

Municipal Art Committee

06/02/2026

Meeting Date

08/18/2026

Date Minutes Were Approved

Rhonda Bell

[Rhonda Bell \(Aug 21, 2026 08:54:32 PDT\)](#)

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 \(Aug 20, 2026 14:35:45 PDT\)](#)

Staff Liaison





City of Avondale

Municipal Art Committee Meeting

Committee Members

Rhonda Bell, Chair

Denise Thiel, Vice Chair

Shqipe Hyseni, Committee Member

Sara Ivey, Committee Member

Gaven Mejia, Committee Member

Deanna Sapata, 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, June 2, 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 6:05 pm.

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

Present: Rhonda Bell, Denise Theil, Bryan Kilgore, Sara Ivey, Deanna Sapata, Jacqueline Garcia

Absent: Gaven Mejia, Shqipe Hyseni

Staff: Marissa Dailey, Brittany Garcia, Jen Stein

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

4. MINUTES

The Committee will consider the approval of February 12, 2026 and March 24, 2026 meeting minutes. The Committee will take appropriate action.

Motion: Denise Thiel motions to approve the February and March meeting minutes.

2nd: Deanna Sapata

Approved 4-0

5. SENIOR ART SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST - RECAP

Staff will recap the Senior Art Scholarship Contest. This item is for discussion only.

Marissa gives the committee and staff praise for the success of the scholarship expo and thanked everyone for their efforts in making the event run smoothly.

The committee provided feedback and recommendations for next years scholarship and expo.

Sara Ivey gives thanks to the staff who assisted in the planning and gave the following recommendations:

- Add display title tags that includes the names and titles
- Continue to provide certificates to all participants
- Provide a small Avondale branded item to all participants, maybe a cup
- Increase the scholarship amounts

- Clarify dates on the flyer, particularly the submission deadline, drop-off deadline, and pickup dates.

Deanna Sapata suggested including Estrella Mountain Community College branded items as part of the participant giveaways.

Rhonda Bell offered to create a template for the artwork display tags. She also noted that the walk-up music was a positive addition and that the event banner worked well.

Denise Thiel recommended creating a banner specifically for the contest, so that way people know what is happening in the center. She also suggested looking into whether any of the schools have scholarship books or similar resources where the scholarship could be promoted.

6. CIVIC CENTER ART GALLERY NEW INSTALLMENT

Staff will share details on the new art installment at the Civic Center Art Gallery. This item is for discussion only.

Two special events were held in connection with the installation, with a combined total of 66 attendees. Several of the participating artists were in attendance, and two artworks were sold during the event that evening.

Committee members noted that the events appeared to be successful. Rhonda Bell commented that the installation significantly transformed the gallery space.

7. SEEDS FOR GROWTH UNVEILING

Staff will share details on the Seeds For Growth unveiling. This item is for discussion only.

The Seeds for Growth unveiling was done in connection to the new art gallery installment. In total, there were 66 attendees.

The artist was unable to be present but provided a few words for his artwork and Mayor Pineda was also in attendance.

8. CALL TO ARTISTS – DONATELLA PARK, SOUTH AVONDALE PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY & VISITOR AND CONFERENCE CENTER FOUNTAIN

Staff will share details on the current open Call to Artists. This item is for discussion only.

The City currently has three Calls to Artists open or in development.

The Call to Artists for Donatella Park, originally scheduled to close in May, has been extended.

The Call to Artists for the South Avondale Public Safety Facility is anticipated to be due next year.

Staff noted that the West Valley Arts Council's Culturalist platform is a useful resource for distributing and sharing Calls to Artists.

9. BLANK CANVAS WINNERS – UTILITY BOX WRAPS

The Committee will consider a proposal to use Public Art Funds for Utility Box Wraps that would be chosen based off the winners of the Blank Canvas Contest. The Committee will take appropriate action.

Motion: Sara Ivey motions to approve the use of Public Art Funds,

2nd: Deanna Sapata

Approved 4-0

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Denise Thiel

2nd: Deanna Sapata

Approved 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34pm

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