



MUNICIPAL ART COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 29th, 2024, at 6:00 P.M.

Special Meeting

Begins: 6:15pm

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

Present Committee Members: Sara Ivey, Janice Graham, Denise Stanfield, Jim Painter, Israel Rios Fregozo, Denise Thiel

Absent: Jayaker Nagamala, Margarita Barron

Present Staff: Dominic DeCono, Rachelle Nunez, Stacy Swainston, Stephanie Flood

2. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCE

The Committee does not comment on items raised during Unscheduled Public Appearances; however, staff maybe 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, March 19th, 2024. The Committee will take appropriate action.

Motion: Committee Member Painter

2nd: Committee Member Thiel

Approved- 4-0

4. WELCOME DENISE THIEL

Staff will introduce and welcome the newest member of the Municipal Art Committee, Denise Thiel.

Denise briefly talks about her career background and current duties within the company that she works for. She expressed her desire to join a committee within a government entity, and she notes that she enjoys art and architecture and is excited to be a part of the Municipal Art Committee.

5. PUBLIC ART – MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER

The Municipal Art Committee will consider public art proposals for the Mountain View Community Center. The Committee will take appropriate action.

Dominic introduces the item by talking about the Mountain View Community Center building and its amenities and highlights the primary focus for the building being to accommodate the youth. Stacy adds information about the facility reservation amenities the MVCC has to offer and states the pricing does vary depending on the type of reservation and event being hosted. She further talks about the ages being toddler to adults depending on the classes that are offered. Dominic moves forward with detailing and showing slides of the three art mural submissions for the MVCC. Discussion enfolds among the Art Committee.

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Israel Rios Fregozo
Denise Thiel

Jayaker Nagamala (alt.)
Margarita Barron

Staff Liaisons:

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Stephanie Flood – Arts, Culture & Library Manager
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After review and discussion, the Municipal Art Committee approves of the 3rd concept, named; 'Inspiring Young Minds' by artist Maria Madrid Reed for the Mountain View Community Center

Motion: Vice Chair Graham

2nd: Committee Member Painter

Approved-6-0

6. PUBLIC ART – UTILITY BOXES – DYSART ROAD

The Municipal Art Committee will consider approval of public art concepts for utility boxes along Dysart Road.

Dominic begins talking about the utility boxes detailing their size specifics and showing a map of the 6 locations where the utility boxes are located. He further details the 3 artists who submitted a total of 5 concepts. Dominic presents the art concepts submittals to the Art Committee Members. A discussion enfolds among the Committee Members.

The Art Committee Members approve to move forward with 4 concepts and hold off on 2 utility boxes for possible future submissions. The concepts approved to move forward are as follows; "Cactus Bloom"-preferred location near the Agua Fria High School, "Frida"-preferred location near higher traffic areas, "Billy Moore"- preferred location closest to Western Ave., and "Purple Cactus" preferred location near a pedestrian walking area oppose to a street.

Motion: Vice Chair Graham

2nd: Committee Member Painter

Approved-6-0

7. VISITOR AND CONFERENCE CENTER PUBLIC ART

The Municipal Art Committee will provide staff direction regarding the public art for the Visitor and Conference Center.

Dominic updates the Committee Members with the status of the no response from Estrella Community College with coordinating an art concept for the VICC entrance. He further shares some suggestions for the types of concepts for opening a "call to artists". Vice Chair Graham suggests opening the "Call to Artists" to all mediums and not holding the artists to specifics. A discussion enfolds among the Committee Members.

8. UTILITY BOX ART – BLANK CANVAS

The Municipal Art Committee will consider a proposal to utilize art concepts from the Blank Canvas competition for utility box public art.

Dominic briefly talks about the Blank Canvas event that is hosted by the recreation division. Stacy updates the committee members on the Blank Canvas event and the process that will be taking place for its 3rd Summer running. She further highlights the growth Blank Canvas has seen in 3 years. Stacy mentions a rec team suggestion about the possibility of having the place winner artists artwork be placed on the utility boxes as a wrap. A discussion enfolds among the committee members. Board Member Painter suggests that child artists should be compensated if their artwork is out for commercial purposes and states that the artists no matter the age should be compensated as any other artists. Dominic asks, "what the board sees as options for compensation for kids' artwork?" Vice Chair Graham answers by suggesting that compensation should be a token for the kids and not something that should be advertised or focused on as an incentive for participating.

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The Art Committee Members Move forward with the preliminary idea of using the kids' blank canvas winner's art concepts on the utility boxes depending on if the art concept can be converted into an art wrap.

Motion: Vice Chair Graham
2nd: Committee Member Thiel
Approved-6-0

9. PUBLIC ART PROJECT UPDATES

Staff will provide an update to the Municipal Art Committee of ongoing and completed public art projects in 2024.

Dominic updates the Committee Members on the Achieving Artists High School Art Contest. He details the scholarships, the ceremony and presents who the winners were along with their artwork. Dominic moves on to show the Committee Members final pictures of the installed public art piece that was approved to be placed at the Aquatic Center. Dominic proceeds and presents the final picture of the mural that was completed at the Goodyear Farms Historic Cemetery. He states that a dedication for that mural will be held around the Dia De Los Muertos time due to the weather being cooler. Vice Chair Graham suggests that the other wall adjacent to the mural should have a coordinating mural to be completed prior to the dedication.

10. 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.

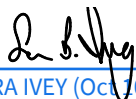
Vice Chair Graham asks about photographs being presented and used as display for the City Hall or VICC facilities. She further expresses her concern of seeing that proposal fall through the cracks and insists there be a follow-up on that concept. Dominic answers by stating that item will be discussed at the following meeting held on June 18th. Committee Member Painter announces that his photos will be presented at an exhibit sometime in October at The Heritage Museum located at Litchfield Park.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be in person on Tuesday, June 18th, 2023, for discussion and action.

7:49pm

Motion: Committee Member Painter
2nd: Vice Chair Graham
Approved- 6-0


SARA IVEY (Oct 10, 2024 09:28 PDT)

10/10/2024


Brittany Garcia (Oct 8, 2024 17:39 PDT)

10/08/2024

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5.29.24 Meeting Minutes

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