



MINUTES OF THE
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022
5:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Kathleen Escobedo, Michelle Hirsch, Tim Wiant, Farhana Ahmed, Julie Ray, José Benavides

Commissioners absent: None

Staff Present: Caroline Hudson-Naef, Michelle Mac Lennan

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM by Michelle Hirsch

UNSCHEDULED / SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC

- None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 16 MEETING:

- a) Kathleen made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION AGENDA

- a) Discussed the finalists for the Police Department project. Michelle Hirsch and Farhana reported back about the selection meeting held with police staff, where Nicholas Rascona was chosen unanimously. After some discussion of the pros and cons of the other proposals, the commissioners agreed that Rascona's was exactly what the Police Department wanted and was mid-range in price. Kathleen made a motion to approve Nicholas Rascona's proposal for the Police Department project. Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b) Caroline shared that staff had selected Lily Reeves as this cycle's IN FLUX because the selection deadline did not align with the Arts Commission

schedule. Caroline showed Reeves' initial design proposal, and the commissioners gave some suggestions. Tim asked if the current IN FLUX sculpture by Nicholas Rascona would be removed, and if there was the opportunity to put something else there. Caroline shared that staff would check in with Rascona to see if the sculpture needed to be removed, and that there was room in the budget for the Arts Commission to consider replacing it if so. Tim made a motion to approve Lily Reeves as the IN FLUX artist for cycle 10. Kathleen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BRIEFING ITEMS

- a) Ongoing public art projects
 - a. Caroline shared that all of the traffic control box wraps have now been installed, and that ABC15 aired a news segment interviewing Peter Bugg, Annemarie Comes, and Shachi Kale on the project. Several commissioners expressed how cheerful the traffic boxes were, and Michelle Hirsch said that she enjoyed the *Creative Drive* exhibition of the participating artists at Vision Gallery.
 - b. Caroline shared that staff decided to extend the deadline for the Fire Department project to Sunday, February 6 because submission numbers were low and the project timeline allowed.
- b) Maintenance Projects
 - a. Caroline shared that next week Peter would be meeting with a person who could hopefully repair the tile benches at Sunset Library.
- c) Review draft budget for fiscal year 2022-2023
 - a. Caroline shared the draft budget for fiscal year 2022-2023. Michelle Hirsch said that it would be helpful for the budget to include a comparison for the previous year. Tim asked why the A.J. Chandler Park renovation wasn't listed, and Caroline said that that project had not been scheduled yet, though it is still expected at a future date.

MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Michelle Hirsch thanked Kathleen and Tom for hosting the holiday party.
- Kathleen said she enjoyed hosting the party, and that her husband loved the apricot jam José's wife made.
- José shared that he was selected to show work in the ArtLink Gala on March 11, and that he was looking forward to the creation process with his mentor.

- Farhana invited everyone to attend the International Mother Language Day Celebration on February 19.

CALENDAR

- a) Next regular meeting will be February 15, 2022 via webex

INFORMATION ITEMS

Current Exhibitions

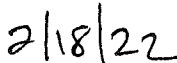
Vision Gallery – Diego Perez: Hattitude and Creative Drive – Jan 15 – March 26, 2022. Opening Reception: Friday, January 14, 6-8pm
Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – Radical Happiness: Lex Gjurasic – Jan 15 – April 9, 2022. Reception: Feb 26, 3-5pm

ADJOURNMENT

- a) At 5:40 PM, Michelle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathleen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



Michelle Hirsch, Chair



Date