

MINUTES OF THE CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022 5:00 PM

Commissioners Present: José Benavides, Michelle Hirsch, Shachi Kale, Julie Ray, Tim Wiant

Commissioners absent: Farhana Ahmed, Caitlin Penny

Staff Present: Peter Bugg, Caroline Hudson-Naef, Michelle Mac Lennan

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM by Michelle Hirsch via WebEx.

UNSCHEDULED / SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC

- None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 18 MEETING:

a) Tim made a motion to approve the minutes as written. José seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION AGENDA

a) Peter shared the draft Request for Qualifications for the Chandler Center for the Arts lobby artwork and reminded the commissioners that the budget had already been approved. Michelle Hirsch suggested some minor clarifying edits. Shachi made a motion to approve the RFQ as amended. José seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BRIEFING ITEMS

- a) Ongoing public art projects
 - a. Peter updated the commission that Lily Reeves has been paid and that we hope to have the lighting issue resolved soon.

- b. Peter had his first meeting with the Traffic Control Box artists last week.
- c. Peter shared a photo of the finished Zora Folley mural and asked the commissioners for input on the rendering of the Folley family's faces in the small "photo." Peter expressed concern about the lack of detail in that section and has received some constructive feedback from Flo and City staff. José, Michelle Hirsch, and Shachi all commented that the faces looked acceptable to them. Peter will meet with Folley family members before reaching out to Giovannie with a decision.
- d. Caroline shared the first draft design proposal from Edgar Fernandez for the Pueblo Alto mural project. The commissioners provided some constructive feedback for Edgar, including that this design felt scattered and too simplified. Caroline will share with Edgar to help him prepare his second draft design.
- e. Peter shared the final design for the Downtown Library Artwork. The commissioners reacted favorably.
- f. Peter shared that things were moving along with the Downtown Benches project, and that there have been a few small design tweaks due to construction and materials.
- g. Peter has not heard anything back from Gerald Clarke about the signage project, which may have to be delayed or cancelled.
- h. The Fire Department Memorial project is moving along and Peter attended a site visit with the artist Nick Rascona, structural engineer, and construction site manager.
- i. Peter met with Miguel Godoy for the Shumway project last week, and they looked at a few different location options.

b) Maintenance Projects

- a. Peter shared that there are no updates to the maintenance projects in progress.
- c) Peter had hoped to have a draft 2023-2024 budget for the commission to review, but does not yet. He will send it out in December so the commissioners have plenty of time to review it before approving in January in accordance with the new City budgeting process.
- d) Peter reminded the commissioners about the holiday party on December 13 from 5-7. Michelle Mac Lennan shared an Eventbrite link to RSVP.

MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Julie attended Canal Convergence in Scottsdale and was very impressed with the event. Caroline also attended, and encouraged the commissioners to plan to attend next year.

- José has submitted a design to Burning Man to ask for the funding to create it next year.
- Michelle Hirsch saw North at the Chandler Center for the Arts and was blown away. She felt very grateful to attend, and said its return performance next year is not to be missed.

CALENDAR

a. Next regular meeting will be the holiday party on December 13.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Current Exhibitions

- a. Vision Gallery *Art Quilts XXVII: Re-Vitalized!* November 19 January 7. Opening Reception: November 19, 4-6 p.m.
- b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery *Gordon Skalleberg: Between There and Here* October 22 December 10.

Upcoming Exhibitions

- c. Vision Gallery *Stoic: Un-printing the Noble Savage* January 14 March 11, 2023. Opening Reception: February 24, 6-8 p.m.
- d. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery *Fractal Lineage: Artwork by Daniel Nez* February 10 April 15. Opening Reception: February 24, 6-8 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

a) At 5:48 PM Michelle Hirsch adjourned the meeting.

Julie Ray, Vice-chair

Date