



MINUTES OF THE  
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024  
5:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Michelle Hirsch, Shachi Kale, Rosanna Lantigua, Tim Wiant

Commissioners Absent: Julie Ray, Mahfam Moeeni-Alarcon, Caitlin Penny

Staff Present: Peter Bugg, Caroline Hudson-Naef

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM by Michelle Hirsch

#### UNSCHEDULED /SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC

none

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Tim made the motion to approve the minutes from February 20, 2024. Rosanna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### ACTION AGENDA

- a) None

#### DISCUSSION AGENDA

- a. City Hall Banners

Peter shared that the banners around Vision Gallery designed by Christopher Jagmin in 2019 are damaged and fading and recommended replacing them. He shared that there is funding left over in this year's budget and asked if the

commission would be interested in staff bringing forward options for artists and a budget at the next meeting, which would allow the funding to be used before the end of the fiscal year. The commission agreed, and Peter will present some options at the next meeting.

## BRIEFING ITEMS

### a) Public Art Plan

Peter described the Public Art Plan for the newer commissioners and shared that the time has come to renew it. Peter proposed waiting until May when we will have a new slate of commissioners. Staff will revise a draft of the plan to make suggestions, and then commissioners will edit and review. Michelle Hirsch proposed the development of a process for art requests on private buildings.

### b) Ongoing public art projects

Peter invited the commissioners to a reception for Nick Rascona's Fire Department sculpture on April 1 at 4pm.

Peter shared that 4 out of 5 traffic box wraps at ACP High School have been installed, with the 5<sup>th</sup> coming soon. Both wraps for the DCCP boxes have been installed, and they may choose to do another wrap before the end of the year with leftover funding. Two of the Galveston box designs were determined by staff to be good quality, but not relevant to the project, and are being installed elsewhere in the city and will be replaced by two new artists.

Peter shared that the Tumbleweed project is moving along, and that there is a meeting with the artists and stakeholders on April 4. A problem that the artists are addressing with structural engineers is that there are many unexpected pieces of building infrastructure underground that they will have to work around.

The teaching project in CUSD and Kyrene schools is complete, and staff has received positive feedback. There will be an exhibition of some of the student artwork created during this project for a week in April.

Jon Arvizu's window wraps at the Chandler Museum have been installed, and Peter thinks they look great. He has received lots of positive feedback from Museum staff.

c) Outside Public Art Projects

Jessica Gonzales' mural in Apache Park is complete, and Peter shared photos. He invited the commissioners to a reception for the project on Saturday, April 27 at 10am.

Zach Valent's piece in the City Hall median has been installed, which was a big process due to closing off the street. Downtown Economic Development staff are interested in expanding the project to give the artwork more presence; Nick is going to present some proposals with options.

d) External Project Requests

Peter received a request from a citizen inspired by a community mural wall in Prague dedicated to John Lennon's vision for peace and love, in which anyone is invited to contribute positive messages. Peter shared that he doesn't think we have the ability or the budget to maintain a project like this. The commissioners agreed that it would be difficult to ensure that it wasn't vandalized.

e) Maintenance projects

Peter is in the process of replacing the acrylic at the BRT stops that have art on display, and asked the commissioners about their thoughts on replacing the art. After some discussion, Peter will collect more information for further conversation next month.

Peter also stated that he has not made any progress on the Museum shade structure or the Oregon St parking garage "Sun Slides."

#### MEMBERS COMMENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Shachi shared that she will have public artwork on display in Tempe as part of a special project involving stationary cycles that play music, and will share more once the project is published online.
- Rosanna has been participating in Phoenix's First Fridays and selling her artwork.
- Michelle said that *North: The Musical* was phenomenal and looks forward to the playwright's - Ashli St. Armant - upcoming residency at the Chandler

Center for the Arts. She also enjoyed hearing Ariana Enriquez speak about her murals at the Chandler Museum's History Bites program.

- Tim asked about plans for the Serrano's building once they close this summer. Peter did not have any information to share.

#### CALENDAR

- a. The next regular meeting will be April 16, 2024 via Webex.

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

##### Current Exhibitions

- a) Vision Gallery – *Cruising* – March 16 – June 8, 2024. Reception: March 22, 5-9 p.m.
- b) Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – *Saskia Jordá: Tethered* – February 10, April 5, 2024.

##### Upcoming Exhibitions and Events

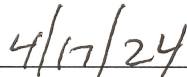
- a. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – *Middle School Art Showcase* – April 10-13, 2024. Reception: April 9, 5-7 p.m.
- b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – *CUSD Annual Showcase* – April 18 – May 9, 2024. Reception: May 2, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- c. Fire Department Reception – April 1, 4pm, Fire station 2
- d. Apache Park Reception – April 27, 10am, Apache Park Racquetball Courts

#### ADJOURNMENT

- a) At 5:36 PM Michelle Hirsch adjourned the meeting.



Michelle Hirsch, Chair



Date