

Avondale Municipal Art Committee

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Minutes

June 19, 2018

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

Members Present: Irene Marquez; John Chavez; Dan Drennen; Mary Arpaia; Denise Stanfield; Stephanie Robinson; Bernadette Carol

Members Absent: Josephina Schrepfer; Lesa Schuur; Kelly Meadows – un-excused

Staff Present: Pier Simeri, Community Relations Director; DeAnn Franklin, Media Manager; Chris Hamilton, Project Manager

Guests: Heidi Dauphin, Artist; Neil Terry, Developer

CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR - 6:11 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. Art Organizations Update

West Valley Arts Council Ex-Officio member Bernadette Carol provided an overview regarding recent activities, such as how she is working closely with Betsy Hargrove to boost arts education with the funding through the VH1 Save the Music grant that was obtained to increase music opportunities in Avondale elementary schools. She also provided an overview to the new members about the Gallery37 program, the student incentives and mentioned their current project in Glendale.

4. Solterra Senior Living Community Public Art

Staff introduced Heidi Dauphin from Studio Curiosity and Neil Terry from Orcut Winslow who are seeking approval on a development public art project called Solterra Senior Living Community. Neil explained to the committee the private development public art requirement, and explained to the committee how adding the art element will aesthetically welcome residents and visitors to the new residential. The public art element is sun shaped pattern along the sides of the trellis entry way. He displayed the ariel rendering with a view of the entrance area where the art element will be installed at 295 East Van Buren Street. Heidi presented her past art experiences and explained to the committee her Solterra Sun Symbol design concepts. The committee discussed the project design concept and inquired 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. Irene Marquez motioned to approve the Solterra Sun art element; Denise Stanfield seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

5. Committee Overview

Chairperson John Chavez welcomed the guests and the new members to the meeting and thanked everyone for their service to the committee. He reminded the committee the importance of attendance at the quarterly meetings to ensure a quorum is met for the purposes of approving art projects in a timely manner.

6. 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 recapped the projects accomplished such as the first private-public art sculpture called "Flow" which is near the Agua Fria River along Van Buren. An update regarding the Hometown Hero (Veteran Banner program) that two applications were received but will open the application to receive more entries throughout the year. Staff recapped the Mayor Marie High School Art Show and acclaimed the success of the show as well as the venue. An update regarding the cemetery gate project is under procurement review and will be distributed in mid-July. Staff updated the committee about the sponsorship grant recipients; Cattitude will be conducting a Creative Aging program at the Senior Center in July and the West Valley Arts Council will work with Avondale schools to host the Arts Advantage program for fourth grade students.

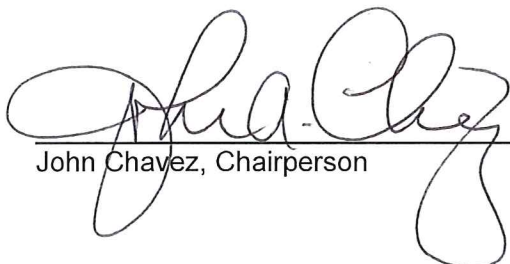
Chris Hamilton introduced a new project to the committee referred to as the Van Buren Multi-use Trail Project, he showcased shade tree concepts to the committee and explained the project objective. The committee reviewed the designs and asked questions as it related to the theme and public visibility. Staff introduced a project idea from the Parks and Recreation Department who is in the midst of major renovations to Festival Fields. Staff indicated to the committee if a meditation garden or trail head project would be of interest, members inquired about the visibility of that location, staff explained the goal of the renovations will be to make Festival Fields as a destination park to increase exposure. Mary Arpaia motioned to proceed with the proposed projects; Dan Drennen seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

7. Approval of Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes December 19, 2017. Irene Marquez motioned to approve the minutes; Dan Drennen seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

8. Adjournment

Denise Stanfield motioned to approve the minutes; Irene Marquez seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at Avondale City Hall.



John Chavez, Chairperson