



MINUTES OF THE  
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, June 21, 2022  
5:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Michelle Hirsch, Tim Wiant, José Benavides, Shachi Kale, Farhana Ahmed, Caitlin Penny

Commissioners absent: Julie Ray

Staff Present: Peter Bugg, Caroline Hudson-Naef, Kim Moyers

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM by Michelle Hirsch in the Vision Gallery multipurpose room.

UNSCHEDULED / SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC

- None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 17 MEETING:

- Michelle Hirsch noted that her last name was misspelled once and one other capitalization error. Michelle made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Farhana seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION AGENDA

- Michelle Hirsch and Shachi gave a recap of the selection committee meeting with Fire Department representatives for the Fire Department memorial. Shachi said that the group discussed how both Rascona and Slick had taken the feedback well and that Rascona's had come out on top with a few additional small edits needed. Tim made a motion to accept the recommendation of the selection committee to approve Nicholas Rascona as the artist for this project. Farhana seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- b) Peter shared the submissions for the Downtown Library project, as well as the ranking of the artists by the Arts Commission and library staff collected prior to the meeting. In this ranking, the top three artists were Troy Neiman, Jason Chakravarty and Jennifer Caldwell, and Diego Perez. Tim expressed concern that the budget would be too low for Troy Neiman, and Peter shared that he had spoken with Troy and that Troy is still interested in the project. Tim also shared some constructive feedback for the introduction narrative submitted by Diego. José made a motion to approve Neiman, Chakravarty/Caldwell, and Perez as the finalists for the library project. Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- c) Peter shared that the Zora Folley mural selection committee will meet between July 5 and the July 19 regular meeting. He will reach out to the commissioners to seek a representative when a date has been scheduled. Peter tabled this item.
- d) Peter shared that Yuke Li has asked to donate her piece from *the Creative Drive* exhibition in January to the city's Portable Public Works collection. Tim made a motion to accept the donation. Farhana seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## BRIEFING ITEMS

- a) Councilmember Orlando budget amendment
  - a. Peter shared that the amendment to do an art project with children passed for \$15,000. He shared that the Arts Commission does not get the final say in the project, but that their input will be involved. Kim Moyers shared about the adjustment process and gave kudos to the Visual Arts staff for helping to make it happen.
- b) Ongoing public art projects
  - a. Peter stated that the Police Memorial project has been installed and is getting the finishing touches tomorrow. It has received positive feedback from the Police Department. Michelle Hirsch asked if the Arts Commission could get recognition in PR for projects like this.
  - b. Peter stated that Lily Reeves, the INFLUX artist, has been paid and is working on her pieces. We are looking to install around the end of August.
  - c. José shared about the Pueblo Alto committee meeting a couple weeks prior; he said that Caroline shared lots of options for artwork, but that a mural emerged as the clear focus of the group. He also said that a mural seemed like the best option for communicating the themes the

group wanted. Caroline shared that the committee was flexible about the site of the mural and that staff will send out the RFQ so the commissioners can share it with interested artists.

- d. Peter shared about the site visit with the 5 Zora Folley mural finalists, owners of Flo, 4 Folley family members, and Chandler Museum staff. He said that the Folley family members shared important information about Folley as a dad, and that the Museum staff was able to give specifics about his career. Proposals will be reviewed after July 5 by the same group plus a representative from the neighborhood, and that the committee should have a recommendation by the next regular meeting.
  - e. Peter shared that he is still working on a few things internally with the City for Gerald Clarke's signage project in Jan 2023.
  - f. Farhana asked if the Arts Commission will do another round of traffic control boxes this fiscal year. Peter said yes, the Arts Commission approved funding for 5 more. Farhana asked if the commission could do more provided with matching funds, and Peter answered yes.
- c) Maintenance Projects
- a. Peter said that some tile benches along Arizona Avenue have been damaged over the years, and that Kathleen Escobedo and Ted Wolter are working on repairing them by making replacement tiles.
  - b. Peter shared that a fin in the Infinite Wave shade structure at the Chandler Museum was damaged by high winds last weekend. The damaged piece has already been removed, and staff is working with a structural engineer to determine a long-term solution.

## MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tim got to see John Williams conduct an orchestra at Star Wars Celebration.
- Caitlin said it was nice to meet everyone in person and also enjoyed the Boards and Commissions training provided recently.
- Michelle Hirsch shared that she has really enjoyed the CIVIC program experience and encouraged the other commissioners to participate. She also enjoyed the cyanotype Make and Take event.
- Shachi shared that she is leading a workshop at the Draw-a-thon event at the Tempe Center for the Arts this Saturday.
- Peter shared that Caroline will be missing the Arts Commission meetings this August – November due to a class occurring at the same time.

## CALENDAR

- a. Next regular meeting will be July 19, 2022, via Webex

## INFORMATION ITEMS

### Current Exhibitions

- a. Vision Gallery – *Melting Point: Artisans of Bollinger Atelier* – June 25 – August 20, 2022. Reception: Saturday, June 25, 4-6 p.m.
- b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – *Out of the Blue* – May 21 – July 30, 2022.

### Upcoming Exhibitions

- a. Vision Gallery – *Pandemic Gaze: Chelsie Tamala & Cam DeCaussin* – August 26 – November 10, 2022. Reception: Friday, August 26, 6-8 p.m. (Tentative)
- b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – *Michelle Emami: Both, Neither, and All of the Above* – August 5 – October 15. Reception: TBD.

### Upcoming Events

- a. July 9 – Vision Kids fall sign-up
- b. July 16, 11am – Vision Gallery – Make & Take: Custom crayons
- c. July 30, 10am – Vision Gallery – Art Social: Block printing with Olivia Yuen

## ADJOURNMENT

- a) At 5:54 PM, Michelle Hirsch adjourned the meeting.

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Michelle Hirsch, Chair

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Date