



# City of Glendale

5850 West Glendale Avenue  
Glendale, AZ 85301

## ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

*Chair Nicole Riley  
Vice-Chair Derrell Barber  
Commissioner Chris Kennedy  
Commissioner Lorraine Zomok  
Commissioner Jose Aguinaga*

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December 9, 2021

6:00 PM

Glendale Public Library  
5959 W Brown St  
Glendale, AZ 85302

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Riley called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

### 2. ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Arts & Culture Program Manager

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

### 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

#### a. Motion: Approval of the Arts Commission Minutes of August 18, 2021

Motioned by Commissioner Kaitlyn Whittaker, seconded by Commissioner Jose Aguinaga

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

Passed

### 5. NEW BUSINESS

**a. ACTION: Arts Commission Chair and Vice Chair Recommendations for 2022**

Ms. Vahabzadeh announced that recommendations for Chair and Vice Chair for the Commission for 2022 are needed. She explained that the recommendations will be sent to the Government Services Committee for review and then to City Council for appointment. Discussion was held.

**Motion: To recommend the appointment of Derrell Barber as Chair of the Arts Commission and Lorraine Zomok as Vice Chair of the Arts Commission for 2022**

Motioned by Commissioner Kaitlyn Whittaker, seconded by Commissioner Jose Aguinaga

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

Passed

**b. ACTION: City of Glendale Photo Contest**

Ms. Vahabzadeh announced that a City of Glendale photo contest would be held in Spring 2022 and provided the following details:

- The winning photos will be purchased by the City. The suggested purchase price is \$150.00 per photo. The city will use the winning photos for the city website, promotional materials, and other media
- There are five different categories for submissions:
  - Spirit of the City
  - Environment
  - Architecture
  - Culture and Community
  - Daily Life
- Up to 25 winning photos can be selected
- It is anticipated that the contest will be opened in March with the judging conducted in April or May. There will be a selection panel, which can include a few members of the Arts Commission

**Motion: To approve funding not to exceed \$4,000.00 for the City of Glendale Spring 2022 Photo Contest**

Motioned by Chair Nicole Riley, seconded by Vice Chair Derrell Barber

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

Passed

**c. INFORMATION: IN FLUX Cycle 10**

Ms. Vahabzadeh gave a report on IN FLUX Cycle 10, which included the following details:

- IN FLUX is a valley wide initiative and is a collective call for artists. The cities participating this year are Glendale, Scottsdale, Tempe, Avondale, Peoria, and Chandler
- The theme for Cycle 10 is emerging artists
- The Call to Artists was released over a month ago and 44 artists submitted their qualifications
- Chair Riley, Vice Chair Barber, and Mr. Samuel Peña, a City staff member, will review the artists' qualifications and select one artist and two alternatives for the Glendale City Hall lobby location
- The artwork will remain in place for one year
- The Commission has budgeted \$5,000 for this initiative
- Ms. Vahabzadeh will meet with the selected artist at the installation site and the artist will then design the installation specifically for the site. The final design must be approved by the entire Arts Commission

**d. INFORMATION: FY 2022-23 Arts Projects Plan Discussion**

Ms. Vahabzadeh announced that the City's budget process for FY 2022-23 is underway. In order to align with the city's budget process, the Arts Commission shall discuss and vote to approve the annual arts project plan at the January meeting of the Arts Commission. Discussion was held.

**e. ACTION: Vote to Change the Date and Location of the January Meeting of the Commission**

Ms. Vahabzadeh announced that the annual Juried Fine Art Exhibit by the Glendale Arts Council will be held in January at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Fruit Packing Shed. She explained that during this art event, art may be purchased by the Arts Commission for the municipal portable art collection. She suggested changing the date of the January Commission meeting to align with the pre public opening of the exhibit. Various dates were discussed.

**Motion: To conduct the January 2022 Arts Commission meeting on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Fruit Packing Shed**

Motioned by Chair Nicole Riley, seconded by Commissioner Kaitlyn Whittaker

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

Passed

**6. STAFF UPDATE**

Ms. Vahabzadeh encouraged the Commissioners to see the holiday lights and holiday events at Murphy Park in downtown Glendale. She wished the Commissioners a wonderful holiday season.

**7. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Chair Riley shared a video clip of the singing tree at Murphy Park. Commissioner Zomok complimented Vice Chair Barber on her speech and representation of the Arts Commission at the launch of the Lights at Murphy Park. Commissioner Zomok praised Ms. Vahabzadeh on her presentation as a guest speaker at the Glendale Ambassador's event.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Glendale Arts Commission will be held on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Fruit Packing Shed.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.**

Motioned by Chair Nicole Riley, seconded by Commissioner Lorraine Zomok

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

Passed

The Arts Commission meeting minutes of December 9, 2021 were submitted and approved this 6th day of January, 2022.

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Mojgan Vahabzadeh  
Arts & Culture Program Manager