



MUNICIPAL ART COMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 17th, 2024, at 6:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting
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

Board Members: Chair Sara Ivey, Boardmember Denise Thiel, Boardmember Jim Painter, Boardmember Deanna Sapata, Boardmember Rhonda Bell

Staff: Dominic DeCono, Stephanie Flood, Stacy Swainston, Brittany Garcia

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, June 18th, 2024. The Committee will take appropriate action.

Motion: Boardmember Jim Painter

2nd: Boardmember Rhonda Bell

Approved: 5-0

4. WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Staff will introduce and welcome new Municipal Art Committee members Deanna Sapata and Rhonda Bell.

Boardmembers Rhonda Bell and Deanna Sapata were given the opportunity to introduce themselves to the committee.

5. PUBLIC ART – VISITOR & CONFERENCE CENTER

The Municipal Art Committee will consider public art proposals for the lobby of the Visitor & Conference Center. The Committee will take appropriate action.

Staff member Dominic DeCono speaks about the new six concepts turned in for the Visitor & Conference Center. Management wanted public art brought into the building. The concept can be mounted to the wall, hanging from the ceiling, or planted in the ground. Six concepts from four artists were submitted.

Concept #1: “Grid” by Trevor O’ Tool – Stainless steel structure with polycarbonate shapes that hang from the ceiling. \$ 184,000.

Concept #2: “Cotton” by Trevor O’ Tool – Stainless steel structure with orbs, similar to the Aquatic Center art piece. \$184,000.

Concept #3: “Teamwork” by Trevor O’ Tool - Stainless steel structure that would mount to ceiling, wall, and be built into the ground. \$184,000.

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Concept #4: “Tres Rios Sculpture” – Catitude Arts – Recycled copper and stainless steel mounted to wall and ground. \$15,000.

Concept #5: “Confluence” by Matthew Baral – Threaded steel cables interwoven to make three rivers, mounted to wall.

Concept #6: “Tres Rios” – Nicolas Rascona – Stainless steel structures mountain into ground and one hung from ceiling. \$65,124.

Board Member Jim Painter opened the discussion by commenting that the “Grid” sculpture is the only one that stood out to him. Rhonda Bell agreed with Jim, stating that the “Grid” sculpture is eye catching and striking. Denise Thiel states that it will be good from a marketing perspective. Denise also brought up that we have worked with the artist before, so he is trustworthy. The committee believes the “Confluence” piece did not have enough information and visuals. The committee did not consider the other art pieces.

Motion: Boardmember Deanna Sapata motions to move forward with Concept #1

2nd: Chair Sara Ivey seconds

Approved 5-0 to move forward with Concept #1 “Grid” for the Visitor & Conference Center.

6. PUBLIC ART – BLANK CANVAS TRAFFIC BOX WRAP

The Municipal Art Committee will consider concepts for new traffic box wraps from the Blank Canvas art competition. The Committee will take appropriate action.

Stephanie Flood opens discussion by describing the Blank Canvas competition. It had been suggested that the winners will be considered for Traffic Box Wraps. The wraps will be about \$3,000 to \$4,000 to produce each. The wrap will be at the corner of Van Buren and Dysart. Chair Sara Ivey brings up that the parents may reject having their child’s art put onto display. Dominic DeCono and Stephanie Flood bring up that they will ask for permission and if the parent does not agree, they will select again. The Elementary school, Middle school, and Highschool winners’ art designs are shown to the committee. These winners were initially chosen by City of Avondale employees.

The committee decided to choose their top art pieces from each age range.

The committee agreed on the Eagle canvas as the Elementary School winner.

The committee agreed on the Butterfly canvas as the Middle School winner.

The committee chose the Girl with Bubbles as the High School winner.

Dominic DeCono then showed the committee the other non-winning entries from the Blank Canvas competition.

The committee also agreed on the Dragon Keyhole art piece and the Desert Landscape (#16).

Motion: Boardmember Denis Theil

2nd: Boardmember Jim Painter

Approved 5-0 to move forward with the Eagle, Butterfly, Girl with Bubbles, Dragon Eye, and Desert Landscape for consideration as traffic box wraps.

7. ART SPONSORSHIP PROPOSAL

The Municipal Art Committee will consider for approval an art sponsorship for an event hosted by the 2 Left Feet Foundation. The Committee will take appropriate action.

2 Left Feet Foundation would like funding to host a free Back-to-School Dance event. The event would have local art organizations involved and workshops including painting, dancing,

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photography, etc. They are requesting \$1,000: Instructors - \$500, Supplies - \$200, Facility - \$300.

Rhonda Bell brings up that \$300 may not be enough to pay for a facility. Dominic clarifies that this may not be their only funds. Deanna suggests that the committee should provide more money to the cause. Rhonda Bell thinks the event seems like there is too many different things being offered at the event. Jim Painter thinks the plan doesn't sound very thought out and doesn't think they will get the turn out they are anticipating.

Chair Sara Ivey suggests that 2 Left Feet provide more information about the event.

Motion: Chair Sara Ivey

2nd: Boardmember Denise Thiel

Rejected 5-0 for funding request to 2 Left Feet's event.

8. PUBLIC ART PROPOSAL – HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS

The Municipal Art Committee will consider a proposal by staff regarding historic photographs. The Committee will take appropriate action.

Board Member Jim Painter's historic photographs to be printed and framed and placed around the city. Jim Painter was a newspaper photographer that has a collection of Avondale historic photos from the 70's and onward. Pictures are on FineArtAmerica and Jim will upload for the committee to view.

Jim Painter stepped back from vote.

Motion: Chair Sara Ivey

2nd: Boardmember Denise Theil

Approved 4-0 for budget for the Historic Photographs.

9. PUBLIC ART PROPOSAL – DYSART & WESTERN AVE

The Municipal Art Committee will consider a proposal for future public art on a parcel of property located on the SW corner of Dysart Rd and Western Ave. The Committee will take appropriate action.

The City would like to utilize the area off Dysart and Western for public art, they believe it could become a way to draw tourists down Western. The funding is \$10,000. The committee to vote on if a public art project should be in this area and use the city funds. The city managers want a "centerpiece" of a landscape architectural structure.

Stephanie Flood says this would be a good area to have an interactive aspect.

Deanna Sapata suggests a "Before and After" concept.

Motion: Boardmember Jim Painter moves to put public art in that area

2nd: Chair Sara Ivey

Approved 5-0 to have a Public Art Piece placed on the SW corner of Dysart Rd and Western

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.

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Dominic DeCono and Stacy Swainston had updated the City Council on everything that has been occurring within the Art Committee and the City Council has been very pleased. Thanks to all committee members. The next meeting will have Park10's public art submissions for consideration.

Stephanie Flood got a price of \$10,000 to touch up the existing mural at the cemetery. She did not move forward due to cost. Deanna suggests speaking about it at the next meeting with pictures. Rhonda Bell and Deanna Sapato share their thanks for having them in the committee and they are looking forward to the future.

11. ADJOURNMENT


The next meeting will be in person on Tuesday, December 17th, 2024, for discussion and action.

Motion: Boardmember Rhonda Bell motions to adjourn

2nd: Boardmember Deanna Sapato

Approved 5-0

Meeting Adjourned: 7:33pm


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