MINUTES OF THE
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, September 15, 2026
5:00 PM

Commissioners Present: David Wilkinson, Mikayla Qian, Shachi Kale, Liz Taylor, Ramon De La O, Mahfam Moeeni-Alarcon

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present: Peter Bugg, Hanley Ange, Jillian Nakornthap

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Peter Bugg

UNSCHEDULED /SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Shachi made the motion to approve the minutes from August 18, 2026. David seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Peter announced that due to moving out of state, Darrell Dick is no longer an arts commissioner. Peter shared that Darrell sends his regards and that a replacement commissioner should be in attendance next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

a. Approve artists for traffic boxes
    a. Peter reviewed that this project is looking for 8 artists. Out of 155 submissions, the commissioners narrowed the finalists down to 13 artists. Paul Howalt and Such Styles were included in these top 13, but after Peter explained that Paul designed a box last year and Such has completed many projects for the City of Chandler, the commissioners decided to remove them

from being considered for this project. After some discussion about the remaining artists, 11 finalists were pre-approved by the commission to be delivered to Dr. Melita Belgrave at ASU so she can select the 8 artists for the 2026-27 traffic control boxes.

b. Approve funding for Ostrich pedestal
    a. Peter shared that this funding was found elsewhere, so commissioners do not need to vote to approve this funding.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Mesquite Groves RFQ
    a. An RFQ for the Mesquite Groves project will be written and ready for review at next month's meeting.

BRIEFING ITEMS

a. Ongoing public art projects
    I. Peter shared that Matt Babcock's contract is signed for the AJ Chandler Park ostrich sculpture and it is scheduled to be installed by January 15, 2027.
b. Maintenance projects
    I. No updates on maintenance projects.
    II. Peter shared that the contracting process will be changing for future projects so it's more efficient. A two-phase contract will be implemented for clearer expectations that protect the artists and the City.

MEMBER COMMENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mikayla shared her experience on the special event fundraising panel. She heard from a variety of nonprofits and the panel decided if the funding would be provided and, if so, how much. 10/11 nonprofits that presented received funding. Mikayla shared that some exciting events are coming up. Shachi shared that she has her artwork on two Tempe Public Library cards and handed out samples to the commissioners.

CALENDAR

a. Next regular meeting will be October 20 via Microsoft Teams

INFORMATION ITEMS

Current Exhibitions

a. *The Collectionists*: *Heidi Dauphin & Laura Spalding Best* – August 22 – November 7, 2026 – Vision Gallery. Opening Reception: Friday, September 11, 6-8 p.m.

Upcoming Exhibitions and Events

b. *Lurking: Valerie Navarrete* – October 3, 2026- January 15, 2027 – The Gallery at CCA
c. *Office of Collecting* – October 7-11, 2026 – Chandler Museum

ADJOURNMENT

a) AT PM adjourned the meeting.

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Shachi Kale, Chair Date