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MINUTES OF THE
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, January 21, 2020
5:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Kathleen Escobedo, Tim Wiant, José Benavides, Michelle Hirsch, Julie Ray

Commissioners absent: Farhana Ahmed, Steven Velazquez

Staff Present: Peter Bugg, Caroline Hudson-Naef, Jillian Nakornthap

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 NOVEMBER 19 MEETING:

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

ACTION AGENDA

- a) Michelle made a motion to table discussion of the Municipal Arts Plan until a final draft has been prepared. Julie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BRIEFING ITEMS

- a) Ongoing public art project updates:
 - a. The private reception for the now-complete Breezeway mural was well attended by Chandler City Councilmembers, arts commissioners, and Downtown Chandler Community Partnership representatives. The

new mural brightens the space and is more reflective of Chandler today than the previous mural.

- b. A final design has been presented by Matt Salenger for the Public Safety Training Center shade structure, and was well-received by the project stakeholders. Fabrication and installation is currently on track to be complete by the Grand Opening of the facility in February. The new, botanical design accomplishes the stakeholders' goal of creating a calming design element for a peaceful gathering area.
 - c. There were 14 entries for the San Marcos mural call for work, of which 4 artists were chosen as finalists. They will each submit design proposals for review.
 - d. Such and Champ Styles are finalists for the Governor's Arts Awards. Michelle Hirsch was excited to write the nomination, and pleased that they are finalists. The ceremony will take place on March 26, 2020 at the Mesa Arts Center.
 - e. The large Don Reitz ceramic mural, formerly above the bar at the CCA, has been relocated to the first floor of the Downtown Chandler Public Library. The piece is more accessible in the new location and will likely inspire better appreciation.
- b) Public Art Maintenance Issues
- a. *Victor Hugo* by Geoffrey Gross has been successfully repaired and the legs of the sculpture are much more secure.
 - b. One sun slide on the Oregon Street Parking Garage has been damaged by construction in the area. Vision Gallery staff are currently working on repairing the piece.

MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Michelle Hirsch invited those present to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new Janet Tobias Harmony Park at the Paloma Arts Integration Academy on January 30 at 4pm.
- Julie announced a public art scavenger hunt in Chandler to take place tentatively on February 22.
- José's work is newly represented by the Studio Down Under in Seattle, WA.

CALENDAR

- a) Our next meeting will be on February 18, 2020 in the Vision Gallery Classroom.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Current Exhibitions

- a. Vision Gallery – *Homegrown: Generations* – January 9 – February 14, 2020.
- b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – closed during remodel

Upcoming Exhibitions

- a. Vision Gallery – *2 Players, 2 Quarters* – February 22 – March 27, 2020.
Opening Reception: Friday, February 21, 2020, 6-8 p.m.
- b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – closed during remodel

ADJOURNMENT

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

Kathleen Escobedo 2/18/2020

Kathleen Escobedo, Chair

Date



MINUTES OF THE
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, February 18, 2020
5:00 PM

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

Commissioners absent: José Benavides

Staff Present: Peter Bugg, Caroline Hudson-Naef

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 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 JANUARY 21 MEETING:

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

ACTION AGENDA

- a) Michelle made a motion to vote on decommissioning "Pavimento por Chandler" by Richard Fleischner after staff has had the chance to discuss it with the artist. Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BRIEFING ITEMS

- a) Arts plan update: City staff continues to work on finalizing the Public Art Plan so that the Arts Commission can review it before it is submitted to City Council.

- b) Commonwealth Mural update: Four finalists were selected by the project's stakeholders – DAAS, DuoTone, Ariana Enriquez, and Kayla Newnam. Ariana Enriquez was likely to be the top choice for the project.
- c) Public Art Awards: Michelle attended the nominee reception for the Governor's Arts Awards, where Such and Champ Styles were announced as finalists. Staff would like for the Arts Commission to apply for more regional and national awards for the City's projects.
- d) CCA Gallery: Issues with the flooring will delay the completion of the renovations in the Gallery at the Chandler Center for the Arts.
- e) Old City Hall plaque dedication: A new historical marker plaque has been installed at the corner of Arizona Ave and Chicago St, commemorating the site of the first Chandler City Hall. A dedication ceremony will take place the week of February 23, to be attended by City Council and the Mayor.
- f) Ongoing public art project updates: The Public Safety Training Center project is moving forward and will be installed in early March.
- g) Public Art maintenance issues: Some tile benches at the Chandler Center for the Arts were damaged when they were moved to accommodate the construction in the gallery. They have since been repaired.

MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Michelle Hirsch stated that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Janet Tobias Harmony Park at the Paloma Arts Integration Academy was a success, and thanked the commissioners for their support.
- Julie reminded those present that Art Spot, the public art scavenger hunt organized by her group We ART Chandler, will take place on February 22.
- Kathleen thanked the commissioners for coming out for her exhibition at Vision Gallery last month.
- Farhana invited the commissioners to attend Mother Language Day at the state capital on February 21.

CALENDAR

- a) Our next meeting will be on March 17, 2020 in the Vision Gallery Classroom.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Current Exhibitions

- a. Vision Gallery – *2 Players, 2 Quarters* – February 22 – March 27, 2020.

- b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – closed during remodel

Upcoming Exhibitions

- a. Vision Gallery – *Sebastian Tinajero and Shaunte Glover* –April 3 – May 1, 2020. Opening Reception: Friday, April 3, 2020, 6-8 p.m.
- b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – closed during remodel

ADJOURNMENT

- a) At 6:03 PM, Michelle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Farhana seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathleen Escobedo 5/20/2020

Kathleen Escobedo, Chair

Date



MINUTES OF THE
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, May 19, 2020
5:00 PM

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

Commissioners absent: None

Staff Present: Peter Bugg, Caroline Hudson-Naef

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM by Kathleen Escobedo via WEBEX

UNSCHEDULED / SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 18 MEETING:

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

ACTION AGENDA

- a) After discussion, Tim made a motion to deaccession "Pavimento por Chandler" by Richard Fleischner due to the poor aging of the piece, the cost of potential repairs, and the cost of future relocation of the work due to location renovations. Farhana seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BRIEFING ITEMS

- a) IN FLUX sculpture update: "Roommates" by Nick Rascona was installed without incident last month. An identification plaque produced by the artist will be installed soon.

- b) Commonwealth Mural update: the mural is now complete, and has been well-received. This was not an Arts Commission project, but their advice on choosing a finalist was appreciated by project partners – Cultural Development Department, SanTan Brewery, San Marcos Resort, and Downtown Chandler Community Partnership.
- c) CCA Gallery: Construction is complete, but the gallery remains closed due to COVID-19 and alternate use over the summer. Staff hopes to have an exhibition on display in late summer or early fall.
- d) Exhibition scheduling: Vision Gallery exhibition schedule was interrupted by the COVID-19 crisis, but is getting back on track.
- e) Maintenance projects: staff has been documenting works in the City's permanent collection. Staff has recommendations on pieces to deaccession to be discussed at a future meeting once the commission has time to review.

MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A piece of José's art was purchased as a prize to award for the Governor's Arts Awards
- Steve asked about the progress on the sun-shade project for the Public Safety Training Center; Staff responded that the project had been completed mid-March and that final documentation photos would be taken this week.

CALENDAR

- a) Our next meeting will be on June 16, 2020.

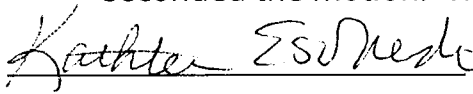
INFORMATION ITEMS

Current Exhibitions

- a. Vision Gallery – *Caroline Estelle: À LA MODE* – May 18 – July 3, 2020. Virtual Opening Reception: Friday, May 29, 2020, 6-8 p.m.
- b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – closed for kids camps – opening mid-July

ADJOURNMENT

- a) At 5:20 PM, Michelle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Farhana seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

 6/18/2020

Kathleen Escobedo, Chair

Date



MINUTES OF THE
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, June 16, 2020
5:00 PM

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

Commissioners absent: None

Staff Present: Michelle Mac Lennan, Peter Bugg, Caroline Hudson-Naef

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM by Kathleen Escobedo via WEBEX

UNSCHEDULED / SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 19 MEETING:

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

ACTION AGENDA

- a) After discussion of the proposed Steve Fitch memorial plaque, Tim made a motion to approve \$2,325 for the memorial, with an upcoming discussion of the final design and pending city approval of installation. Julie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b) Commissioners considered paying In Flux the requested \$500 for marketing Chandler's participation in the project for the 2020-2021 cycle. Steve made a motion to table the discussion until more information about In Flux's budget and timeline were made available. Michelle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- c) José nominated Kathleen Escobedo for Arts Commission Chair; all in favor. Farhana nominated Michelle Hirsch for Arts Commission Co-Chair; all in favor.

BRIEFING ITEMS

- a) Utility box update: With no funding available from Economic Development, the commissioners discussed the pros and cons of continuing with the project. Steve asked about the life expectancy of the vinyl wraps, and José expressed interest in spreading wealth to artists who are struggling and installing art in communities beyond downtown. Commissioners considered alternate ways to fund the project, including business sponsors or donation matching, and were encouraged to think of potential partners or communities that would enjoy participating in this project.
- b) The owner of Peixoto Coffee is interested in adding a piece of public art to the alleyway adjoining their building. Commissioners discussed the probability that the owner of the building will not contribute financially to this project; glad our community is interested in public art, but unsure about how it will be funded.
- c) Equity in public art: commissioners discussed their role in the current national conversation about social equity and representation particular to the arts. José spoke favorably of seeking out and involving typically-ignored communities in the arts, and Michelle suggested that neighbors could work together to make decisions on public art in their neighborhood. Farhana made the point that arts professionals should act in an equitable way all the time, not just when there is energy around the topic.
- d) The CCA Gallery is complete and will have a new show installed next month.
- e) Exhibition scheduling for Vision Gallery and the CCA Gallery is still in progress after being shifted due to COVID-19, but will be completed soon.
- f) Maintenance projects
 - a. Deaccessioning art: commissioners discussed deaccessioning three works in the City's collection that are on record as having been deaccessioned in 2010, but are still in the City's care. There will be action on this topic when the commission has seen the art in person and has decided where it would go.
 - b. Staff would like to frame a piece in the City's collection: *Jubilation* by Veralyn Johnson. This will be an action item at the next meeting.
 - c. The City's several bronze statues need maintenance, including cleaning and re-sealing. Kathleen wondered why the Arts Commission needed

to pay for this. Staff responded that maintenance of existing public art projects was part of the mission of the arts commission.

- d. PSTC photos – commissioners like the photos. Public Safety staff are pleased with the piece so far.
- e. San Marcos Colony wants another sculpture to replace the one on lease from Gary Slater, who chose to take it back.
- f. Removal of the Pavimento por Chandler piece will be slow; this project is out of the Arts Commission's purview going forward.

MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Steve is enjoying eating homemade bread
- José recently adopted some goats
- Michelle is spending lots of time in her garden

CALENDAR

- a) Our next meeting will be on July 21, 2020.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Current Exhibitions

- a. Vision Gallery – *Caroline Estelle: À LA MODE* – May 18 – July 3, 2020.
Virtual Opening Reception: Friday, May 29, 2020, 6-8 p.m.
- b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – closed, opening soon

Upcoming Exhibitions

- a. Vision Gallery – *ASU MFA students* – July 10 – August 21, 2020. Reception: TBD
- b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – Shaunté Glover – June 24 – August 21, 2020. Reception: TBD

ADJOURNMENT

- a) At 6:06 PM, Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathleen Escobedo

Kathleen Escobedo, Chair

7/23/2020

Date



MINUTES OF THE
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, July 21, 2020
5:00 PM

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

Commissioners absent: None

Staff Present: Kim Moyers, Peter Bugg, Caroline Hudson-Naef

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM by Kathleen Escobedo via WEBEX

UNSCHEDULED / SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 16 MEETING:

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

ACTION AGENDA

- a) The City of Chandler's annual funding review panel will be held on Wednesday, September 16 at 5pm. Michelle made a motion to nominate Kathleen as the Arts Commission's representative. Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b) Staff presented the need to have the City's several outdoor bronze sculptures professionally cleaned, and presented bids from two maintenance companies. After discussion, Michelle made a motion to clean the statues recommended for cleaning: *Shortcut*, *To Honor and Serve*, *Frank Lloyd Wright and Dr. Aj Chandler*, *The Guardian*, and the *Rosales Family Fountain*. Farhana

seconded this motion. After individual voting, the bid from Sculpture Services of Colorado was unanimously approved.

- c) After a discussion during June's Arts Commission meeting regarding a new utility box wrap project, staff reported back with more information about production cost and comparisons with other Valley cities. Staff suggested funding between 3 and 5 box wraps, which would cost about \$700 each to print and install, with an additional artist stipend for the design. Commissioners voted individually on the number of boxes to fund, with two voting for 3 boxes and five voting for 5 boxes. Michelle made a motion to fund the production of 5 utility box wraps, and Steve seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BRIEFING ITEMS

- a) The Steve Fitch memorial plaque raised some questions from commissioners and staff. Staff is working internally to create a suggested protocol to follow for public art memorials. This plan will be formalized before any further progress is made with the Fitch plaque.
- b) The City received a request from a citizen for the city to produce a Black Lives Matter mural in the style of others that have appeared across the country. After consulting internally with Visual Arts staff, with Nikki Tapia of the Diversity office, and with colleagues in other public art departments, it is not staff's recommendation to move forward with this request. The primary reason for this decision is that this is not the process Chandler follows for initiating public art projects, and approval could set a problematic precedent. Additionally, the commission wants more community input, and this artist has no community organizing or mural painting experience. However, staff is interested in putting energy into uplifting a social justice conversation in the realm of public art. Peter discussed some changes to our application system that would make the process more accessible and provide more opportunities for emerging artists from diverse backgrounds. The utility box project is an example.
- c) Maintenance projects
 - a. Peter will provide some options for plaques for completed public art projects at the commission's next meeting.

MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Staff reminded the commissioners that their appreciation gift from the State of the City address are still available for pick-up at Vision Gallery.

- Jose was accepted to the Kennedy Center Artist in Residence training program.

CALENDAR

- a) Our next meeting will be on August 18, 2020.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Current Exhibitions

- a. Vision Gallery – *ASU MFA students* – July 10 – August 21, 2020
- b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – Shaunté Glover: *Softly* – June 24 – August 21, 2020

Upcoming Exhibitions

- a. Vision Gallery – *Dyads: Altered Bodies, Converging Forms* – August 29 - October 3, 2020
- b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – *Fan Rong: Heavenly Horses* – August 28 - October 2, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

- a) At 5:42 PM, Michelle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Julie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathleen Escobedo, Chair

Date



MINUTES OF THE
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, August 18, 2020
5:00 PM

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

Commissioners absent: Farhana Ahmed

Staff Present: Michelle Mac Lennan, Peter Bugg, Caroline Hudson-Naef

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM by Kathleen Escobedo via WEBEX

UNSCHEDULED / SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 21 MEETING:

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

ACTION AGENDA

- a) Julie made a motion to approve the Request for Qualifications document for the Utility Box project as written. Jose seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BRIEFING ITEMS

- a) Peter presented a forthcoming issue: the Arts Commission's budgetary funding from capital improvement projects will taper off in years to come as Chandler reaches build-out. Commissioners were asked how they will begin planning for this shift, and how they believe the remaining funds could best be used to make the most impact on the city. Kathleen suggested that the commissioners think about these questions and return with responses next

month. Jose suggested forming community partnerships to co-fund neighborhood projects, which Michelle Mac Lennan stated was in alignment with the city's goals. Both staff and commissioners agreed that they should begin advocating for alternate sources of funding.

- b) Staff has been working internally to set standards for arts community memorials in Chandler. Peter suggested instead of individual plaques located around the city, the commission could request inclusion in Celebration Plaza or begin a similar project specific to the art community.
- c) Many of the plaques accompanying public art around Chandler are outdated. Peter is working on an updated plaque design and presented a draft to the commission. He is also in the process of getting quotes from signmakers for the Commission to approve at a later meeting.
- d) Maintenance projects
 - a. The Chandler Museum will complete the empty part of the breezeway between Saba's and Chop Shop with a rotating historical exhibition.
 - b. The cylindrical concrete barriers that block the end of the breezeway from the alley are a potential opportunity for public art. The commissioners discussed the feasibility for art installation on these barriers.
 - c. Sculpture Services of Colorado, the business hired to clean the city's bronze sculptures, will return to Arizona later in the year to complete that project.
 - d. Two large works from the city's permanent art collection have been returned to the Chandler Center for the Arts after their temporary exhibition at Vision Gallery during the CCA's remodeling construction. More art from the city's collection will be hung at the CCA in the coming months.

MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Michelle Hirsch went to The Ladies in the Headlights show hosted by the Chandler Center for the Arts and loved it.
- Tim is moving out of Chandler but remaining on the Arts Commission.

CALENDAR

- a) Our next meeting will be on September 15, 2020.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Current Exhibitions

- a. Vision Gallery – *Encore: ASU MFA students* – July 10 – August 21, 2020
- b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – Shaunté Glover: *softly* – June 24 – August 21, 2020

Upcoming Exhibitions

- a. Vision Gallery – *Dyads: Altered Bodies, Converging Forms* – August 29 - October 3, 2020
- b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – *Fan Rong: Heavenly Horses* – August 28 - October 2, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

- a) At 5:49 PM, Michelle Hirsch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathleen Escobedo 9/16/2020

Kathleen Escobedo, Chair

Date



MINUTES OF THE
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, September 15, 2020
5:00 PM

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

Commissioners absent: Julie Ray

Staff Present: Peter Bugg, Caroline Hudson-Naef

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM by Kathleen Escobedo via WEBEX

UNSCHEDULED / SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 18 MEETING:

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

ACTION AGENDA

- a) The commissioners voted to select the artists for the ICAN-Chandler Utility Box project. Commissioners individually listed their top 5 artists from the 24 applications and discussed the highest ranking applicants. Steven made a motion to select Diego Perez, Oliverio Balcells, Karolina Adams, and Matt Lu as the artists for this project, with Laura Thurbon as an alternate. Farhana seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b) Peter presented the final approved format for the new sculpture identification plaques. He gave quotes for the fabrication of the plaques in two different materials; bronze was about \$1,000 per plaque, and etched aluminum was about \$400 per plaque. After some discussion on the merits

of both materials, Steven made a motion to approve a budget of \$3,000 for the fabrication and installation of new etched aluminum signs. Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BRIEFING ITEMS

- a) Peter again raised the question of how the commission wants to plan for the future of public art spending in Chandler, and stated that integrating public art projects with structures already being built resulted in the best return on investment. Farhana suggested a focus on bringing art to communities outside of downtown Chandler, and Jose mentioned that working with community partners could stretch the commission's funds.
- b) Discussion on the artist recognition memorial criteria was tabled until next month's meeting.
- c) Peter is working with Neighborhood Services to put together an opportunity for communities in Chandler to request a public artwork for their neighborhood. Neighborhood Services already administers a grant for community improvement, and would be able to help determine the criteria for the opportunity. Commissioners responded favorably to this news, and will vote on approval of the project and funding at next month's meeting.
- d) The ceramic tile benches at the Chandler Center for the Arts may be moved to Sunset Library. Peter will have more information as this develops.

MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Michelle enjoyed the virtual reception for *Dyads: Altered Bodies, Converging Forms*
- Tim is settling into his new home
- Jose is participating in a prestigious Kennedy Center virtual teaching artist training

CALENDAR

- a) Our next meeting will be on October 20, 2020.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Current Exhibitions

- a. Vision Gallery – *Dyads: Altered Bodies, Converging Forms* – August 29 - October 3, 2020

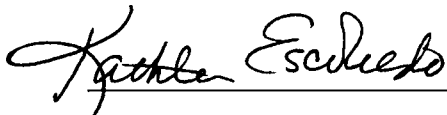
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Upcoming Exhibitions

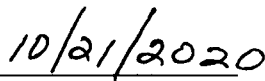
- a. Vision Gallery - *Los Americanx* - October 10 - November 14, 2020.
- b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery - *Al Son Que Me Toquen: Recent Works by Emily Costello and Frank Ybarra* - October 10 - November 14, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Kathleen Escobedo, Chair



Date



MINUTES OF THE
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, October 20, 2020
5:00 PM

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

Commissioners absent: None

Staff Present: Kim Moyers, Peter Bugg, Caroline Hudson-Naef

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM by Kathleen Escobedo via WEBEX

UNSCHEDULED / SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 15 MEETING:

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

ACTION AGENDA

- a) The commissioners discussed approving the budget for neighborhood requests for proposals. Tim made a motion to approve \$5,000 for one neighborhood project. Steve seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b) The commissioners discussed approving the draft for the neighborhood call for proposals. After several edits were made to the draft, Farhana made a motion to approve the call for proposals as amended. José seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the draft will be sent to Neighborhood Services to review.

BRIEFING ITEMS

- a) The commissioners discussed the placement of artist recognition plaques as well as their content. Peter recommended that plaques be installed on the concrete base of the Frank Lloyd Wright and A.J. Chandler sculptures in A. J. Chandler Park. Commissioners discussed how many artists should be eligible for approval per year, whether recognition should be exclusively for artworks purchased by the city, whether or not Arts Commission members would be eligible, and whether the artist needs to be a Chandler resident. Peter will synthesize this feedback and present a new draft during November's meeting.
- b) Ongoing public art projects
 - a. Peter informed the commission that the utility box artists have met with their ICAN students; the city's contact at ICAN has done a great job pairing the students with the artists. The artists' final designs are due soon, with a positive message for the neighborhood being the focus.
 - b. Peter asked the commission to start thinking about whether the Chandler Arts Commission wants to participate in INFLUX next year. Some cities like Scottsdale and Glendale are already on board, but others like Tempe and Peoria have not decided yet.
 - c. Peter is giving a Mural Mile tour of downtown murals monthly, hosted by the Downtown Chandler Library.
 - d. Chandler is hosting two pieces of temporary public art that are part of Roadside Attraction in the empty storefront at 51 E Boston St. The works are themed for the election and on view through November 3.
- c) Maintenance projects
 - a. The new public art plaques have been ordered, and will be installed before the November meeting, if not by the end of October.
 - b. Seven of the tile benches at the Chandler Center for the Arts were moved to Sunset Library to satisfy the library's need for seating and make room for new benches at the CCA. Several of the benches were damaged in the move, but Peter will begin repairing those this week.

MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Kathleen announced that due to COVID, there will be no commission holiday party this year. The commission will hold a regular meeting instead.
- Peter said that Jose led a great Vision Kids class

- Michelle reminded the commissioners that the Governor's Arts Awards is coming up on October 28, and is free to watch online.
- Julie announced a poster design opportunity through AIGA

CALENDAR

- a) Our next meeting will be on November 17, 2020.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Current Exhibitions

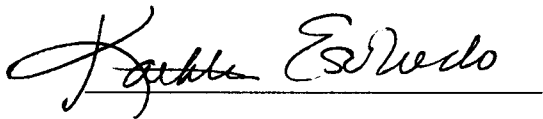
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Upcoming Exhibitions

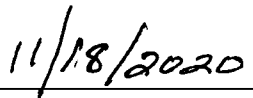
- a. Vision Gallery – *Art Quilts XXV: Fleeting Moments* – November 21 – December 31, 2020. Virtual Opening reception – November 21, 3pm via zoom.
- b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery – *Linda Anderson: Common Threads* – November 21 – December 31, 2020. Virtual opening reception – November 20, noon via zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

- a) At 5:48 PM, Tim made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Farhana seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



Kathleen Escobedo, Chair



Date



MINUTES OF THE
CHANDLER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, November 17, 2020
5:00 PM

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

Commissioners absent: None

Staff Present: Michelle Mac Lennan, Peter Bugg, Caroline Hudson-Naef

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM by Kathleen Escobedo via WEBEX

UNSCHEDULED / SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 20 MEETING:

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

ACTION AGENDA

- a) The commissioners discussed approving the proposed document for recognition memorial criteria. The most significant change made to this document from the last time it was discussed is that the plaques will be installed in a location near the Frank Lloyd Wright and Dr. A. J. Chandler sculptures in A. J. Chandler Park instead of directly on the base. Tim made a motion to approve the criteria document as written. Michelle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BRIEFING ITEMS

a) Ongoing public art projects

- a. The information plaques that were recently purchased for new public artworks have been installed. Peter said they looked contemporary, and that staff has received good feedback from other city personnel.
- b. Peter shared the completed files from the ongoing utility box project with ICAN. The commissioners agreed that many were easy to approve, but expressed concerns over some imagery.
- c. The Mural Mile art tour will take place on Wednesday, November 18 at noon, with Peter leading a walking tour of several murals in downtown Chandler.
- d. The call for neighborhood public art proposals is with Neighborhood Services personnel, and is in the last stages of approval. Staff should be able to publish the call soon.

b) Maintenance projects

- a. Peter was able to repair many of the tile benches that were damaged in the move to Sunset Library, but needs to make several more repairs. Staff is in need of a new tile repair professional after the previous one moved out of state.

MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Peter said that the Art Quilts exhibition was easy to install and looks great.
- Michelle Hirsch said that the Chandler Museum's store is a great place to shop

CALENDAR

- a) Our next meeting will be on January 19, 2021.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Current Exhibitions

- a. Vision Gallery - *Los Americanx* - October 10 - November 14, 2020.
- b. Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery - *Al Son Que Me Toquen: Recent Works by Emily Costello and Frank Ybarra* - October 10 - November 14, 2020.

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ADJOURNMENT

- a) At 5:43 PM, Steven made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Farhana seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathleen Escobedo 1/22/2021

Kathleen Escobedo, Chair

Date