



MINUTES OF THE
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, May 16, 2023
5:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Michelle Hirsch, Caitlin Penny, Tim Wiant, Mahfam Moeeni-Alarcon, Rosanna Lantigua, Shachi Kale

Commissioners Absent: Julie Ray

Staff Present: Peter Bugg, Caroline Hudson-Naef

CALL TO ORDER

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

UNSCHEDULED /SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC

- Tara, no last name given, no comment made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 18 MEETING:

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

ACTION AGENDA

- a) Select chair and co-chair for 2023-2024

Peter shared that he had previously confirmed with Michelle Hirsch that she is able to serve as chair again and asked the commissioners if any of them would like to serve as co-chair. Caitlin volunteered to serve as co-chair. Tim motioned that Michelle serve as chair and Caitlin serve as co-chair for the 2023-24 year. Shachi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- b) Appoint representative to Scholarship Funding program on Tuesday, 9/12/23, 5-8pm.

Caitlin shared that she enjoyed participating in this selection panel last year and gave some details for the commissioners. Michelle Hirsch expressed that she was available but was open to a newer commissioner attending because of the civic engagement opportunities. Mahfam said she was interested but doesn't yet know her availability for that date. Michelle Hirsch made a motion to select Mahfam as the Arts Commission representative to the scholarship funding panel and herself to serve as an alternate if needed. Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- c) Tumbleweed Rec Center RFQ

Peter had previously sent the updated version of the RFQ to the commissioners for review. Tim and Shachi caught several dates that were listed incorrectly. Michelle Hirsch requested several minor changes to wording and grammar. Michelle Hirsch made a motion to approve the Tumbleweed RFQ with these changes. Rosanna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- d) INFLUX Repair

Caroline shared that Lily Reeve's sign was vandalized beyond repair. Peter shared about insurance information and a refresher for the project for the new commissioners. The commissioners discussed the option of paying Lily to replace the sign, waiting to hear more information from Risk Management about insurance to make that decision, or only paying Lily the insurance fee. Michelle Hirsch made a motion to pay Lily Reeves the insurance fee only for the damaged INFLUX piece. Mahfam seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- e) INFLUX Acquisition

Peter shared that Lily Reeves had already offered to donate her piece installed on Arizona Ave to the City's collection prior to her other piece being vandalized. Peter recommended that the commission wait to decide until after the insurance issue had been settled for the damaged piece. Tim recommended consulting downtown Chandler businesses. After some discussion, Tim made a motion to table this decision until the insurance issue has been resolved. Michelle Hirsch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

f) Bloomberg Grant

Peter shared information about a grant opportunity from the Bloomberg Foundation. The goal of the grant is to fund temporary "asphalt art" projects that encourage traffic safety. He asked the commissioners if they approved of staff applying to the grant if they can garner the necessary support from other departments. The commissioners responded positively. Shachi made a motion to support staff applying to the Asphalt Art grant from the Bloomberg Foundation. Michelle Hirsh seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

g) Select finalist for possible art purchase

Peter explained how the Arts Commission purchasing process works, and had previously asked the commissioners to review a list of options of artists who have exhibited in Vision Gallery or at the Chandler Center for the Arts in the last year. The commissioners gave their top picks, with several listing multiple favorites. Of the commissioner's votes, Cam DeCaussin, Daniel Nez, and Michelle Emami were the top artists. Peter requested for the commissioners to also include Jacob Meders due to the connection his artwork has to the city, and the commission agreed. Michelle Hirsch made a motion for staff to reach out to Daniel Nez, Michelle Emami, Cam DeCaussin, and Jacob Meders for information about availability and pricing of artworks for potential purchase. Shachi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BRIEFING ITEMS

- a) Museum RFQ – Peter will put together for June’s meeting. He is recommending a budget of \$5,000, which was not specified in the budget approved earlier this year. He also shared that the Museum is interested in a longer-term project but wanted to see how the process worked first.
- b) Ongoing public art projects
 - a. Peter shared that unknown to our staff, some of the traffic control box locations selected for the Basha High School collaboration are actually in Gilbert, and needed to be relocated. Peter has already arranged for this to be done.
 - b. Tim shared about the completion celebration for the Downtown Library art project and the board game café, which had good turnout from city leadership.
 - c. Michelle Hirsch shared about the Shumway project unveiling, and was very complementary about Miguel Godoy’s engagement activities throughout the project.
 - d. Caroline shared about the Pueblo Alto mural celebration, saying that over 100 people including community members, artists, and city staff attended.
 - e. Peter gave an update on the CCA lobby project with Kaori Takamura, who will submit a new design draft by the end of May.
 - f. Peter gave a brief description of the Fire Station Memorial project for the new commissioners, and shared that it should be installed this fall after the station is built.
- c) Outside Public Art Projects
 - a. Peter shared a design by Zach Valent for the median in front of City Hall on Arizona Avenue. This project will not be funded by the Arts Commission.
 - b. Peter shared a request from Parks for a mural at the Xeriscape Demonstration Garden and that the commission can take a formal vote on it next month. Peter shared that due to the low visibility, lack of funding from Parks, and difficulty of wall dimensions, he did not recommend approving this project.

- c. Peter shared that we were also asked by the DCCP to do a wrap on an APS box in Downtown Chandler. Peter can work on this after the DCCP gets approval from APS.
- d) Maintenance Projects
 - a. Peter explained the situation so far with the upgrades to the Turbulent Shade structure at the Museum. He shared that he should have two different test reinforcements installed by the June meeting, and that the engineer will evaluate these and then fix the rest.

MEMBERS COMMENTS /ANNOUNCEMENT

- Tim shared that Dallas is now on his travel destination list, as there is a new Meow Wolf opening there.
- Michelle Hirsch shared that she is honored and humbled to be selected by Chandler Lifestyles as a 2023 Woman of Chandler.

CALENDAR

- a. The next regular meeting will be on June 20 in person at Vision Gallery.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Current Exhibitions

- a. Vision Gallery – Along the Colorado – March 17 – May 26, 2023.

Upcoming Exhibitions and events

- 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 6:13 PM Michelle Hirsch adjourned the meeting.

Michelle Hirsch, Chair

Date