



MINUTES OF THE  
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023  
5:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Michelle Hirsch, Caitlin Penny, Tim Wiant, José Benavides

Commissioners Absent: Farhana Ahmed, Shachi Kale, Julie Ray

Staff Present: Peter Bugg, Kim Moyers

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Michelle Hirsch via Webex

UNSCHEDULED /SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC

- None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 17 MEETING:

- a) With this correction noted by José: in his Member Comments the word "at" should be "and", José made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Tim seconded the motion, The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 21 MEETING:

- a) José made a motion to approve the minutes with the same correction noted as for the January 17 minutes: change the word "at" to "and" in Jose's Member Comments. Tim made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Michelle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION AGENDA

- a) Select finalist for the CCA Lobby project- José shared comments from the meeting with Julie, Michelle M., Terri, Angela Storey (CUSD rep) to discuss the three finalists: Heather Freitas's design is not the right fit for the space; Kerry Vesper's design had good inspiration, and the 3D aspect was interesting, but overall the group felt it didn't fill the space enough; Kaori Takamura's design did not have enough "Wow!" but the group was interested in going back to her to see if she would revise her design. It's the right color palette & style, but the group would prefer fewer individual pieces, and no logos. Tim commented about not understanding the meaning of the random letters, numbers, and words, and agreed no logos or need for CCA building in the design. Michelle H. commented that music is represented but suggested adding something to represent dance, theater, comedy -- to represent the other types of performances at CCA in addition to music.

Tim motioned to approve Kaori as the CCA Lobby project finalist if she's willing to revise the design given the feedback. Caitlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- b) Select finalists for possible purchase

Michelle reminded Commissioners this is something we previously voted to support to expand the city's collection, and we should pick 3 from the list of 9 artists: Jacob Meders, Daniel Nez, Gordon Skalleberg- New Mexico, Michelle Emami - California, Chelsie Tamala, Cam DeCaussin, Lex Gjurasic - Tucson, Jen Urso, Serge J.F. Levy - Tucson.

After discussion, commissioners agreed that they would like more time and information before making the decision, so the topic was tabled. Peter will share information on the artists in the meantime to refresh commissioners.

#### BRIEFING ITEMS

- a) INFLUX Acquisition - Michelle shared that Lily offered to donate the piece in A.J. Chandler park "You're on the Right Path"

b) Ongoing public art projects

- a. Zora Folley Mural - Michelle shared that Peter reported all the Grant paperwork is completed, and we received payment from NEA.
- b. Traffic Control boxes that were installed a few weeks ago are located in Gilbert, so the artwork will need to be relocated. Gilbert is OK with the current locations for about a year, but we will need to relocate them to Chandler boxes nearby. This was an honest error in review of the locations, and will cost about \$2500 to relocate. José asked whether Chandler or Gilbert has an issue with the relocating? Tim asked if the box designs are the same, and will the designs need to be manipulated or different sizes? Tim commented that it's likely they'll have to reprint the designs. Michelle added that she thinks it's a bonus for Gilbert to enjoy the artwork and the artists will get exposure in both areas, and that it's a relatively small issue or expense in our overall budget.
- c. CUSD Exhibition - Caitlin shared about her positive experience viewing and judging the student artwork, specifically noting that it was helpful to view the artwork in person to see the accurate colors, etc. She enjoyed the experience and looks forward to the exhibit. Michelle thanked Julie and Caitlin for their extra time and service as jurors and again at the install today. Michelle reminded Commissioners the opening reception is April 27 at 6pm at CCA.
- d. Michelle reported that the Shumway neighborhood public art project continues, Miguel led a painting day last Friday with students and expects to finish by the end of the month, with the reception planned for early May. Peter will send us the details of the exact date and time when it is determined.
- e. Michelle reported that the Library installation is scheduled for Sunday and the reception is April 27 at 3 PM at the Library. Michelle encouraged other Commissioners to also attend the reception.
- f. Pueblo Alto mural painting is ongoing, the artist is finishing some of the character work at his studio; The reception is tentatively planned for the evening of May 21, and Peter will send us a confirmation when the date and time is confirmed.

c) Maintenance Projects

- a. Michelle reported that the museum shade structure repair is still in progress, Peter is coordinating between Contractor, Fabricator, and insurance, and will keep us posted.

MEMBERS COMMENTS /ANNOUNCEMENT

- Michelle commented that this is José and Farhana's last meeting, thanking them for their service, and offering a recognition that José has been on the Commission since she was appointed, and she appreciates his positive demeanor and wealth of knowledge. Michelle invited José and Farhana to attend the start of the June 20 in-person meeting to receive their plaques.

- José shared that he was invited to participate in Burning Man again, which starts the end of August.

- Michelle suggested commissioners follow José on his social media to keep updated on his artwork events and exhibits.

- Michelle invited Commissioners to view the Kyrene students' District Art Show, it's virtual, with great student art, reminding everyone that Kyrene School District has 7 schools in Chandler with excellent art programs. The virtual District Art Show can be viewed at [kyrene.org/artshow2023](https://kyrene.org/artshow2023)

CALENDAR

- a. The next regular meeting will be on May 16 via Webex.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Current Exhibitions

- a. Vision Gallery – *Along the Colorado* – March 17 – May 27, 2023.
- b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – *CUSD Annual Showcase* – April 19 – May 11, 2023. Reception: Thursday, April 27, 6-7:30 p.m.


## Upcoming Exhibitions

a. Vision Gallery – *Untraditionally American: Kat Davis and Brianna Noble* - June 3 – August 19, 2023. Reception: June 2, 6-8 p.m. (tentative)

b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – *Frank Gonzales: Sacred Spaces* – May 20 – August 5, 2023. Opening Reception: Friday, May 19, 6-8 p.m.

## ADJOURNMENT

a) at 5:42 PM Michelle Hirsch adjourned the meeting.

 5/17/23

Michelle Hirsch, Chair

Date