



MUNICIPAL ART COMMITTEE
Tuesday, December 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

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm.

Present: Chair Sara Ivey, Vice Chair Janice Graham Board Member Rhonda Bell, Board Member Denise Thiel, Board Member Jim Painter, Board Member Deanna Sapata

Staff: 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, September 17th, 2024. The Committee will take appropriate action.

Motion: Board Member Rhonda Bell motions to approve September 17th meeting minutes.

2nd: Board Member Jim Painter

6-0 Approved

4. PUBLIC ART PROPOSAL – HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS REVIEW

The Municipal Art Committee will review historic photographs to be displayed in city facilities. The committee will take appropriate action.

Stephanie Flood opens the floor by showing the committee the photographs that have been submitted by Jim Painter. The committee is to have a discussion on the number of photographs to be placed around the city. The committee will also discuss any suggestions they have for the locations of the photographs.

The committee members offer the following location suggestions: Sam Garcia Library, Civic Center Library, City Hall, and Staff Only Areas within City Hall.

Board Member Janice Graham asks how many spaces would be available for the libraries. Stephanie Flood answers that there should be room for about a dozen photographs to be hung up, depending on the sizing. The committee suggests that 11x17 would be the preferred sizing. Jim Painter says that the original sizing is 13x19 on the submitted photos.

Stacy Swainston asks if the photographs are currently showcased anywhere with a plaque. Jim says that they are, and Stephanie says we will need to have a plaque with a description of the photo and who/what is in the photo.

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Stacy suggests that we may need to come back to this with a discussion on the location, size, and which photos to showcase.

Stephanie suggests that the committee should discuss a theme for the photographs that will be showcased.

Deanna suggests the Civic Center be the location for the photographs of public figures and then an architectural theme. Jim Painter suggests putting the Garcia Market photo in the Sam Garcia Library. Janice likes the idea of a theme, but does not think that we should be too rigid about it, because certain photos can be weaved in. We may need to rotate certain photos around. The Committee states that the Lattie Coor and EMCC photos would be good to put together since they both revolve around education.

The A.B Sernas photo would be good to be put at the Sam Garcia as well. Janice suggests that Education can also be a theme as well. Perhaps, public figures, architecture, and education can be showcased on the themes.

The committee will come back to this topic to settle on the themes and locations. Staff will provide printouts of the photographs for the committee.

5. PUBLIC ART – UTILITY BOXES

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

Catitude Arts did the mural at the Goodyear Farms Cemetery.

The first concept shown is the Angel and there is a “blank plaque” on the side where information could be placed.

The committee is to decide whether there is information placed on the wraps. Janice asks if the other wraps have the artists’ information and Stephanie answers that there is not, but there has been a request for that information to be added to the previous wraps. Janice asks if there will be a consistent format for the information that is placed on the art wrap. Stephanie says that there will be the Artist Name, Date they did the piece, and the Medium and perhaps some information on the piece (up to the artist) as well.

Stephanie Flood shows the committee the other two options – young girl and worker.

Stephanie states that there are still two wraps needed on Dysart.

Stephanie mentions that the angel could help bring people to the cemetery. Sarah suggests that these could be a part of a series where it leads you to where the original is.

Janice likes the other two concepts and thinks they look like they tie together. Deanna agrees and likes that there is a clear theme between the art concepts. Stephanie states that these are projects that would be paid for by the committee. The cost is about \$2,500 each with installation.

Denise liked the idea of having the artist information and inspiration still written on the wrap.

Stephanie will reach out to the artist and have them turn the additional two art pieces into a wrap format for the board to review.

The committee agrees that they like all three art wraps.

Motion: Chair Sara Ivey motions to approve all three designs for utility box wraps

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2nd: Denise Thiel seconds

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The Blank Canvas Wrap Update – Stephanie showcased the Student Art utility box and shares her updates. She is going to be getting the permission from the artist's parents to put their information on the wrap.

6. PUBLIC ART PROPOSAL – FRIENDSHIP PARK DOG PARK

The Municipal Art Committee will consider a proposal for future public art at Friendship Park's dog park. The committee will take appropriate action.

The City is doing renovations at the Friendship Park Dog Park, and it will be broken up into two dog parks. The City is coming to the committee for a proposal of a dog themed art piece at the entrance of the dog park. Jim asks if there are any sizes the city is wanting for the art. Stacy says it is open ended, it just needs to allow the gate to still swing fully open.

This is a city funded project. It is a very early design phase at the moment. Jim says that it is difficult to imagine an art piece with so little information. Rhonda asks if this is supposed to be more of a selfie opportunity or an interactive element. Janice says that an interactive art piece would be nice to see at the park.

Motion: Vice Chair Janice Graham motions to go forward with a proposal for an art project at the renovated dog park

2nd: Chair Sara Ivey seconds

6-0 Approved

7. PUBLIC ART PROPOSAL – FIRE STATION 171

The Municipal Art Committee will consider a proposal for future public art at Fire Station 171. The committee will take appropriate action.

The committee is shown the mosaic that was previous in front of the detention center on Western. During the demo, the team was told to save the mosaic and it is now at Donnie Hale Park.

8. 2025 MEETING SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

The Municipal Art Committee will consider a proposal to amend the 2025 meeting schedule. The committee will take appropriate action.

The committee is shown the proposed 2025 meeting Schedule. The dates are the following: February 18th 2025, May 20th 2025, August 19th 2025, November 18th 2025.

Motion: Rhonda Bell motions to accept proposed 2025 meeting schedule

2nd: Janice Graham seconds

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9. CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES

Staff will deliver an update of ongoing public art projects.

The committee is shown the semi-finished art project in Crystal Gardens. There are still irrigation,

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landscaping and lighting works that need to be completed. The committee comments that they have seen it while driving by and that they love how the bird in the art piece moves in the wind. The art will be getting a plaque to be put on at a later date.

Stephanie will send the flame art work out to the committee after the meeting to show updates.

The City has two hometown hero banners that will be going up soon. This is not something that the committee votes on. People nominate an Avondale resident who is currently in the service or a veteran, and there is no longer a \$50 fee for the nominations.

Janice asks when the banners will be going up and how long will they be up. The banners will be up next week and then they will be up for a year and then given to the families. Janice suggests putting an ad in the newspapers so that way more people can nominate. Stacy suggests that we get a sponsorship from the West Valley View. Stephanie also suggests that they also include this in the RAVE magazine as well. Stacy suggests having a booth at our events that also markets the nominations. Deanna suggests marketing the nomination form on the social media pages.

Stephanie will work on a social media post that can go out in the next couple weeks. Jim Painter suggests putting up an advertisement in the American Legion here in Avondale. Stephanie will follow up with the Marketing committee. Perhaps a printable nomination form would be good to have at the American Legion or VFW. Perhaps a tear-sheet would be a good idea as well, with a little box that the submission can get put into.

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.

Jim Painter announces that he is moving out of Avondale in February.

Janice Graham and Jim Painter noticed that the heart statue on Avondale Blvd does not look luminated. Stephanie Flood says she will check into that to get the lights checked.

Rhonda Bell compliments the “Avondazzle” village in the Civic Center. The committee mentions that the city residents love coming to take photos with the light structures. Denise mentions that Goodyear has activities involved with their lights and suggests that that could be something that the city does here too.

Stephanie wants to create a YouTube channel that interviews the past artists to discuss the artwork. The YouTube channel would give the public more opportunities to learn about the artists and the pieces from their point of view. Rhonda Bell agrees and thinks it would be a great series that could grow into more. Perhaps there could be QR codes on the plaques and make an interactive gallery. Rhonda asks where the money would go if the YouTube videos become monetized. Stephanie says it will go to the General Fund.

Stephanie wants to work with the west valley art council to help inventory the art properly. There are many murals that the committee did not approve, but deserve to be incorporated. Stephanie clarifies that it is an appraisal project.

Rhonda asks how much engagement in the projects that Stephanie proposed is she expecting,

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and Stephanie says as much engagement as the committee wants to give. Stephanie will send out the information when she schedules meetings.

Sara says that the City of Avondale High School Art Scholarship Competition was very last minute last year and we should get a head start on it. Deanna will have the contact information for Stephanie. Students enter and EMCC will display the artwork. The next meeting we will discuss marketing for the competition.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be in person on Tuesday, February 18th, 2025 for discussion and action.

Motion: Jim Painter motions to adjourn

2nd: Janice Graham seconds

6-0 Approved to Adjourn the Meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 7:16pm

Rhonda Bell

Rhonda Bell (Feb 20, 2025 10:28 MST)

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