

Municipal Art Committee

11/18/2025

Meeting Date

2/17/2026

Date Minutes Were Approved

Rhonda Bell

Rhonda Bell (Feb 18, 2026 10:12:45 MST)

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 (Feb 18, 2026 08:21:34 MST)

Staff Liaison





MUNICIPAL ART COMMITTEE
Tuesday, November 18, 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.

Meeting Called to Order at 6:07 pm

1. ROLL CALL AND STATEMENT OF PARTICIPATION BY THE STAFF LIAISON

Present: Rhonda Bell, Denise Thiel, Janice Graham, Gaven Mejia, Jacqueline Garcia, Sara Ivey, Deanna Sapata

Absent: N/A

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, September 23rd, 2025. The Committee will take appropriate action.

Motion: Sara Ivey motions to approve the September 23rd meeting minutes.

2nd: Deanna Sapata

Approved: 6-0

4. COMPLETED PROJECT UPDATES

Staff will provide an update to the Municipal Art Committee on the completed Fire Station 171 Mural.

The Committee is shown photos of the new mural that has been painted at Fire Station 171. The Committee comments that they are very impressed by the mural and agree it is a beautiful piece of art.

5. CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES

Staff will provide an update to the Municipal Art Committee on the Grid sculpture, Old Town Plaza, Civic Center Park, Hometown Hero Banners, and Public Art Plaques.

Staff provides the Committee with an update on the Grid sculpture, informing the Committee that the unveiling will take place at Winterfest. The Committee agrees that the final product is very nice.

Staff provides the Committee with an update on the Old Town Plaza art piece. Currently Hybycozo is working on creating designs that were inspired by the City's Community Outreach.

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Janice Graham Gaven Mejia
Alternate: Jacqueline Garcia

Staff:

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Staff provides the Committee with an update on Civic Center Park’s Public Art Piece. The selected artist Nicolas Rascona is on track for installation in March.

Staff provide an update to the Committee on the Hometown Hero Banners. The banners have been hung and we received a total of 13 new banners.

Staff provide an update to the Committee on the Public Art Plaques. Sierra Signs have received the information of different public art pieces within the City and the first batch should be getting installed in February 2026.

6. PUBLIC ART FUNDS PROPOSAL – CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY GALLERY

The Municipal Art Committee will consider a proposal to use public art funds for an art gallery in Civic Center Library. The committee will take appropriate action.

Staff inform the Committee that the city is interested in utilizing the space in the front of the Civic Center Library, potentially for an art gallery. Staff are asking the Municipal Art Committee for Public Art Funds to contract a vendor to run the art gallery. The asking amount is \$15,000.

This vendor handles all logistic aspects of the art gallery.

Motion: Jan Graham motions to approve using Public Art Funds for the art gallery

2nd: Deanna Sapata

Approved: 6-0

7. PUBLIC ART FUNDS PROPOSAL – HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPH KIOSKS

The Municipal Art Committee will consider a proposal to use public art funds for historical photograph kiosks at the Old Town Plaza. The committee will take appropriate action.

The City is seeking public art funding and requesting the Committee’s involvement in determining which historical photographs will be featured in kiosks at Old Town Plaza.

Staff agree to come back later with the budget and more information about the concept.

Motion: Rhonda Bell motions to table for future discussion

2nd: Denise Thiel

Approved: 6-0

8. MUNICIPAL ART COMMITTEE BYLAW AMENDMENT

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

Staff shows the Committee the suggested Bylaw amendment. The amendment would remove the requirement for City Council approval, and keep approvals at the City Manager level moving forward.

Motion: Sara Ivey motions to approve the suggested Bylaw amendment

2nd: Deanna Sapata

Approved: 6-0

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9. 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

Staff will provide the Municipal Art Committee with the suggested Meeting Schedule for the upcoming 2026 year.

Staff suggest the following dates for the 2026 meetings:

- February 17, 2026
- May 19, 2026
- August 18, 2026
- November 17, 2026

Motion: Denise Thiel motions to approve the proposed meeting schedule

2nd: Rhonda Bell

Approved: 6-0

10. SENIOR ART SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

The Municipal Art Committee and Staff will discuss and assign tasks for the 2026 Senior Art Scholarship Contest.

Staff shares with the Committee updates on the upcoming Senior Art Scholarship Contest.

Performing Arts Center:

- Reserved for Wednesday April 8, 2026
 - Showtime at 5:30 pm

Display Cases:

- Reserved from March 30 – April 10

Application Timeline:

- Monday, February 2 – Monday, March 12
 - Load information and photo of art piece

Art Drop Off:

- Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 27
 - Drop off at City Hall or Civic Center Library

Staff are working on getting a banner ordered.

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 Committee suggests having student volunteers for the expo.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be in person on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, for discussion and action.

Motion: Deanna Sapata motions to adjourn at 7:31pm

2nd: Janice Graham

Approved: 6-0

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