

Municipal Art Committee

2/17/2026

Meeting Date

6/2/2026

Date Minutes Were Approved

Rhonda Bell

Rhonda Bell (Jul 10, 2026 09:20:01 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 (Jun 17, 2026 17:56:29 PDT)

Staff Liaison





City of Avondale

Municipal Art Committee Meeting

Committee Members

Rhonda Bell, Committee Member
Shqipe Hyseni, Committee Member
Sara Ivey, Committee Member
Gaven Mejia, Committee Member
Deanna Sapata, Committee Member
Denise Thiel, Committee Member
Bryan Kilgore, Committee Member
Jacqueline Garcia, Alternate Member

Parks, Recreation & Libraries Department

Corey Larriva, Director
Stacy Swainston, Assistant Director
Marissa Dailey, Arts, Culture & Library Manager
Brittany Garcia, Administrative Assistant



Municipal Art Committee Meeting Notice & Agenda Tuesday, February 17, 2026

**AVONDALE VISITOR & CONFERENCE CENTER – MONUMENT HILL CONFERENCE ROOM
11490 CIVIC CENTER DR, AVONDALE, AZ 85323**

Request to Speak: Anyone wishing to speak regarding items listed on the agenda or under unscheduled public appearance should submit a Request to Speak online at <http://www.avondaleaz.gov/requesttospeak> prior to consideration of that agenda item.

REGULAR MEETING 6:00 PM

Physical access to the conference room will be available 30 minutes prior to the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:20pm.

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

Present: Sara Ivey, Rhonda Bell, Gaven Mejia, Deanna Sapata, Denise Thiel, Bryan Kilgore

Absent: Jacqueline Garcia, Shqipe Hyseni

Staff: Marissa Dailey, Corey Larriva, Stacy Swainston, Brittany Garcia

Public: Naomi Beasley

3. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES (Time is limited per person. Please state your name.)

4. ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Committee will take appropriate action.

New Chair – Rhonda Bell

Vice Chair – Denise Thiel

Approved 5-0

5. MINUTES

The Committee will consider the approval of the November 18, 2025 meeting minutes. The Committee will take appropriate action.

Motion: Deanna Sapata motions to approve

2nd: Sara Ivey

Approved 6-0

6. BYLAW AMENDMENTS

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

Staff presents the recommended bylaw amendments.

The first change is the removal of having to submit all projects to the City Council for conceptual approval prior to committing funds. The second change is to add verbiage to the committee eligibility requirements to not fully require that at least two members represent the West Valley Arts Council or be a current art teacher within the City of Avondale.

Motion: Sara Ivey motions to approve the Bylaw Amendment

2nd: Denise Thiel

Approved 6-0

7. HYBYCOZO OLD TOWN PLAZA PROPOSAL

The Committee will be shown the designs created by HYBYCOZO for Old Town Plaza. The Committee will take appropriate action.

Marissa Dailey gives the Committee background on how we got the three proposed art pieces.

The number one selected was New Horizon, second was Rise, and Balance was third.

Rhonda really liked new horizon and the pixels that light up at night.

Denise says it will bring everyone to see it.

Naomi likes the meaning and how it connects everyone and how it rises and grows.

Gaven says it reminds him of healing.

Motion: Deanna Sapata motions to move forward with New Horizon

2nd: Denise Thiel

Approved 6-0

8. FRIENDSHIP PARK DOG PARK PROPOSAL

The Committee will be shown the design created by Dale Rogers for the Friendship Park Dog Park. The Committee will take appropriate action.

Marissa Dailey shares Dale Rogers' proposal for the Friendship Park Dog Park.

Bryan mentions that it will be balanced and it fits the color scheme.

Bryan asks if the ears move, however it does not.

The current proposal is at 6 feet. Staff find this to be an appropriate size.

Motion: Gaven Mejia motions to move forward Dale Rogers' proposal

2nd: Rhonda Bell

Approved 6-0

9. RAIN CURTAIN PUBLIC ART FUNDS PROPOSAL

The Committee will consider a proposal to use Public Art Funds to replace the current Rain Curtain art piece at the Visitor and Conference Center. The Committee will take appropriate action.

Staff have reached out to HYBYCOZO to potentially create an art piece that would replace the “Rain Curtain” at the Visitor and Conference Center.

Staff are asking to use up to \$60,000 of the Public Art Funds towards the replacement.

Motion: Denise Thiel motions to move forward with using Public Art Funds to replace the Rain Curtain
2nd: Deanna Sapata

Approved 6-0

10. GRID CLEANING PROPOSAL

The Committee will consider a proposal from Trevor O’Tool for the Grid’s cleaning and maintenance. The Committee will take appropriate action.

There is a layer of dust on the upper section of the Grid. Staff have reached out to the artist, Trevor O’Tool, to get a quote for his team to come out and clean the Grid and get rid of any lingering dust and fingerprints.

Motion: Deanna Sapata motions to approve Trevor O’Tool’s proposal
2nd: Denise Thiel

Approved 6-0

11. BOOKMARK CONTEST FUNDING PROPOSAL

The Committee will consider a proposal to use Public Art Funds for the upcoming Bookmark Contest. The Committee will take appropriate action.

Staff are coming to the Municipal Art Committee to ask for \$600 of the Public Art Fund for the upcoming Bookmark Contest. The \$600 would go towards printing the actual bookmarks.

The Committee will be sent a link to assist in voting for the winners of the bookmark contest.

Motion: Sara Ivey motions to approve using Public Art Funds for the upcoming Bookmark Contest
2nd: Bryan Kilgore

Approved 6-0

12. ENCOMPASS HEALTH ART PROPOSAL

The Committee will consider a proposal for Public Art at the new Encompass Health Center. The Committee will take appropriate action.

Motion: Deanna Sapata motions to approve the proposed public art at Encompass Health Center.
2nd: Denise Thiel

Approved 6-0

13. SENIOR ART SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Staff will inform the Committee of updates on the upcoming Senior Art Scholarship Contest. This item is for discussion only.

Deanna noted that the bookmark feature may have interfered with submissions, and local high schools have since been made aware of the contest.

Brittany will send the digital flyer to all committee members for distribution, and the group reviewed the contest timeline and key dates.

In terms of food and sponsorships, no sponsors have been secured yet. Stacey suggested reaching out to local businesses to request food donations. A sponsorship flyer will be created and shared with committee members to support outreach efforts.

The contest form will be emailed to the committee along with clear instructions outlining next steps and responsibilities. The committee will take the lead on marketing and promotion efforts moving forward.

14. OLD TOWN PLAZA KIOSKS

Staff will inform the Committee of updates on the kiosks to be installed at Old Town Plaza. This item is for discussion only.

Deanna shared that while attending the Billy Moore event, she spoke with several community members who reminisced about historic moments in Avondale. She expressed interest in connecting with longtime residents to help explain the purpose and vision of the Old Town Plaza kiosks.

The kiosk displays will feature curated historical photos that are not interchangeable, along with a time capsule that will be showcased but remain sealed. The committee also plans to reach out to Jim Painter to request use of select photographs for the exhibit.

Additionally, the team will collaborate with the marketing department to source high-quality images and support the overall promotional campaign for the kiosks.

15. CIVIC CENTER ART GALLERY UPDATE

Staff will inform the Committee of updates on the Civic Center Library Gallery. This item is for discussion only.

The West Valley Arts Council will be managing four art installations within the Civic Center Art Gallery. The first installment will be on March 20th.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Deanna Sapata motions to adjourn
2nd: Sara Ivey

Approved 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm

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