



MINUTES OF THE  
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, July 15, 2025  
5:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Shachi Kale, Julie Ray, Rosanna Lantigua, David Wilkinson,

Commissioners Absent: Mahfam Moeeni-Alarcon, Darrell Dick, Martin Galindo

Staff Present: Peter Bugg, Hanley Ange

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) Julie made the motion to approve the minutes as amended from June 17, 2025. Shachi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION AGENDA

- a. Approve RFQ for teaching artists in schools
  - I. Peter explained the RFQ and Caroline's reasoning for holding it. Peter shared that since the city is celebrating 250 years of America, the theme for this project will be "what unites America." Rosanna motioned to approve the RFQ. David seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Approve RFQ for Forensic Services Building
  - I. Peter explained that city is building a forensics facility with a budget of \$30 million, meaning the budget for art is \$300,000. We will be advertising the call with a budget of \$270,000 so there is some extra money available in case the artists need it. Initially, this project was

supposed to have one artwork, but the budget will now be split between two artworks. Construction on the building starts next summer, so this longer timeline will be helpful for navigating hurdles in the placement of the artworks. Shachi pointed out a typo in the RFQ and then expressed that as an artist she read the RFQ and found it vague. She said it would be better for clarity to mention more details on the direction the city wants to go in. Peter suggested adding to the RFQ that direction from the City is in development but likely a three dimensional artwork would be preferred by an artist with experience working with larger budgets. Shachi suggested that we require for submitting artists to include a thumbnail of artwork on their image lists. Peter agreed. Julie pointed out that the RFQ also mentions digital artists and photographers and Peter responded by saying he will get more information. Shachi motioned to approve the forensic services RFQ as amended. David seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Select representatives for Goodyear Canal design reviews

I. Week of July 28 OR

II. Week of August 11

i. Peter explained how this review process will work for the commissioners. There is not an exact time scheduled yet. Commissioners would be sent the designs ahead of time and then attend an hour to hour and a half long meeting to discuss and approve or not approve them. Julie said that she is available, and Shachi said she would like to be a backup option. After some discussion, Rosanna said she can be the other representative and David can be an additional backup. Rosanna motioned to approve Julie and Rosanna as representatives with Shachi and David as backups. Shachi seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Select representatives for traffic box wrap reviews

I. Week of August 11

i. David said he is available this week and Julie is as well. Shachi offered to be a backup option again and Rosanna said she will not be available. After some conversation, Julie motioned to approve David and Shachi as representatives and Julie as backup. Shachi seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Select artworks for purchase

I. After discussion, Peter suggested sticking with the two artworks we chose last meeting: Emily Saenz's work and Frank Gonzalez's piece. Julie

motioned for no additional purchases. David seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### BRIEFING ITEMS

- a. Ongoing public art projects
  - a. Gazelle Meadows Park
    - i. Still waiting for the city to create a foundation for the sign to go in. This is a smaller project initiated outside the arts commission and it is slowly moving towards completion.
  - b. Wall St Mural
    - i. The mural is so popular that Downtown funded the mural to be expanded north. The artists start painting tomorrow and it should be done by the end of the week.
  - c. Traffic Management Center
    - i. At our last meeting, Peter shared that the internal traffic management center representatives liked Heidi Dauphin, Eli Richard, and two other artists. The arts commission chose Heidi Dauphin, Jose Benavides, and Paige Reesor. After some conversation Peter had with the traffic people, the selected finalists are Heidi Dauphin, Paige Reesor, and Eli Richard. Peter had an in-person meeting with the artists last week and it went well. The project is moving along, and the commission will be selecting the design for this project likely at the August meeting. David asked if it's normal for the arts commission and internal project representatives to disagree on artists. Peter explained that usually there is not this big of a difference in preference, but the compromise reached represents all parties.
- b. Maintenance Projects
  - a. Oregon St Benches
    - i. These have been redone and look very nice. Peter is looking into an anti-graffiti coating to keep them looking good for longer.

#### MEMBERS COMMENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shachi has one artwork on display at Five15Arts on Grand Ave in Phoenix and the opening is this Friday. Shachi also shared that Safwat Saleem has a solo show opening soon at the Phoenix Art Museum on the 23<sup>rd</sup> that Shachi contributed to. Shachi also announced she is fostering puppies and is looking for a family to adopt them, so the commissioners should let her know if they or anyone they know would

like one. Peter shared on behalf of Hanley a photo she took of a wall at the Philadelphia Museum of Art that was poorly repaired with three different colors of blue paint. Hanley explained that the wall was displaying multiple Monets and the poor patching was distracting.

#### CALENDAR

- a. Next regular meeting will be August 19, 2025 – virtual

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

##### Current Exhibitions


- a) June 14 – August 16, 2025 – *Creatures and Cosmos* – Vision Gallery
- b) May 24 – August 2, 2025 – *Shifting to Joy* – CCA Gallery

##### Upcoming Exhibitions and Events

- a. August 9 – November 8, 2025 – *Con Cariño Siempre: Ariana Enriquez* – CCA Gallery
- b. August 23 – November 2, 2025 – *So Fun! An Exploration of Maximalism* – Vision Gallery
  - a. Reception: Friday, August 22, 6-8 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

- a) At 5:36PM Julie Ray adjourned the meeting.

	<u>8-29-25</u>
Julie Ray, Chair	Date