



MINUTES OF THE
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, March 18, 2025
5:00 PM

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

Commissioners Absent: Caitlin Penny

Staff Present: Peter Bugg, Hanley Ange, Kim Moyers, Kevin Harke

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM by Julie Ray

UNSCHEDULED /SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Tim made the motion to approve the minutes from February 25, 2025. Mahfam seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION AGENDA

- a. Approve 2025-2026 budget
 - I. Peter shared the 2025-2026 budget and explained the different funding locations. Explained the need for funding for artists at city events, project-based opportunities, and opportunity for artwork purchases. Darrell asked if the in-school art programs are included in this. Peter said it will be one of the yellow funding items, so it will come from a separate funding source and will likely be the same. Mayor Harke spoke about the Mayors Art Initiative for the Goodyear Canal Project and spoke about the heritage of cotton in the township of Goodyear. He will be pursuing the CEO of Goodyear for additional funding, connections, and the historical significance. Peter asks to proceed as is – Darrell motions, Rosanna seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Approve RFQ for Goodyear Canal project
 - I. Peter reviewed that at the last meeting we discussed the Goodyear Canal Project and decided to put an RFQ out. Peter explained that even though we have \$195,000 budgeted, we put the call out for \$150,000 so an artist

can design in that budget and we can provide them additional funding if needed later. Peter talked about the timeline and said we will be reviewing these applications in May. We will be adding virtual meeting dates and the application form link. Mahfam asked about where this will be located and Peter described the rough area of where it will go but ultimately it is undecided and dependent on the type of artwork commissioned. Darrell asked about the informational plaque discussed during the last meeting and clarifies where this funding would come from and Peter said it would come from the extra 45,000 accounted for in the budget. Julie asked if the location of the canal is obvious, Mayor Harke described the location. After some discussion, Peter agreed we should clarify in the RFQ that this canal is located in Chandler and not Goodyear to avoid confusion. Mayor Harke talked about the location of houses that were relocated from Goodyear to Chandler and reabsorbed. Darrell asked if this project will enhance the area it is located in. Kim explained that this project is a form of economic development and in the end we would anticipate multiple artworks along the canal to tell a story. Mayor Harke suggested that these artworks could be integrated into sporting events in the future like a 5K. Peter said we will add specific location, dates, and links, and correct typo on call. Rosanna motions to approve and Shachi seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

c. Approve RFQ for Traffic Management Center building shade structure

- I. Peter explained this will be tabled until April.

d. Select artists for possible artwork purchase

- I. Peter explained the reasoning behind this purchase and who the selection of artists to choose from are. The artists are Frank Gonzalez, Daniella Napolitano, Karen Nazario, and Sally Scheufler. Peter explained that will inquire on available work from the selected artist(s) and offer a purchase of \$1,000-\$3,000 for a total of ---\$5,000---? Mahfam brought up the concern for storage and Peter affirmed that we will have storage for this work. Shachi said she would want to choose all four. Tim and Julie agreed. Shachi motioned to approve reaching out to all four. Tim seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Mayor Harke

- I. Mayor Harke thanked the commissioners for serving and reiterated his appreciation for everyone. He reminded everyone of the April 16th event and invited everyone to come. He then informed the commission of the special bond election coming up and described the importance of it. He explained he is getting information out early on this so the commissioners can best represent the city if they are asked questions about this. As part of Team Chandler, Mayor Harke will be asking neighborhoods and community members about this election. It is very important to Mayor Harke to leave the city in good condition before he leaves, and this special bond election is a great opportunity to support the city and make sure community improvements and enhancements are made. Mayor Harke expressed his

gratitude to the commissioners. Commissioners expressed their gratitude for his attendance.

BRIEFING ITEMS

a. Ongoing public art projects

II. Gazelle Meadows Park

- i. Peter explained the sign is moving forward and presented the new design for the sign. It is much safer and all departments are on board. Contract was approved today. Updates to come next meeting.

III. Tumbleweed Recreation Center

- i. Peter explained that it looks done but is not quite done yet. The opening reception is May 17 at 9am and Peter encouraged commissioners to come. Peter shared they are working on the final signage for this artwork.

IV. Teaching Artists

- i. This exhibition will be at the CCA in early April and installing on April 8 and 9 with an opening reception on April 10 at 5pm. Peter explained that this exhibition will be in the Agave Room next year so it can be up longer.

V. Vinyl wrap projects

- i. Peter shared a map of the boxes with the designs for each. There are two additional boxes that will be funded differently. Peter explained each design, the artists inspirations, and the reasoning for locations if applicable. There will be a reception for these on April 15 at 9am. Reception attendees will ride around in a van to see the new boxes.

VI. Wall Street Mural

- i. Full design is done with the community input taken into consideration. Commissioners agree that this is a fast turnaround. Mahfam confirmed that signage will be added next to the mural. For this mural installation they will need electricity and water. Peter contacted the Sleepy Whale for this and they agreed. Sleepy Whale asked if there were opportunities for funding to help them with their artwork. There is not a process to give money to businesses like this, but Peter can offer informal input and commissioners can offer informal involvement.

b. Maintenance Projects

- I. Peter shared there is nothing new to add here. Everything is still in the works.

MEMBERS COMMENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peter announced that on April 14th or 15th there is the board and commissions framework meeting that they would like one commissioner present at. Julie thinks she will be able to attend, but Darrell may be able to if it's on the 15th. Shachi asked what the meeting is

about, Peter shared he doesn't really know, but it is city leadership checking in with all the boards and seeking opinions and input from members. Mahfam asked about the term limits and Tim informed her that it is on the government website. Darrell brought up the CUSD jurying and confirmed he is still jurying. Shachi's mom is in town from India and she shared that she loved the artwork and was very impressed by the presence of art downtown. Hanley shared install started for Motherworlds today. Peter shared install is happening at the Museum and they're getting that situated. Darrell asked about the Jon Arvizu vinyl project and Peter said he would share more next meeting about the possible relocation of Jon's temporary vinyl install at the museum.

CALENDAR

- a. Next regular meeting will be April 15, 2025 virtually

INFORMATION ITEMS

Current Exhibitions

- a) Vision Gallery – *Mark Tan: Impermanence* – January 25 – March 15, 2025.
- b) Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – *Art of the Everyday* – February 15 – April 5, 2025

Upcoming Exhibitions and Events

- a. March 22 – June 7 – *Motherworlds* – Vision Gallery
 - a. Opening Reception: March 21, 6-8pm
- b. March 22, 11a – Make and Take: Painted Rocks – Vision Gallery
- c. March 29, 10a – Art Social: Monster Dolls – Vision Gallery
- d. April 9 – April 19 – Artists in Schools Exhibition – CCA Gallery
 - a. Opening Reception: April 10, 5-7pm
- e. April 15, 9a – Vinyl wrap celebration – TBD
- f. April 16, 7:30 – 8:30a – Boards and Commissions appreciation reception
- g. May 17, 9am – Public Artwork & Construction Dedication – Tumbleweed Recreation Center

ADJOURNMENT

- a) At 5:46 PM Julie Ray adjourned the meeting.

Julie Ray, Chair

Date