

Arts & Culture Commission

Georgia T. Lord Library Community Room
1900 N. Civic Square
Goodyear, AZ 85395



Tuesday, September 9, 2025

5:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Paulos called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Lisa Paulos; Commissioner Nancy Love; Vice Chairman Erin MacFarlane; Commissioner Louise Privette; Commissioner Kyoko Iwasaka; Commissioner Jerry Drake; Commissioner Laura Fries; Alternate Kimberly Hill

Absent: Commissioner Carole Palmer; Commissioner Cindy Braun

Staff Present: Deputy Parks & Recreation Director Guylene Ozlanski; Arts & Culture Superintendent Dawn Stipe; Arts & Culture Coordinator Layne Ruiz; Recreation Programmer Dalton Attig; Administrative Assistant Raeleen Galvan; Festival & Events Coordinator Kristen Figueroa

Attendees: Jo O'Connell, Creative Machines Presenter, Alexandra Morgan, Creative Machines Presenter, Ellie Franzen, Creative Machines Presenter, Sean Wozny, Kimley-Horn in attendance, Marissa Pellegrini, Kimley-Horn in attendance

MOTION BY Commissioner Jerry Drake, **SECONDED BY** Commissioner Nancy Love to **EXCUSE** the absence of Commissioner Cindy Braun and Commissioner Carole Palmer. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: Chairman Lisa Paulos, Commissioner Nancy Love, Vice Chairman Erin MacFarlane, Commissioner Louise Privette, Commissioner Kyoko Iwasaka, Commissioner Jerry Drake, Commissioner Laura Fries

Passed - Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY Commissioner Nancy Love, **SECONDED BY** Commissioner Louise Privette to **APPROVE** the draft minutes from the July 8, 2025, Arts & Culture Commission meeting

AYE: Chairman Lisa Paulos, Commissioner Nancy Love, Vice Chairman Erin MacFarlane, Commissioner Louise Privette, Commissioner Kyoko Iwasaka, Commissioner Jerry Drake, Commissioner Laura Fries

Passed - Unanimously

2. CHAIRMAN REMARKS (LISA PAULOS, CHAIRMAN)

Chairman Lisa Paulos expressed enthusiasm for the upcoming season, noting the planned events and opportunities for commissioners to engage with the community. She encouraged commissioners who are unable to volunteer to attend events as participants. Commissioner Paulos also extended her appreciation to the city of Goodyear Arts & Culture Division for its hard work and dedication to providing high-quality programs.

3. BULLARD WASH TRAIL ART CONCEPT REVIEW (JOE O'CONNELL, CREATIVE MACHINES)

Jo O'Connell with Creative Machines presented concepts developed for the Bullard Wash Trail art project. He explained that Creative Machines is working with Kimley-Horn to develop art concepts for the area and requested the commission's feedback. He noted that the concepts draw inspiration from the Sonoran Desert and utilize colorful animal imagery ranging from life-size to large-scale. Commissioners were particularly drawn to the concept featuring the large-scale animals native to the wash, and ideas that create more of an arch or walk-through experience. Other displayed concepts included interactive elements incorporating light and wind.

4. FALL AND WINTER EVENTS PREVIEW (KRISTEN FIGUEROA, FESTIVAL AND EVENTS COORDINATOR)

Festival and Events Coordinator Kristen Figueroa highlighted the upcoming fall and winter 2025 events. She reported that events will be held at various locations throughout Goodyear to engage different communities. Due to increased attendance, some events have outgrown their current venues and will be relocated to larger facilities. She also noted that special guests are expected to attend, and new vendors will be providing food and beverages at these events. The Commission discussed their involvement at upcoming events, and agreed to host a booth at Ballet Under the Stars, Fall Festival, and Chalk Art in the Park.

5. PROGRAMS UPDATE (DALTON ATTIG, ARTS & CULTURE PROGRAMMER)

Arts & Culture Programmer Dalton Attig reported on upcoming public events where community members will have the opportunity to view artwork at receptions with the artists, including the Kitchen Creations Library Fine Art Show and Creative Aging Art Show, held in the Library Community Room. He noted the successful turnout for lectures held in partnership with the P.W. Litchfield Heritage Center. Dalton stated that submissions for Futuristic Frontier are closing soon, with installations planned, and shared that the Hot Coffee program is being rebranded to increase engagement.

6. ARTS UPDATE (LAYNE RUIZ, ARTS & CULTURE COORDINATOR)

Arts & Culture Coordinator Layne Ruiz provided an update on arts programs and opportunities. She reported on the progress of several projects, including the HOLA Temporary Art installation, the Solid Rock Heart project, and the GRC Track Mural. She also highlighted current opportunities, noting that the Veterans Day Mural call is open through September 29, the Traffic Cabinet call is open through October 13, and the Chalk Artists call is open through October 20.

7. TRAFFIC CABINET LOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS (LAYNE RUIZ, ARTS & CULTURE COORDINATOR)

Arts & Culture Coordinator Layne Ruiz shared that the Traffic Cabinet location map is available on the city website. She led a discussion on ideal locations for the cabinets, focusing on improved corners, good visibility from intersections, and areas with limited visual clutter. Layne also encouraged commissioners to report prime locations for traffic cabinets they observe while in the community.

INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no information items.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Future meetings are tentatively scheduled as follows:

November 18, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Paulos adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Raeleen Galvan, Board Secretary

Date:_____

Approved at Arts & Culture Commission Meeting held on_____, 2025.

