



MINUTES OF THE
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023
5:00 PM

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

Commissioners absent: None

Staff Present: Peter Bugg

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 PM by Michelle Hirsch via WebEx.

UNSCHEDULED / SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC

- None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 17 MEETING:

- a) Peter sent the wrong attachment to the commission, so they were not able to preview the minutes. Peter will send the correct attachment before the March meeting, and the commission will approve it at that time.

ACTION AGENDA

- a) Peter shared the voting tallies for the CCA Lobby Project. The three top artists were tied for first place. They were Heather Freitas, Kaori Takamura, and Kerry Vesper. José made a motion to approve the three top vote-earners as finalists. Michelle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b) Peter shared that the downtown library project will require some additional funding. The library will pay for additional painting, and requested that the arts commission pay \$1000 for electrical work to provide for lighting. Tim made a motion to approve the funding. Farhana seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- c) Peter shared a draft of the Tumbleweed Recreation Center RFQ. Commissioners suggested minor clarifying edits and a larger budget for finalists. Michelle Hirsch made a motion to approve the RFQ as amended. Julie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BRIEFING ITEMS

- a) Ongoing public art projects
- a. Peter shared photos of the updated INFLUX project. Michelle Hirsch asked if there was ever any feedback on the project, and Peter said he had received a few positive responses from the community. Tim suggested LED over neon for future projects of this sort, because they use less power and are still able to provide a variety of colors.
 - b. Peter shared that artist Egar Fernandez began priming the wall this past weekend, and plans to lead a community painting day this upcoming weekend. The commission requested more information, which Peter will share after the meeting.
 - c. Peter shared that the downtown library project is moving along, and shared in-progress photos. The installation may be moved back to April, and Peter will keep the commission informed.
 - d. Peter shared photos of the downtown benches.
 - e. Peter shared that the Shumway project is also moving forward. Artist Miguel Godoy has been meeting with students. Michelle Hirsch shared that she thanked Councilmember Orlando for funding this project at the state of the city event.
- b) Maintenance Projects
- a. Peter shared that he is still in the process of getting a complete quote for the museum shade structure repair.

MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Farhana shared information about a \$1,000 artist stipend
- José shared that he will be part of Stiletto shoe themed exhibition at Olney Gallery opening on Friday.
- Michelle shared a story about seeing public art on her trip to Germany. She also shared that she had a conversation with Councilmember Orlando where she thanked him for his funding for the Shumway project, and he mentioned that there may be funds available for future projects as well.
- Caitlin shared about her open office hours at the ASU Innovation Center
- Shachi shared about her upcoming exhibitions at Practical Art and PhICA

CALENDAR

- a. Next regular meeting will be on March 21, in person.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Current Exhibitions


- a. Vision Gallery – *Jacob Meders: Familiar Territory* – January 14 – March 11, 2023. Opening Reception: February 24, 6-8 p.m.
- b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – *Daniel Nez: Fractal Lineage* – February 10 – April 15. Opening Reception: February 24, 6-8 p.m.

Upcoming Exhibitions

- a. Vision Gallery – *Along the Colorado* – March 17 – May 27, 2023. Opening Reception: March 17, 6-8 p.m.
- b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – *CUSD Annual Showcase* – April 19 – May 11, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

- a) At 5:53 PM Michelle Hirsch adjourned the meeting.

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Michelle Hirsch, Chair

Date