



MINUTES OF THE
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, February 20, 2024
5:00 PM

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

Commissioners Absent: Rosanna Lantigua

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

UNSCHEDULED /SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC

none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Shachi made the motion to approve the minutes from January 16, 2024. Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION AGENDA

- a. Select CUSD Juror – April 4
Julie shared what her experience was like as a juror last year. Shachi volunteered since she was not able to serve as juror last year. Michelle motioned to select Shachi as the Arts Commission's representative to the CUSD jurying panel for 2024. Mahfam seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BRIEFING ITEMS

a) Ongoing public art projects

Nick Rascona's Fire Department sculpture has been installed, but staff were not notified about the building's opening reception. Peter hopes to have another reception for the Arts Commission before it gets too warm. Otherwise, staff has received very positive feedback from Fire personnel.

Peter and Hanley installed Kaori Takamura's new piece at the CCA prior to the State of the City reception. Michelle Hirsch shared about the pre-event reception in the CCA lobby, where she enjoyed overhearing other attendees comment positively about the piece. Peter introduced the possibility of paying to license Kaori's design for merchandise or promotional swag.

The contract for the Tumbleweed project has been finalized after much back-and-forth. Peter shared that Matt Salenger should be able to move forward with preparing the final design now.

The CUSD traffic boxes are all finished and installed but one. The designs for the Galveston neighborhood boxes are all done and waiting to be approved. Peter shared that they should be installed before our next meeting.

Peter reminded the commissioners about the reception for the DCCP boxes on Thursday at 11am.

Jon Arvizu's vinyl wrap should be installed at the Chandler Museum on Thursday.

Four CUSD/Kyrene teaching projects are in progress, and one is finished. The student artwork will be installed at the CCA for a brief exhibit in April.

b) Outside Public Art Projects

The contract for the Apache Park mural is complete, and Jessica Gonzales should be paid this week. Peter expects the mural to be completed before our next meeting.

The artwork for the City Hall Median project is complete, just waiting on installation, which is scheduled to start this Sunday.

c) External Project Requests

Peter shared some updates on the Sprouts mural request. Neither the Sprouts manager or building owner is opposed to the mural, but contribution of funding is unlikely. Peter shared a draft budget of at least \$50,000. After some discussion, the commissioners agreed that this was a lot of money to allocate for a beautification project.

d) Maintenance projects

One traffic box wrap from a previous round was damaged, but has since been replaced.

Peter has not made any progress on replacing the remaining Museum shade fins with the updated design.

Peter is still trying to work with the Oregon St Parking Garage artist on the signage for that project.

MEMBERS COMMENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tim saw art on two recent trips; he went to Epcot festival of the arts at Disney World and saw public art in Seattle while there for a new job orientation.
- Michelle Hirsch encouraged the other commissioners to get tickets for North, a musical showing at CCA
- Shachi shared that she frequently gets compliments on the traffic box wraps from friends of hers; she said they spark the imagination of her more "technically-wired" friends
- Peter invited the commissioners to the reception for Cruising: A Low Rider Art Exhibit, which will be a much larger event than typical receptions.

CALENDAR

- a. The next regular meeting will be March 19, 2024 in person.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Current Exhibitions

- a) Vision Gallery – *Ties that Bind* – January 20 – March 9, 2024.
- b) Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – *Saskia Jordá: Tethered* – February 10, April 7, 2024.

Upcoming Exhibitions and Events

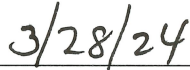
- a. Vision Gallery – *Cruising* – March 16 – June 8, 2024. Reception: March 22, 5-9 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

- a) At 5:46 PM Michelle Hirsch adjourned the meeting.



Michelle Hirsch, Chair



Date