

Municipal Art Committee

9/9/2025

Meeting Date

9/23/2025

Date Minutes Were Approved

Rhonda Bell

Rhonda Bell (Sep 24, 2025 11:22:28 PDT)

Chair

CERTIFICATION AND ATTESTATION

I hereby certify that the accompanying document is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the aforementioned meeting. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that the quorum was present.

Brittany Garcia

Brittany Garcia (Sep 24, 2025 09:03:15 PDT)

Staff Liaison





MUNICIPAL ART COMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 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 6:03pm.

Present: Rhonda Bell, Jan Graham, Sara Ivey, Gaven Mejia, Deanna Sapata, Jacqueline Garcia

Absent: Denise Thiel

Staff: Marissa Dailey, 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, July 8th, 2025. The Committee will take appropriate action.

Motion: Jan Graham motions to approve the minutes from July 8th,2025.

2nd: Sara Ivey

Approved: 5-0

4. COMPLETED PROJECT UPDATES

Staff will provide an update to the Municipal Art Committee on the completed Harmony of Rivers landscaping.

The committee is shown an update on the Harmony of Rivers landscaping. The landscaping costs came underbudget at around \$29,000. The committee comments that they think the landscaping was very well done and has greatly improved the area surrounding the art piece.

5. CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES

Staff will provide an update to the Municipal Art Committee on the Grid sculpture in the Visitor and Conference Center and the Old Town Plaza selected artist.

The committee is shown updates on the Grid sculpture in the Visitor and Conference Center. Artist Trevor O'Tool will be visiting the ViCC in October to pour foundation and will be completing installation of the artwork two weekends in November. We will be having an art unveiling on December 6th in conjunction with Winterfest.

The committee is shown a portfolio from HYBYCOZO. There will be two community outreach events coming soon to introduce the artists to the community and to also get community input on

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the shapes that will be going into the art piece at Old town Plaza. The first event is Cafecitos in October and then an event at Sam Garcia Library in November. The committee will be invited to both events.

6. HOMETOWN HEROS UPDATE

Staff will provide an update to the Municipal Art Committee on the Hometown Heros Banners.

Staff inform the committee of their efforts to get more submissions for the Hometown Hero Banner Program. The form will be closing soon, and Staff will be working with Marketing to create the banners and hopefully have them hung prior to Veteran's Day.

7. PUBLIC ART PLAQUES

Staff will provide an update to the Municipal Art Committee on the progress with the Public Art Plaques.

Staff has reached out to multiple vendors to get quotes and proofs for plaques. Sierra Signs is the chosen vendor because they have done plaques for the City in the past and they are also able to do the mounting and installation as well. Each plaque will have a lifetime warranty and staff have budgeted \$12,000 for the first set of plaques to be installed.

The plaques will include the Art Name, Artist Name, Year Created, and the description for those that we have. Staff is also looking into having a QR code on the plaques that will direct people directly to the Public Art Page.

8. PUBLIC ART PROPOSAL – CIVIC CENTER PARK

The Municipal Art Committee will consider a proposal for the public art artist for the new Civic Center Park. The committee will take appropriate action.

The committee is shown Nicolas Rascona's proposal titled "Seeds For Growth". Rascona's design is a flower-like form that sits on a curved base. The design is shown in the aluminum color.

The committee wants to see if there is a color option or additional designs that Rascona can provide before voting.

Tabling Vote

Motion: Sara Ivey motions to table the vote

2nd: Rhonda Bell

Approved 5-0

9. LIBRARY CARDS PROPOSAL

The Municipal Art Committee will consider a proposal to use Public Art Funds on new library cards that will display Avondale Public Art. The committee will take appropriate action.

Staff informs the committee that the library needs to purchase more library cards. Staff is interested in having public art be the background photos on the new library cards. Staff is asking to use \$4,687 from the Public Art Fund.

Motion: Jan Graham motions to approve using the Public Art Fund for new library cards featuring public art pieces.

2nd: Deanna Sapata

Approved: 5-0

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10. ACHIEVING ARTISTS HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP ART CONTEST

The Municipal Art Committee and Staff will discuss and assign tasks for the 2026 Achieving Artists High School Scholarship Art Contest.

The committee and staff have a discussion regarding the next Achieving Artists High School Scholarship Art Contest and what tasks could be assigned. The committee will be having special meetings throughout the year leading up to the expo in order to plan this event.

Staff have already reached out to EMCC to book the stage and display cases. Staff will develop marketing materials once a date is decided. Staff will also be accepting name recommendations for the scholarship title. A list has been made

11. 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.

The next full meeting will be Jan's final meeting. We will be catering this meeting. Jan asks if we are doing anything at the Goodyear Farms Historic Cemetery. Staff informs her that there are no plans at the moment, but they will reach to see if there are tabling opportunities. Jan also suggests bringing Jim Painter's historic artwork back into discussion as an agenda item.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion: Deanna Sapata motions to adjourn

2nd: Sara Ivey

Approved: 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm

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