



City of Glendale

5850 West Glendale Avenue
Glendale, AZ 85301

ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

May 27, 2021

6:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Barber called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Derrell Barber, Vice Chair
Jose Aguinaga, Commissioner
Chris Kennedy, Commissioner
Lorraine Zomok, Commissioner
Kaitlyn Whittaker, Commissioner

Absent: Nicole Riley, Chair

Also Present: Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Arts & Culture Program Manager
Samuel Pena, Economic Development Program Manager
Joseph Benesh, Arizona Citizens for the Arts, Executive Director

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

ACTION: Arts Commission Minutes of Thursday, April 22, 2021

Motioned by Commissioner Lorraine Zomok, seconded by Commissioner Jose Aguinaga

AYE: Vice Chair Derrell Barber
Commissioner Jose Aguinaga
Commissioner Chris Kennedy
Commissioner Lorraine Zomok
Commissioner Kaitlyn Whittaker

Passed

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. **INFORMATION: Commission Introductions**

The commissioners introduced themselves and met the newest member of the Arts Commission, Commissioner Whittaker.

b. **INFORMATION: Arizona Citizens for the Arts**

Mr. Benesh gave an overview on the work of Arizona Citizens for the Arts and the importance of arts advocacy.

c. **ACTION: Thunderbird Field Public Art Mini Project**

Ms. Vahabzadeh relayed there was an opportunity for the Commission to consider a mini public art project to commemorate Thunderbird Field, a historically significant former military site that was used primarily for flight training of Allied pilots during World War II. She reported the site was currently being developed by a home builder, but there was an opportunity to commission a public art project on a portion of city right-of-way near the southwest corner of 55th Avenue and Acoma Drive. Ms. Vahabzadeh announced she was asking for consensus to fund this project, not to exceed \$50,000. She introduced Mr. Pena, of Economic Development, to provide further details. Mr. Pena shared historical details regarding the site and answered commissioner questions.

Action: To approve funding for the Thunderbird Field Public Art Mini Project not to exceed \$50,000

Motioned by Commissioner Chris Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Jose Aguinaga

AYE: Vice Chair Derrell Barber
Commissioner Jose Aguinaga
Commissioner Chris Kennedy
Commissioner Lorraine Zomok
Commissioner Kaitlyn Whittaker

Passed

d. **INFORMATION: Panelists for Upcoming Public Art Projects**

Ms. Vahabzadeh asked Commissioners to announce their interest in sitting on two selection panels. Discussion was facilitated and volunteers noted as follows:

- Glendale Family Advocacy Center Mural Project: Commissioners Zomok and Whittaker
- Thunderbird Airfield Project: Vice Chair Barber and Commissioner Kennedy

e. **ACTION: Summer Commission Break and Date Change for the August Regular Meeting**

Action: To vacate the June 24, 2021 and July 22, 2021 Regular Arts Commission meetings and to reschedule the regular August Commission meeting for August 18, 2021.

Motioned by Commissioner Chris Kennedy, seconded by Vice Chair Derrell Barber

AYE: Vice Chair Derrell Barber
Commissioner Jose Aguinaga
Commissioner Chris Kennedy
Commissioner Lorraine Zomok

Commissioner Kaitlyn Whittaker

Passed

6. STAFF UPDATES

Ms. Vahabzadeh announced the City's Special Events Month of May concerts have been going very well with good attendance. She encouraged all attend the events this final weekend and noted that the painted guitars were on display at the concerts.

7. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Zomok inquired about the possibility of wrapping utility boxes in downtown in the future. She volunteered to contact the City of Peoria to learn more about their experience through this process.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Glendale Arts Commission will be held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Motioned by Commissioner Chris Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Kaitlyn Whittaker

AYE: Vice Chair Derrell Barber

Commissioner Jose Aguinaga

Commissioner Chris Kennedy

Commissioner Lorraine Zomok

Commissioner Kaitlyn Whittaker

Passed

The Arts Commission meeting minutes of May 27, 2021 were submitted and approved this 18th day of August, 2021.

Mojgan Vahabzadeh
Arts and Culture Program Manager