



**Chandler • Arizona**

## **2019 Arts Commission Minutes**

### **Regular Meetings**

January 15, 2019

February 19, 2019

March 19, 2019

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MINUTES OF THE  
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, January 15, 2019  
5:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Kathleen Escobedo, Jose Benavides, Julie Ray, Michelle Hirsch, Carolyn Rhinehart, Steven Velazquez

Commissioners Absent: Farhana Ahmed

Staff Present: Peter Bugg, Yvonne Villareal-Torres, Michelle Mac Lennan

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Kathleen Escobedo in the Vision Gallery Multipurpose room (A104), 10 East Chicago Street.

UNSCHEDULED / SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 20 MEETING:

- a) Michelle Hirsch made a motion to approve the minutes as is. Julie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION AGENDA

- a) Parking Structure: Peter displayed the submissions for the shade canopy and seating area.
  - a. After the commission viewed and discussed all of the shade canopy entries, Carolyn made a motion for the three finalists to be Ben Butler, CoLab Studio, and Bobby Zokaites. Steven seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
  - b. After further discussion. Carolyn made a motion that all three finalists be awarded \$200 for their presentations. Steven seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.
  - c. After discussing all of the seating area entries, Kathleen moved that the three finalists should be Pete Goldlust, Jennyfer Stratman, and Jeff Zischke. Carolyn seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.
- b) Peter briefed the commission on the Vinyl Banner call to artists. The CCF will pay for production of the banners if the Arts Commission is willing to pay artist fees. After discussion, Carolyn moved that the commission create an RFQ and allocate \$1,000 to pay the artist fee. Michelle Hirsch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BRIEFING ITEMS

- a) Ongoing public art project updates:

- a. Peter updated the commission on the progress Pete Goldlust is making towards his INFLUX installation.
  - b. Roni Ziemba, the photographer for the PSTC, has done a tremendous job working with the PD and FD to take photos. Peter plans to ask her to submit a proposal for what additional prints she could make if the arts commission approves additional funds. This will be an action item at the next meeting.
- b) Public Art Maintenance Issues:
- a. Police Badges at the PSTC were stolen, the police prayer plaque in downtown was stolen, and Joe Tyler's 5C's sculpture was damaged. All have been replaced or repaired under the city's insurance policy.
- c) City Processes for public art commissions:
- a. This is still under review, and Peter will bring it back to the commission once it has finished moving through the city hierarchy.

#### MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathleen is working on some banners. Michelle Hirsch shared information about a golf tournament benefitting Harmony Park outdoor musical instrument park. Jose was accepted into the Artlink Juried Art Exhibition opening on February 7.

#### CALENDAR

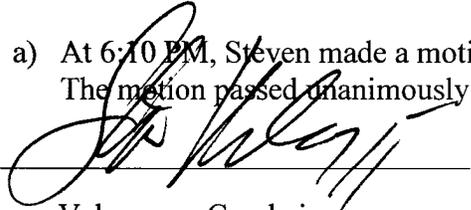
- a) Our next meeting will be on February 19, 2019
- b) The Museum shade structure lighting demo with the artist, museum staff, and the cultural foundation will be on January 24, at 6:30 pm.

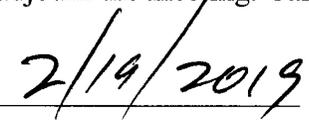
#### INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) Current exhibitions:
  - a. Vision Gallery – *Futureland, Arizona: An Art Show* – Jan 10 – Feb 25, 2019. Reception: Fri, Jan. 11, 6 – 8 p.m.
  - b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – *Organically Askew* – Jan 17 – March 1, 2019. Reception: Fri, Jan. 25, 6 – 8 p.m.
- b) Upcoming exhibitions:
  - a. Vision Gallery – *Mid-Century Chandler: The Unexpected Gems* – Feb 22 – March 29, 2019. Two Receptions. Honoring Glenn McCollum – Sat, Feb. 23, 6 – 8 p.m. As part of Modern Phoenix Week – Fri March 22, 5 – 8 p.m.
  - b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – *Meticulously Maximal* – March 7 – April 12, 2019. Reception: Fri, March 8, 6 – 8 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

- a) At 6:10 PM, Steven made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carolyn seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously.

  
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Steven Velazquez, Co-chair

  
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Date

MINUTES OF THE  
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, February 19, 2019  
5:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Jose Benavides, Julie Ray, Michelle Hirsch, Steven Velazquez, Farhana Ahmed

Commissioners Absent: Kathleen Escobedo, Carolyn Rhinehart

Staff Present: Peter Bugg

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM by Steven Velazquez in the Vision Gallery Multipurpose room (A104), 10 East Chicago Street.

UNSCHEDULED / SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 15 MEETING:

- a) Michelle Hirsch made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Julie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION AGENDA

- a) Parking Structure: Peter displayed the submissions from the finalists for the shade canopy and seating area.
  - a. After the commission viewed and discussed all of the shade canopy entries, Julie made a motion to select CoLAB studio. Jose seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
  - b. After discussing the additional costs of structural engineering and installation of the canopy, Michelle made a motion to approve up to \$20,000 in funding for the above items. Farhana seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
  - c. After the commission viewed and discussed all of the seating area entries, Farhana made a motion to select Jeff Zischke and approve up to \$9,000 in additional funds for the proposed light towers on his concept. Michelle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
  - d. After discussing the effort the artists put in to the concept proposals, Jose made a motion to approve a \$100 stipend for the two seating area finalists who were not selected. Michelle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b) Approving additional funds for the Public Safety Training Center photography project: Peter shared some of the finished photographs from the project, and presented three proposals from the artist, outlining what additional goods she could provide for \$1,000,

\$2,000, and \$5,000. After discussion, Julie made a motion to approve \$2,000 in additional funds. Farhana seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- c) Peter shared the draft copy of the vinyl banner call to artists and got recommendations from the commission on how to polish it before publishing. After discussion, Steven moved to approve the call as amended. Jose seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### BRIEFING ITEMS

- a) Ongoing public art project updates:
  - a. Peter updated the commission on the progress Pete Goldlust is making towards his INFLUX installation.
  - b. Peter updated the commission on the sub-committee meeting that heard the proposals from the parking garage finalists.
- b) Public Art Maintenance Issues:
  - a. None

#### MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Farhana reminded the commission that the mayor will be making his state of the city address on Thursday evening, February 21.

#### CALENDAR

- a) Our next meeting will be on March 19, 2019

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

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  - b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – *Meticulously Maximal* – March 7 – April 12, 2019. Reception: Fri, March 8, 6 – 8 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

a) At 6:22 PM, Steven made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michelle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathleen Escobedo      3/19/19  
Kathleen Escobedo, Chair      Date

MINUTES OF THE  
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, March 19, 2019  
5:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Jose Benavides, Michelle Hirsch, Steven Velazquez, Farhana Ahmed, Kathleen Escobedo, Carolyn Rhinehart

Commissioners Absent: Julie Ray

Staff Present: Peter Bugg, Yvonne Villareal-Torres

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM by Steven Velazquez in the Vision Gallery Multipurpose room (A104), 10 East Chicago Street.

UNSCHEDULED / SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 16 MEETING:

- a) Steven made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Michelle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION AGENDA

- a) Vinyl Banner call to artists – After discussing the proposals, Carolyn made a motion to choose Christopher Jagmin, Farhana seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b) Juror selection for CUSD art exhibition - After discussion, Jose made a motion that Carolyn and Farhana serve as jurors. Steven seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

BRIEFING ITEMS

- a) Ongoing public art project updates:
  - a. Peter showed renderings of Nick Rascona's sculpture, *Roommates*, along with estimates for purchase and rental. The board had questions about lighting, powder coating vs. painting, other designs, and funding.
- b) Public Art Maintenance Issues:
  - a. The John Pugh mural is in bad shape, and there have been requests from the business owners to see if it can be repaired or replaced. Peter will look into costs and funds available and report back.
  - b. Peter showed images of the proposed street plan for the intersection of Arizona Ave and Chicago St. Due to widening the road, Steve Fitch's pedestal and bench

will need to be removed, and there will be a vote next month. Kathleen suggested that some sort of plaque commemorating Steve and his contribution to the community might be a good way to replace it.

#### MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jose went to Art Detour and was very excited about the art that he saw.
- Michelle Hirsch enjoyed the Meticulously Maximal reception.
- Kyrene de la Paloma school will host a free concert on Fri, March 22. The group will play 6:15 – 7:30 in the Amphitheater

#### CALENDAR

- a) Our next meeting will be on April 16, 2019

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) Current exhibitions:

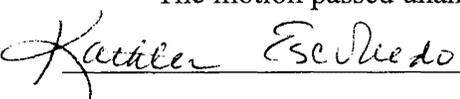
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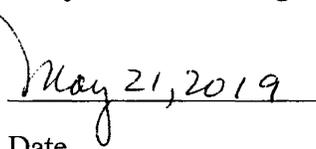
- b) Upcoming exhibitions:

- a. Vision Gallery – *TOGETHER* – April 4 - May 3, 2019. Reception: Sat, April 6, 6 – 8 p.m.
- b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – *CUSD Juried Exhibition* – April 19 – May 12, 2019. Reception: Thu, April 18, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

- a) At 5:56 PM, Carolyn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steven seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

  
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Kathleen Escobedo, Chair

  
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Date

MINUTES OF THE  
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, April 16, 2019  
5:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Jose Benavides, Michelle Hirsch, Kathleen Escobedo, Carolyn Rhinehart, Julie Ray

Commissioners Absent: Steven Velazquez, Farhana Ahmed

Staff Present: Peter Bugg

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Kathleen Escobedo in the Vision Gallery Multipurpose room (A104), 10 East Chicago Street.

UNSCHEDULED / SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 19 MEETING:

- a) Carolyn made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Michelle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION AGENDA

- a) Steve Fitch Pedestal – After discussion, Carolyn made a motion to remove the Steve Fitch pedestal and bench on the northeast corner of AZ Ave and Chicago St in order to widen the road. The motion also included a provision to install a plaque at a location to be determined to honor Steve's contribution to the arts in Chandler. Michelle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BRIEFING ITEMS

- a) Ongoing public art project updates:
  - a. Peter let the committee know that the parking garage canopies are moving along. Jeff Zischke, the artist for the benches, broke his leg but will return to working on the benches when he is better.
  - b. Peter met with Chris Jagmin to discuss parameters for the vinyl banners. He will share designs at the next meeting.
  - c. The breezeway mural west of Chop Shop is in bad shape. Peter is still waiting to hear back on a few items and will report back with options at the next meeting.
- b) Public Art Maintenance Issues:
  - a. *Victor Hugo* in AJ Chandler Park has a rotting footing. Gallery staff will present options at the next meeting.

- b. Some of the ceramic benches at the CCA are in need of repair. Gallery staff will work to fix them and report back at the next meeting.

#### MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The photos are complete for the public safety training facility. They will be printed and mounted, and the arts commission will be updated when that is complete.
- The Public Safety Training Center is ready for the art component for phase 2. The commission had many ideas. Peter will meet with them and come back with more information at the next meeting.
- Uptown Chandler economic development asked Peter for information on how to do a call to artists for some utility boxes they plan to beautify. Peter will keep the arts commission informed as this project progresses.
- Gallery staff moved much of the art out of the Chandler Center for the Arts so the walls could be repainted as part of the renovation. Most of the art will be returned, the rest of it will find new homes in other city buildings, and the commission will be updated.
- This will be Carolyn's last meeting after more than 12 years. She will be replaced at the next meeting, and wishes the commission well.
- Jose is in the middle of remodeling his studio and website. He will report back at future meetings.
- Kathleen will be a part of the CGCC student exhibition on April 24.

#### CALENDAR

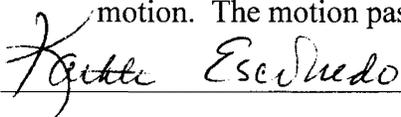
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#### INFORMATION ITEMS

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  - b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – *Fantastical Botanical* – May 17 – Aug 25, 2019. Reception: Sat, May 18, 2019, 6 – 8 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

- a) At 5:53 PM, Carolyn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michelle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

  
\_\_\_\_\_ May 21, 2019

MINUTES OF THE  
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, April 16, 2019  
5:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Jose Benavides, Michelle Hirsch, Kathleen Escobedo, Carolyn Rhinehart, Julie Ray

Commissioners Absent: Steven Velazquez, Farhana Ahmed

Staff Present: Peter Bugg

CALL TO ORDER:

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UNSCHEDULED / SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 19 MEETING:

- a) Carolyn made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Michelle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION AGENDA

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  - b. Peter met with Chris Jagmin to discuss parameters for the vinyl banners. He will share designs at the next meeting.
  - c. The breezeway mural west of Chop Shop is in bad shape. Peter is still waiting to hear back on a few items and will report back with options at the next meeting.
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#### CALENDAR

- a) Our next meeting will be on May 21, 2019

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

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#### ADJOURNMENT

- a) At 5:53 PM, Carolyn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michelle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Katle Escudedo                      May 21, 2019

MINUTES OF THE  
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, May 21, 2019  
5:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Jose Benavides, Kathleen Escobedo, Julie Ray, Farhana Ahmed, Tim Wiant

Commissioners Absent: Steven Velazquez, Michelle Hirsch

Staff Present: Peter Bugg, Yvonne Villareal-Torres, Michelle Mac Lennan, Kim Moyers, Assistant Fire Chief Keith Hargis

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM by Kathleen Escobedo in room PD2 of the Public Safety Training Center, 3550 S Dobson Rd.

UNSCHEDULED / SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 16 MEETING:

- a) Julie made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Jose seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION AGENDA

- a) After discussion with Assistant Fire Chief Hargis, Farhana moved that the commission approve \$200,000 for the design, fabrication, and project management of a communal gathering space for phase 2 of the Public Safety Training Center, with additional funds to be approved for the engineering and installation. Julie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b) After discussion, Farhana made a motion to decommission the John Pugh mural in the breezeway. Jose seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- c) After discussion, Jose made a motion to approve a call for a new mural, with up to \$12,000 in funds provided by Kim Moyers. Farhana seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

BRIEFING ITEMS

- a) The commission welcomed new commissioner Tim Wiant and everyone introduced themselves.
- b) Michelle Mac Lennan and Kim Moyers discussed the recent city reorganization that has happened since Brenda Brown's retirement, and the added visibility that it will give to the Visual Arts.
- c) Ongoing public art project updates:

- a. The Public Safety Training Center photography has been installed, and has already gotten a lot of positive feedback.
  - b. The Oregon St Parking Garage benches are undergoing some final design modifications, but are coming along.
  - c. The Oregon St. canopy artist had some ideas for the words embedded in the ground beneath it. She took a more poetic approach that commented on the seasons, but it didn't seem applicable to the desert, so she is going to see what else she can come up with.
  - d. Steve Fitch's bench and pedestal at Chicago and AZ has been removed. A box of tiles was dropped off at the gallery, and can be used for the memorial plaque that the commission is considering.
- d) Public Art Maintenance Issues:
- a. Ted Wolter looked at his bench that was damaged. He gave Peter an estimate, and is going to proceed with repairs, which may take some time because of a slower summer firing schedule.
  - b. The downtown library is undergoing a renovation and hopes to decommission the James O'Connor, *Age of Discovery* mural from 1997. Peter shared details, and this will be an action item at the next meeting.

#### MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The vinyl banners have been printed and picked up. They should be installed this week or next.
- Peter is going to the Public Art Network conference in Minneapolis in June.
- Julie is working on a Chandler-based artist database
- Farhana's daughter won a prize in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade art contest for the environmental education center.
- Jose is going to be in an exhibition in Seattle in June, and may miss the meeting.

#### CALENDAR

- a) Our next meeting will be on June 18, 2019

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) Current exhibitions:
  - b) Vision Gallery – *Selections from the Permanent Collection* – May 17 – Aug 23, 2019.
  - c) Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – *Fantastical Botanical* – May 17 – Aug 25, 2019.  
Reception: Sat, May 18, 2019, 6 – 8 p.m.
- d) Upcoming exhibitions:
  - a. Vision Gallery –

b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery –

ADJOURNMENT

- a) At 6:04 PM, Julie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Farhana seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously.

Kathleen Escobedo

Kathleen Escobedo, Chair

6-18-19

Date

MINUTES OF THE  
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019  
5:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Kathleen Escobedo, Julie Ray, Steven Velazquez, Michelle Hirsch, Tim Wiant

Commissioners Absent: Farhana Ahmed, Jose Benavides

Staff Present: Peter Bugg, Yvonne Villareal-Torres, Administrative Librarian Abigail Nersesian

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM by Kathleen Escobedo in the Vision Gallery classroom at 10 E Chicago St.

UNSCHEDULED / SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC

Interested citizen Susan Baker attended the meeting

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 21 MEETING:

- a) Steven made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Timothy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION AGENDA

- a) After discussion with Administrative Librarian Abigail Nersesian, Steven made a motion to decommission the Library Mural, *Age of Discovery*, by James O'Connor. Timothy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b) After discussion, Julie made a motion to approve \$5,000 to participate in the next cycle of In Flux. Michelle Hirsch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- c) After discussion, it was suggested that the first due date for phase 2 of the Public Safety Training Center be changed to July 12. Steven then made a motion to approve the call to artists as amended. Julie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BRIEFING ITEMS

- a) Ongoing public art project updates:
  - a. The parking garage artists are now under contract, and the projects are moving forward.
  - b. The mural call is out, and we will be looking at submissions at our next meeting.
- b) Public Art Maintenance Issues:

- a. Ted Wolter is in the process of making replacement tiles for his bench that was damaged. He has not yet found a glaze that is a good match, but he is still working on it.

#### MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Peter attended the Public Art Network conference in Minneapolis last week. He got a lot of useful information, and looks forward to sharing it with the commission.
- Peter also recently traveled to France for a wedding, where he got to see a lot of art and architecture that he found inspiring.
- Steven is in the exhibition at the Chandler Center for the Arts, and thinks it's a really good show.
- Julie recommended that commissioners look at the parking garage in Gilbert to see the public art component.

#### CALENDAR

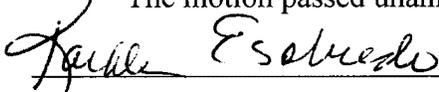
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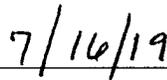
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#### ADJOURNMENT

- a) At 5:37 PM, Tim made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steven seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



Kathleen Escobedo, Chair



Date

MINUTES OF THE  
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2019  
5:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Kathleen Escobedo, Steven Velazquez, Michelle Hirsch, Tim Wiant, Farhana Ahmed

Commissioners absent: Jose Benavides, Julie Ray

Staff Present: Peter Bugg, Michelle Mac Lennan, Kim Moyers

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM by Kathleen Escobedo in the Vision Gallery classroom at 10 E Chicago St.

**UNSCHEDULED / SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 18 MEETING:**

- a) Tim made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Farhana seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ACTION AGENDA**

- a) After discussion, Michelle Hirsch made a motion to nominate Kathleen as the chair of the commission, Farhana seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously. Farhana made a motion to nominate Michelle Hirsch as the vice chair of the commission, Steven seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.
- b) After considering the submissions from eleven artists and artist teams, Michelle Hirsch made a motion to choose Travis Ivey, Lucretia Torva, and Cam DeCaussin & Joey Salamon as the finalists for the breezeway mural, and pay the two artists who are not ultimately chosen \$100 each for their designs. Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- c) After considering the submissions from six artists and artist teams, Steven made a motion to choose RYNE studio, coLAB studio, and Mary Lucking as finalists and to pay the two artists who are not chosen \$300 each for their proposals. Farhana seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- d) After an explanation from Kathleen on the event sponsorship funding process, Steve made a motion for Farhana to represent the Arts Commission on the review panel, with Tim and Kathleen serving as alternates in case something comes up. Michelle Hirsch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**BRIEFING ITEMS**

- a) Ongoing public art project updates:

- a. Peter shared renderings of the progress on the parking garage.
  - b. Downtown development is also interested in Jeff Zischke doing an additional screen wall as part of the parking garage to hide some utility boxes.
- b) Public Art Maintenance Issues:
- a. Peter shared a photo of the wall in the Chandler Center for the arts that has been furred out, creating a frame for the painting, and a more integrated effect.
  - c) Sunset Library is interested in getting some public art / seating in front of their building as part of a recent renovation project. The arts commission is interested in helping, but doesn't want to fund the entire project on their own. They would consider matching funds if the library can find some seed money.
  - d) As of July 5, Yvonne has retired. The city is in the process of finding a good replacement for her, and will keep the commission updated.

MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR

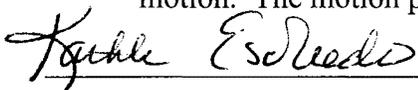
- a) Our next meeting will be on August 20, 2019

INFORMATION ITEMS

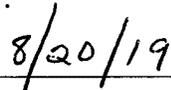
- a) Current exhibitions:
  - a. Vision Gallery – *Selections from the Permanent Collection* – May 17 – Aug 23, 2019.
  - b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – *Fantastical Botanical* – May 17 – Aug 25, 2019. Reception: Sat, May 18, 2019, 6 – 8 p.m.
- b) Upcoming exhibitions:
  - a.

ADJOURNMENT

- a) At 6:19 PM, Steven made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michelle Hirsch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



Kathleen Escobedo, Chair



Date

MINUTES OF THE  
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, August 20, 2019  
5:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Kathleen Escobedo, Steven Velazquez, Julie Ray, Tim Wiant, Farhana Ahmed

Commissioners absent: Jose Benavides, Michelle Hirsch

Staff Present: Peter Bugg

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Kathleen Escobedo in the Vision Gallery classroom at 10 E Chicago St.

**UNSCHEDULED / SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC**

Economic Development Specialist Mike Winer attended to provide input and get feedback on the Utility Box project.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 16 MEETING:**

- a) Steven made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Farhana seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ACTION AGENDA**

- a) Public Safety Training Center – Kathleen and Steven updated the commission on the finalists' presentations on August 15. After discussion, Tim made a motion to confirm CoLAB studio as the artists for the canopy. Farhana seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.
- b) Breezeway Mural – Peter showed the submissions from Cam DeCaussin & Joey Salamon, Lucretia Torva, and Travis Ivey. After discussion, Julie made a motion to choose DeCaussin & Salamon as the artists for the mural. Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- c) Uptown Chandler Utility Boxes – After reviewing the 41 submissions, the arts commissioners voted on their favorites to provide some guidance for Economic Development, who will choose the finalists. Peter will report back with who they chose at the next meeting.
- d) In Flux – After discussion, Steven made a motion to keep the installation for next cycle of INFLUX on Arizona Ave, and not offer funding for an installation at the Chandler Mall. Kathleen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**BRIEFING ITEMS**

- a) Ongoing public art project updates:

- a. Peter has been in touch with John Pugh, the artist for the current breezeway mural. Mr. Pugh thinks that the mural can be relocated. Peter is going to see if this is possible, and will keep the arts commission informed.
- b. Serrano's is going to be doing a mural on the east side of their building.

b) Public Art Maintenance Issues:

- a. The CCA benches have been repaired except for Ted Wolter's. We are still waiting on getting new tiles from Ted.

#### MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Vision Gallery is in the final stages of hiring a new assistant. Hopefully Peter will be able to introduce her at the next meeting.

Save the date: Thurs, February 20 will be the next State of the City event, with a board appreciation event beforehand. It will start around 5 at the CCA. More info will be shared before then.

#### CALENDAR

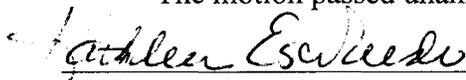
- a) Our next meeting will be on September 17, 2019

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

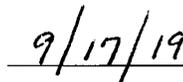
- a) Current exhibitions:
  - a. Vision Gallery – *Selections from the Permanent Collection* – May 17 – Aug 23, 2019.
  - b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – *Fantastical Botanical* – May 17 – Aug 25, 2019. Reception: Sat, May 18, 2019, 6 – 8 p.m.
- b) Upcoming exhibitions:
  - a. Vision Gallery – *Through Each Other's Eyes* – Aug 30 – Oct 5, 2019. Opening Reception: Saturday, Sept 7, 6- 8 p.m.
  - b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – *Escenas de Mexico* – Sept 4 – Oct 10, 2019. Reception: Fri, Sept 6, 2019, 7 – 9 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

- a) At 6:12 PM, Steven made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Farhana seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

  
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Kathleen Escobedo, Chair

  
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Date

MINUTES OF THE  
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, September 17, 2019  
5:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Kathleen Escobedo, Steven Velazquez, Tim Wiant, Jose Benavides, Michelle Hirsch

Commissioners absent: Julie Ray, Farhana Ahmed

Staff Present: Peter Bugg, Caroline Hudson-Naef

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM by Kathleen Escobedo in the Vision Gallery classroom at 10 E Chicago St.

UNSCHEDULED / SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC

ASU Cronkite School of Journalism student Hope O'Brien attended to ask questions about ongoing public art projects and public art maintenance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 16 MEETING:

- a) Tim made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Steven seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION AGENDA

- a) In Flux Selection Panel – After Peter explained the selection process for Cycle 9 of In Flux, Tim and Kathleen volunteered to serve as the selection panel for Chandler, with Steven serving as a back-up.

BRIEFING ITEMS

- a) Gallery staffing update – Caroline Hudson-Naef, the new Visual Arts Assistant, introduced herself and shared information about her professional background.
- b) Exhibition season – Peter shared the exhibition schedule for Vision Gallery and the Gallery at CCA through March 2020.
- c) Ongoing public art project updates:
  - a. The breezeway mural artists will be under contract soon and their final design has been approved.
  - b. Vision Gallery is advising Serrano's on how to orchestrate a call to artists for a new mural on the east side of their building. The mural will commemorate 40 years as a restaurant and 100 years of family business in Chandler.
  - c. The process for the Commonwealth mural is beginning; funding has been secured through San Tan Brewery, the San Marcos hotel, and the Downtown

Redevelopment department of the City of Chandler. A call for art will be published soon.

- d. Utility boxes – Peter shared a slideshow of the final artists selected for the project.
- e. Public Art Maintenance Issues – The CCA benches have been repaired except for Ted Wolter's. Ted is still unable to match his original glaze color.
- f. The commissioners were informed that October's meeting will be devoted to discussing changes to the Municipal Arts Plan. Peter will distribute the current plan for the commissioners to review in advance.

#### MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the date: The holiday party will be held at Steven Velazquez's house on Tuesday, December 10. Michelle Hirsch and Jose shared photos from their recent trips.

#### CALENDAR

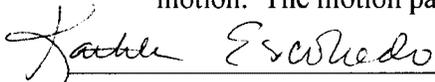
- a) Our next meeting will be on October 15, 2019

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

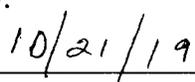
- a) Current exhibitions:
  - a. Vision Gallery – *Through Each Other's Eyes* – Aug 30 – Oct 5, 2019.
  - b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – *Escenas de Mexico* – Sept 4 – Oct 5, 2019.
- b) Upcoming exhibitions:
  - a. Vision Gallery – *Karolina Adams: Work in Progress* – Oct 12 – Nov 15, 2019.  
Opening Reception: Saturday, Oct 12, 6-8 p.m.
  - b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – *AWA Fall Juried Exhibition* – Oct 11 – Nov 15, 2019. Reception: Fri, Oct 11, 2019, 6-8 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

- a) At 5:40 PM, Kathleen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steven seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

  
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Kathleen Escobedo, Chair

  
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Date

MINUTES OF THE  
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, October 15, 2019  
5:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Kathleen Escobedo, Steven Velazquez, Tim Wiant, Jose Benavides, Michelle Hirsch, Julie Ray

Commissioners absent: Farhana Ahmed

Staff Present: Peter Bugg, Caroline Hudson-Naef

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Kathleen Escobedo in the Vision Gallery classroom at 10 E Chicago St.

UNSCHEDULED / SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 17 MEETING:

- a) Steven made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION AGENDA

- a) Steven and Tim attended the In Flux selection meeting with three top selections and won Nick Rascona's "Roommates" sculpture, the top choice for Chandler, in a straw poll. Steven made a motion to select Nick as first choice, with Zach Valent as a back-up. Julie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BRIEFING ITEMS

- a) December meeting/Holiday party to be held on Tuesday, December 10 at Steven's home from 5-7pm. Guests are welcome.
- b) Ongoing public art project updates:
  - a. The Oregon St parking garage is opening on Monday, October 21 with a ribbon cutting at 11am. Commissioners are encouraged to attend if available.
  - b. The Breezeway mural has been removed, but the removal revealed significant water damage to the wall from a leak in the roof. The artists will start when the wall has been repaired. A call for art is being generated for the mural on Commonwealth.
  - c. Peter met with Matt Salenger and representatives from Chandler Fire and Police to generate concepts for the cut-outs at the Public Safety Training Center. Matt is under contract. Main construction on the project is finished, so Matt's contract is being re-written. This may lead to a future conversation about how the Arts

Commission can get involved with city projects as soon as possible to remain on the same timeline as construction.

- d. Peter shared finished Utility Box designs with the Commission. All have been approved by the City Manager.
- c) The Municipal Art Plan has been updated, with most changes in language, rather than content. An Art In Private Development initiative has been added, inspired by Tempe and Scottsdale, to continue supporting public art when 1% for the Arts funds for capitol improvement projects are no longer available. This will fund future projects as city reaches “build-out” status. The position of Visual Arts Administrator has been added to increase Chandler Visual Arts’ working capacity and provide more separate focus on public art, education and exhibits.
- d) Public Art Maintenance Issues
  - a. The CCA benches have all been repaired.
  - b. Staff is looking for a location for Steve Fitch’s plaque, and will move forward on this project when downtown construction is finished.

#### MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Peter and City staff are in the process of hiring an Exhibitions Curator; out of 130 applications, 9 applicants completed phone interviews and 5 from that group were selected to participate in in-person interviews in early November. There will be an update at the next meeting.
- Jose is participating in the Mesa Day of the Dead festival on October 26 and Grand Ave festival on November 9
- Michelle has found a new appreciation for public art since joining the Commission; in recent trips to Atlanta and Washington, DC she went out of her way to see public artworks and considered the challenges that go into bringing art to the public sphere.

#### CALENDAR

- a) Our next meeting will be on November 19, 2019

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

##### Current exhibitions:

Vision Gallery – Karolina Adams: Work in Progress – Oct 12 – Nov 15, 2019.

Reception: Sat, Oct 12, 6 – 8 p.m.

Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – Arizona Watercolor Association Fall Juried Exhibition – Oct 11 – Nov 15, 2019. Reception: Fri, Oct 11, 6 – 8 p.m.

##### Upcoming exhibitions:

Vision Gallery – Art Quilts XIV: From Ordinary to Extraordinary – Nov 22, 2019 – Jan 3, 2020. Reception: Sat, Nov 23, 2019

Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – closed during remodel

#### ADJOURNMENT

- a) At 5:50 PM, Michelle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously.

Kathleen Escobedo

Kathleen Escobedo, Chair

11/19/19

Date



MINUTES OF THE  
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, November 19, 2019  
5:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Kathleen Escobedo, Steven Velazquez, Tim Wiant, José Benavides, Michelle Hirsch, Julie Ray, Farhana Ahmed

Commissioners absent: none

Staff Present: Peter Bugg, Caroline Hudson-Naef

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Kathleen Escobedo in the Vision Gallery classroom at 10 E Chicago St.

UNSCHEDULED / SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 15 MEETING:

- a) Steven made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Farhana seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION AGENDA

- a) Discussion of the Municipal Arts Plan was tabled.
- b) InFLUX artist Nick Rascona's budget was initially \$10,000, double the commission's \$5,000 budget. Nick responded with a \$5,000 plan and a \$7,000 plan, with slight differences in design and fabrication and significant differences in pay for the artist. After some discussion, a vote to increase the budget to a total of \$7,000 passed with all in favor. Julie made a motion to approve the vote, Michelle seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- c) The *Victor Hugo* sculpture by Geoffrey Gross located in A.J. Chandler Park has water-rot damage at the base of one of its legs, posing a potential safety threat. The artist has offered to replace the damaged leg for \$1,500, with the option of additionally replacing the metal feet with taller metal brackets to protect the wood for a total of \$2,500. After a discussion, the issue was put to a vote with six in favor and one opposed. Farhana made a motion to approve the vote, Steven seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- d) Artist Dianne Nowicki offered to donate her piece that was created for the Chandler Museum's *Inspired by History* exhibition to the City of Chandler's art collection. Tim made a motion to accept the painting, Michelle seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- e) Peter proposed that the Chandler Arts Commission nominate an artist for the Governor's Arts Awards. The commission discussed nominating Such and Champ Styles for their work on the San Tan mural, Serrano's mural, participation in several art exhibitions with City venues, and Vision Kids instruction, as well as their arts work across the Valley. Steven made a motion to approve the nomination, Farhana seconded the motion, and the motion passed with six in favor and one abstaining.

#### BRIEFING ITEMS

- a) Ongoing public art project updates:
  - a. A call for art has been generated for the mural on Commonwealth and is being reviewed by the relevant stakeholders. It will be published soon.
  - b. The wall that will feature the Breezeway mural has been repaired; a start date for the artists has been set for January.
  - c. Wraps for the Utility Box project are currently being installed.
  - d. Matt Salenger submitted his design proposal for the Public Safety Training Center shade structure, which was reviewed and rejected by the project stakeholders. After a discussion, the commission felt that the design was not representative of the Police and Fire departments, and not a good fit for the location. Peter will distill feedback given by first responders, Arts staff, and the commission for the artist and will work with him to suggest best steps forward.
- b) Public Art Maintenance Issues

- a. None

#### MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Steven will probably miss January's meeting due to knee surgery
- Michelle mentioned an interesting segment of CBS's Sunday Morning that highlighted art restoration practices
- José will be attending the ASU faculty exhibition opening at Harry Wood Gallery immediately after the meeting and invited the other commissioners to join

#### CALENDAR

- a) Our next meeting will be on December 10, 2019 at the house of Steve Velazquez and Bobbi Fischer Velazquez

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

##### Current Exhibitions

- a) Vision Gallery – Art Quilts XIV: From Ordinary to Extraordinary – Nov 22, 2019 – Jan 3, 2020. Reception: Sat, Nov 23, 2019
- b) Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – closed during remodel

##### Upcoming Exhibitions

- a. Vision Gallery – Homegrown: Generations – Jan 9, 2020 – Feb 14, 2020. Reception: Fri, Jan 10, 2020
- b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – closed during remodel
- c.

#### ADJOURNMENT

- a) At 6:01 PM, Michelle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. José seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathleen Escobedo      Jan 21, 2020

Kathleen Escobedo, Chair

Date