



MINUTES OF THE  
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, January 28, 2024  
5:00 PM

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

Commissioners Absent: Rosanna Lantigua

Staff Present: Peter Bugg, Hanley Ange, Kim Moyers

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM by Peter Bugg

UNSCHEDULED /SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC

Lynn Trimble

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Darrell made the motion to approve the minutes from November 19, 2024. Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION AGENDA

- a. Select design for Wall Street mural

Peter reviewed there were 25 applicants, 3 finalists, and shared feedback from the neighborhood. Mahfam, Shachi, and Darrell shared and explained their preferences. Peter explained that the neighborhood preferred Ashley White because it better represents the neighborhood wholistically and captures the essence of the Pueblo Viejo neighborhood. Peter proposed Ashley White as the selected artist. Mahfam asks if the mural can have QR code with info about the depicted locations. Peter will talk with the artist, there may be a better solution especially in the blank space to the left of the stairs. Shachi motioned to approve Ashley White's and Shaurir Anand's design with modifications for more context. Caitlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Select jury member for CUSD Annual Exhibition

Peter explained jurying will happen mid-April, 9am-1pm. Darrell is available to do this until April 16. Tim motioned to approve Darrell as the jury member. Caitlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Approve funding for Goodyear Canal Project

Peter discussed the additional funding needed for this project and re-explained the use of the cotton boll imagery. Signage will be nearby that talks about Cotton and its importance in Arizona. Shachi asked what is being funded with the additional \$20,000? Peter explained it goes towards a kiosk with history and background of cotton and any additional part of the project to complete it. Julie motioned to approve the funding in the next fiscal year. Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Approve funding for Jazz Appreciation temporary public art

Peter introduced Le Monde for interactive Jazz Appreciation temporary artwork. They would bring 1 sculpture this year and in the future they would bring more. This year would be a trial run. These artists are not local artists but think the community would really enjoy them. Discussion about sculpture locations in Downtown. Kim said next year the city would want 3 pieces in strategic places throughout the downtown during 11-month AJ Park renovation to keep downtown engaged. Shachi shared she worked with Le Monde in Tempe on project with bikes that people would “ride” and it was so beloved and was a very positive experience.

Kim clarified the sculptures are all interactive and will be customized to our own theme. This customization provides opportunity to work with local artists. Tim said this is a good way to kick off a new project like this, especially with the opportunity to work with local artists in addition to Le Monde. Mahfam shared as small business owner, she knows people would love this especially kids. Tim motioned to approve both years of funding. Shachi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

e. Approve funding for sculpture maintenance

Peter explained the maintenance is proposed for 6 sculptures, only 3 of them (not AJ Park ones), or none of them. Shachi asked what does sculptural maintenance mean? They come and power-wash and wax them so they look nicer longer.

Mahfam asked when was the last time sculpture maintenance was done? Peter guessed within the past 3 or 4 years. Mahfam clarified where this money is coming from and what else it can be used for. Tim clarified the previous funding approval for this was July 2020. Julie asked if during the AJ Chandler Park renovation will the sculptures stay in the park? They may be moved slightly but will stay in the park. Will the renovation cause debris and dust that will make the sculptures dirtier? Yes, most likely. After some discussion, Peter proposed all 6 sculptures are maintained after AJ park renovations. Mahfam motioned to hold off on this funding until after the park is done being renovated. Julie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

f. Approve funding for asphalt art grant

Peter explained we wanted to apply before, now that streets team is on board Caroline has worked on this grant. It would be in the Galveston neighborhood. Murals would be in the intersections and crosswalks and some wayfinding for the parks. Up to \$100,000

from Bloomberg. Caroline would work with the community to choose the artist and develop this project. Darrell motioned to approve \$10,000 in matching funds. Shachi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## BRIEFING ITEMS

- a. Ongoing public art projects
  - I. City Hall Banners
    - i. Peter: 10 different banners, installed maybe this week but more likely the next week
  - II. Gazelle Meadows Park
    - i. Peter: law department has questions about the design and safety concerns about it being a “attractive nuisance”, conversation to come
  - III. Tumbleweed Recreation Center
    - i. Darrell: they opened the walkway this week, you can walk under them now
  - IV. Teaching Artists
  - V. Vinyl wrap projects
    - i. Peter: 7 traffic control boxes this year, Peter meeting with artists on Feb 12
  - VI. Goodyear Canal Project
    - i. Peter: Funding cannot be approved by director, needs to go to city council so they can approve
- g. Maintenance Projects
  - I. Angel Statue

## MEMBERS COMMENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mahfam is on the board for Chandler Sister Cities and they’re looking for more board members so if anyone is interested let Mahfam know.

Peter shared about the Multi-Cultural Festival and Jose’s treasure chest pinata. Jon Arvizu has a show currently at the Chandler Museum and commissioners should check it out. February 13th is the State of the City address by the Mayor.

## CALENDAR

- a. Next regular meeting will be February 25, 2025 via Microsoft Teams

## INFORMATION ITEMS

### Current Exhibitions

- a) Vision Gallery – *Mark Tan: Impermanence* – January 25 – March 15, 2025.  
Reception: January 24, 6-8 p.m.
- b) Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – *The Art of Letting Go* – December 7, 2024 – February 8, 2025.

#### Upcoming Exhibitions and Events

- a. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – *Art in the Everyday* – February 15 – April 5, 2025.
- b. Vision Gallery – *M|otherworlds* – March 22 – June 7, 2025.
- c. Vision Gallery – Make and Take: Valentines – February 8, 2025, 11a – 1p
- d. Vision Gallery – Art Social: Letting Loose with Abstraction – February 22, 2025, 10a – 1p

#### ADJOURNMENT

- a) At 5:55 PM Peter Bugg adjourned the meeting.

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Julie Ray, Chair

Date