

Avondale Municipal Art Committee

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Minutes

March 20, 2018

MESQUITE CONFERENCE ROOM 11465 W CIVIC CENTER DRIVE AVONDALE, AZ 85323

Members Present: Lesa Schuur; John Chavez; Dan Drennen; Kelly Meadows; Bernadette Carol

Members Absent: Josephina Schrepfer; Irene Marquez – un-excused

Staff Present: Pier Simeri, Community Relations Director; DeAnn Franklin, Media Manager;
David Vaca, CIP Budget Analyst

Guests: Heidi Dauphin, Artist; Neil Terry, Developer

CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR - 6:13 p.m

1. Roll Call

Due to lack of quorum, the committee meeting was not conducted. An appearance by Heidi Dauphin was presented for informational purposes only.

2. Unscheduled Public Appearance

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. No unscheduled public appearances.

3. Committee Overview

Members were briefed by Dave Vaca on public art budget and funding sources. He explained how public art receives funds and handed out a spreadsheet that indicates how the money was used since 2006 when the fund was originally established. Dave identified the committee currently has an expendable budget of one hundred sixty thousand dollars and explained how the budget increases when a development project of over a certain size has to contribute a percentage to public art. Committee members discussed nominations for CIP Committee representation. Chairperson John Chavez will represent the art committee on the CIP Committee.

4. Art Organizations Update

Kelly Meadows, Ex-Officio for the Creative Arts District and representative member of the Historic Avondale Merchants Association updated the committee that there will be not Roctoberfest this year. Kelly presented to the committee a possible future event called Volkswalking that can be used as a art walk style event to tie sustainable life-styles with art which creates tourism through Volkswalking as members of the walking group go to other cities such as Surprise would use Avondale as a destination point to view the art.

West Valley Arts Council Ex-Officio member Bernadette Carol provided an overview regarding recent activities, such as their fundraising event called Havana Nights and invited the committee members to attend. Bernadette described some projects their organization is working on such as the VH1 Save the Music grant that was obtained to increase music opportunities in Avondale elementary schools. Bernadette introduced Heidi Dauphin and Neil Terry who are working together on a development

project called Solterra Senior Living Community which will incorporate a public art element shaped as a sun near the entry way trellis. Neil show the ariel rendering with the entrance area that will be a trellis with an art element incorporated into the entrance. Heidi presented her past art experiences and presented to the committee her Solterra Sun Symbol design concepts to gauge if the committee will approve the design concept. The committee discussed the project design concepts asking if the art element will be viewable to the public, the developer said the piece will be visible from Van Buren Street. The committee will provide a recommendation for the private-public art at their next meeting.

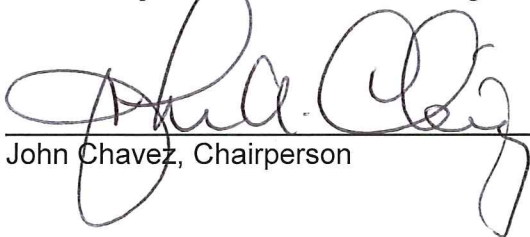
5. Public Art Master Plan

City staff provided an update the committee regarding fiscal year 2017-2018 projects as they relate to the master plan's implementation strategies. Staff asked which members would be interested in attending the West Valley Arts Council fundraiser event, Lisa, and Kelly did express interest in attending, staff showed the committee photos of the recent install of the first private-public art sculpture called "Flow" which in near the Agua Fria River along Van Buren. Staff updated the committee that the Veteran Banner program is in the process of receiving applications. Staff reminded the committee regarding next month's Mayor Marie High School Art Show on April 19th and went over the details of the event, committee member suggested that Anthony Velasquez be a judge in the art contest, staff confirmed the event will be held in partnership Estrella Mountain Community College the show will take place at the Performing Arts Center.

6. Approval of Minutes

No action taken since this was not a formal meeting.

7. Adjournment - Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at Avondale City Hall.



John Chavez, Chairperson