cemetery, located on 3900 North Santa Fe Trail, Avondale, AZ, 85392. Jim Painter motioned to do a call to artists for the veteran mural at cemetery, Israel Fregozo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Art Sponsorship Program

The Committee will review art grant application from Yvonne Wan from Focus Comics.

"Focus comic loves Avondale. Free 2-week art program for autistic and special needs kids in Avondale. We will teach the kids on zoom for 2 weeks and we will host a graduation event in Avondale, where the kids will receive a certificate of achievement of their art that resembles a comic cover. Focus features one of the world's first autistic superheroes. We promote Autism acceptance and special needs inclusion. We help special needs kids focus on what they can do instead of what they can't do. Art is therapeutic for everyone especially kids with disabilities. The kids will learn from award winning artist and creator Yvonne Wan, and certified art teacher Douglas Hebert on how to draw Focus the autistic superhero, themselves, and comic style dinosaurs. We promote diversity, inclusion and equity. We address systemic inequities through transformative social emotional learning. This will take place on Sunday, outside school hours. There is a public demand for the free specialized

child development services that we provide to benefit the community.

Committee members asked what type of supplies is needed for the classes as well as how will the students obtain the supplies. The members also discussed that the costs could go towards the ceremony and or the virtual meeting platforms, etc. The committee tabled the sponsorship grant application to the next meeting to obtain more an inventoried list of costs and supplies.

6. Public Art Master Plan

The committee discussed current fiscal year projects outlined in the public art master plan. The committee reviewed and conversed with staff regarding proposed projects.

a) Annual action plan for fiscal year 2023/2024

i. INFLUX Cycle 10

Deann Franklin provided an update on the Influx program. Deann detailed that the BLVD Garage project was nearing completion and that the delay surrounded details within the contract. Deann stated that the INFLUX program will be dissolved, with a possibility the temporary exhibition program will be managed by the participating cities, without participation from Artlink. Deann shared images of the proposed art "Phototaxis" with the Committee who were not in attendance last meeting. Staff stated the next meeting will provide photos of the installed piece.

ii. Traffic Box Update

DeAnn Franklin stated that the City received some updated submittals from artists from Avondale for the traffic box renovation project. The committee reviewed Maria's proposed design to be located on Avondale Blvd. Deann explained that this artist, an Avondale resident, submitted her butterfly design specifically for Friendship Park. The Committee stated they liked this design but asked for some modifications to the design such as the font that is more legible as well as possibly altering the boy's clothes and flower to reflect Avondale. The committee reviewed the updated designs from Sojourner Ink., the Committee liked the style of his art and the colors as seen in provided proposals. The Committee members asked for a few slight modifications to the design for final approval. Deann explained that the window of time was narrowing. Staff stated that they would follow up with the three artists and bring back proposals for the Committee to approve in March.

iii. Sustainability Art Project Update

The committee reviewed photos from the Sustainability Commission's art in the park initiative. Avondale's Sustainability and Parks and Recreation staff worked with the nonprofit Unlimited Potential on a community project at Fred Campbell Park. Unlimited Potential received a small grant from ASU Healthy Urban Environments to outreach with Avondale residents in Old Town about climate change and public health concerns and complete a community pilot project. The residents wanted to have more trees planted in Fred Campbell Park and artwork brought to the space. Arizona Public Service provided the City with trees, and Unlimited Potential was able to hire an artist, Miguel A. Godoy, to facilitate and create a community art project.

Unlimited Potential hosted a community event at Fred Campbell Park on November 19th and turned the ramada into a blank canvas and invited community members to use chalk to draw what Avondale meant to them and what they wanted the city to be like in the future. Miguel A. Godoy is taking these concepts to create 4-5 banners that will be temporarily installed on light poles in the park. He will also provide the City with digital files so the artwork could be

reproduced in the future, pending funding availability. The intention is to repurpose the banners into reusable bags or other products once they have reached the end of their useful life.

The artist Miguel A. Godoy showcased 5 draft designs for light pole banners that he created inspired by the words, artwork, and values community members shared at an event in the park this past November. He will share his creation process and invite feedback from the community before the artwork is finalized and installed at the park.

Chairperson Jan Graham asked that the committee view the designs to consider future opportunities to use the designs around the city.

b) Annual action plan for fiscal year 2023/2024

- i. Art in Historic Place – Staff stated that the historic area parks will receive an art element that will speak to the specific neighborhood communities. DeAnn attended the Cashion community meeting to engage with residents, Cashion residents are very interested in a mural that represents the silos of the Cashion community.
- ii. Art at Public Facilities –Staff listed the future project items such as Aquatic Center, Civic Center Park, Mountainview Community Center and the Goodyear Farms Cemetery Veterans Memorial Mural. The committee received an update, no actions were taken.

4. Approval of Minutes

The committee review the minutes of January 17, 2023. Motion to approve minutes were made by Jim Painter, seconded by Israel Fregozo. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn was made by Israel Fregozo; Seconded by Jim Painter. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting ended at 7:28 p.m. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 28, 2023.