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MUNICIPAL ART COMMITTEE

Special Meeting

Tuesday, January 30th, 2024, at 6:00 P.M.

Avondale Visitor & Conference Center – Monument Hill Conference Room
11490 Civic Center Dr, Avondale, AZ 85323

Physical Access to the Conference Room will be available 30 minutes prior to the meeting.

1. ROLL CALL AND STATEMENT OF PARTICIPATION BY THE STAFF LIAISON

Called to Order: 6:13pm

Committee Present: Chair Ivey, Boardmember Painter, Boardmember Graham, Boardmember Stanfield.

Members Absent: Boardmember Baron, Boardmember Nagmala, Boardmember Fregozo

Staff Present: Dominic DeCono, Stephanie Flood

2. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCE

The Committee does not comment on items raised during Unscheduled Public Appearances; 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Municipal Art Committee will consider the approval of the minutes for the meeting on Tuesday, November 7th, 2023. The Committee will take appropriate action.

Motion: Boardmember Painter

2nd: Boardmember Graham

Approved 4-0

4. FIRE STATION 172 PUBLIC ART

The Municipal Art Committee will consider public art concepts for Fire Station 172. The committee will take appropriate action.

Staff provided a presentation regarding the concepts submitted for Fire Station 172. After providing a presentation, the board agreed to narrow down the art choices from 9 to 3. Boardmember Painter commented that several of the artists put forth a lot of effort and thought into the concepts presented and really liked the concepts that had been narrowed down. Chair Ivey made mention that she preferred the 2nd concept submitted as her choice because she thought the piece fit both the fire station and the community. Boardmember Painter and Graham both commented they thought the art piece with the heron and fish was stronger than the first piece. The board then agreed to narrow down the choices to 2, the second and third concepts presented. After further discussion, the board agreed that both finalist concepts were strong, but wanted additional information before making a final selection. Boardmember Graham did ask if there was any safety risk with one of the art pieces, to which staff replied based on the size and the type of art, they did not feel it was a safety risk. Staff agreed to gather more information for the board to help decide on a future date.

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Israel Rios Fregozo
Janice Graham

Jayaker Nagamala (alt.)

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5. GOODYEAR FARMS CEMETERY PUBLIC ART

The Municipal Art Committee will consider a public art proposal at the Goodyear Farms Cemetery. The Committee will take appropriate action.

Staff provided a presentation regarding a proposed mural for the Goodyear Farms Cemetery by the nonprofit Catitude Arts. The board agreed that the concept submitted was strong and would be a tasteful addition to the cemetery.

Motion: Boardmember Graham

2nd: Boardmember Painter

Approved 4-0 for the mural at the Goodyear Farms Cemetery

6. ART SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Staff will provide a report on an FY2023 art scholarship awardee and a presentation for an FY2024 art scholarship submission. The Committee will take appropriate action.

Staff provided an update regarding an art scholarship that was awarded in 2022 to Yvonne Wan with Focus Comics. The awardee provided a program for young students with autism with the opportunity to learn how to draw police vehicles, visit the Avondale Police Department, and ultimately see the hero in themselves that helps with their self-confidence. The presentation was provided to the board to demonstrate that funds awarded were put toward the project presented in 2022.

Yvonne Wan submitted a similar application for 2023 to do the same type of program but for the Fire Department. The program would be very similar in providing a week of online drawing and creativity-based programming for art and providing a field trip to a Fire Station for the students. The amount would be \$1,000. Boardmember Graham commented that this proposal was the amended amount from a previous submission and thought the amount was very reasonable per student.

Motion: Boardmember Painter

2nd: Boardmember Stanfield

Approved 4-0 to approve the scholarship proposal for Yvonne Wan for \$1,000

7. ART SCHOLARSHIP PROPOSAL

The Municipal Art Committee will consider proposals to amend the current art scholarship award limits. The Committee will take appropriate action.

Staff provided a presentation to the board updating the art scholarship program. Three proposals were brought forward, one to keep the format as it exists currently, one to increase the maximum amount per scholarship to \$2,500 and one to increase the maximum amount to \$5,000 per scholarship. Each proposal would keep the same number of scholarships that could be awarded per year the same, which is a total of 5.

Boardmember Graham asked what the modified criteria would be, to which staff replied to the proposals would have to include more information such as the beneficiary population of the project and clearly defined deliverables. Boardmember Graham mentioned previous proposals

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had been too ambiguous and made it more difficult for the committee to vote since they didn't know exactly what they would be voting for.

Boardmember Painter made a point that the committee would continue to be the approving body of the scholarships and that any proposal that didn't meet their standards likely wouldn't be approved.

Staff also made mention that the committee would also have the ability to modify the amount of funds requested per scholarship request if the committee felt the amount requested was either too much or not a reasonable amount based on the proposal. The committee then agreed to take a vote for the \$5,000 amount per scholarship.

Motion: Chair Vey

2nd: Boardmember Painter

Approved 4-0 to amend art scholarship amount to up to \$5,000 per scholarship.

8. PUBLIC ART MAP

Staff will provide a presentation and proposal for a public art map in 2024. The Committee will take appropriate action.

Staff provided a concept that exists within the magazine Avondale Weekly of a 2-page layout of public art with the Avondale community. Staff believe that this cutout can be used as a marketing printout at hotels, schools, and other tourist destinations within Avondale to assist in promoting public art. The committee agreed with the staff's proposal, so long as the public art concepts promoted in the piece rotate in new art that is installed in the city.

9. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS

The Municipal Art Committee and Staff may provide brief comments on current events and issues. This item is for information only. Items requiring discussion, deliberation, or legal action must be placed on a future Committee meeting agenda.

Staff made an announcement that Stephanie Flood will be taking over the management of the Municipal Art Committee starting in March. Dominic DeCono will still be attending the meetings as a project management leader but will be taking a step back from managing the committee.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be in person on Tuesday, March 19, 2023, for discussion and action.

Motion: Boardmember Graham

2nd: Boardmember Painter

Approved 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:29pm


SARA IVEY (Jun 4, 2024 17:01 PDT)

Jun 4, 2024


Dominic DeCono (Jun 4, 2024 16:55 PDT)

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