



City of Apache Junction, Arizona
Meeting Minutes
Public Art Commission

Meeting location:

City Council Chambers
300 E. Superstition Blvd.
Apache Junction, AZ
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Doors are open to the public at least 15 minutes prior to the posted meeting start time.

Monday, December 9, 2024

5:30 PM

City Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chair Danford called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Danford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

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| Present | 4 - | Chairperson Danford
Vice Chair Klett
Commissioner Lanza
Commissioner Meek |
| Absent | 1 - | Commissioner Smithson |

Staff present:
Rudy Esquivias, DS Director

4. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Meek moved that the Public Art Commission accept the agenda as presented, and approve the minutes of the September 9, 2024 regular meeting. Commissioner Lanza seconded the motion.

Yes: 4 - Chairperson Danford, Vice Chair Klett, Commissioner Lanza and Commissioner Meek

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Smithson

Chair Danford called for a motion.

[24-945](#) Consideration of approval of agenda.

[24-946](#) Consideration of approval of the minutes of the September 9, 2024 regular meeting.

5. Announcement of Art Work

None.

Commissioner Smithson arrived late at 5:33 pm.

6. Public Hearings

None.

7. Old Business

None.

8. New Business

[24-928](#) Election of chair and vice chair.

Chair Danford called for a motion to open the nominations for the chairperson.

Commissioner Meek moved to open the nominations for chairperson. Commissioner Lanza seconded the motion.

Yes: 5 - Chair Danford, Vice Chair Klett, Commissioner Lanza,
Commissioner Meek, Commissioner Smithson

No: 0

Chair Danford called for nominations.

Vice Chair Klett nominated Jeff Danford for chairperson.

Chair Danford called for nominations three times.

Chair Danford called for a motion to close nominations.

Commissioner Smithson moved to close nominations. Commissioner Meek seconded the motion.

Yes: 5 - Chair Danford, Vice Chair Klett, Commissioner Lanza,
Commissioner Meek, Commissioner Smithson

No: 0

Chair Danford called for a motion to approve the nomination for chairperson.

Commissioner Meek moved that Jeff Danford be approved for chairperson. Commissioner Lanza seconded the motion.

Yes: 5 - Chair Danford, Vice Chair Klett, Commissioner Lanza,
Commissioner Meek, Commissioner Smithson

No: 0

Director Esquivias announced that Jeff Danford is still the chairperson.

Chair Danford called for a motion to open the nominations for the vice chairperson.

Commissioner Meek moved to open the nominations for vice chairperson. Commissioner Klett seconded the motion.

Yes: 5 - Chair Danford, Vice Chair Klett, Commissioner Lanza,
Commissioner Meek, Commissioner Smithson

No: 0

Chair Danford called for nominations.

Vice Chair Klett nominated herself for vice chairperson.

Chair Danford called for nominations three times.

Chair Danford called for a motion to close nominations.

Commissioner Smithson moved to close nominations. Commissioner Meek seconded the motion.

Yes: 5 - Chair Danford, Vice Chair Klett, Commissioner Lanza,
Commissioner Meek, Commissioner Smithson

No: 0

Chair Danford called for a motion to approve the nomination for vice chairperson.

Commissioner Meek moved that Gretchen Klett be approved for vice chairperson. Commissioner Smithson seconded the motion.

Yes: 5 - Chair Danford, Vice Chair Klett, Commissioner Lanza,
Commissioner Meek, Commissioner Smithson

No: 0

Director Esquivias announced that Gretchen Klett is still the vice chair.

9. Information and Reports

None.

10. Director's Report

Associate Planner Hernandez gave a detailed update, highlighting the completion of several public art initiatives, including vinyl traffic wraps on various traffic cabinets and library banners. There are also plans to install additional art pieces, such as the MGC artwork, which will be installed at a later time, and adjustments to Kyllan Maney's vinyl wrap to fit a new location. Additionally, artist Paige Reesor's mural at The Residences will begin in January.

Director Esquivias mentioned that there are more art projects in the pipeline, including a potential veteran or 911-themed vinyl wrap near the Veterans Memorial and possibly a student-designed traffic wrap near Apache Junction High School. The big project for the year will be the Superstition roundabout, with significant funding (\$500,000) for use in its completion as well as other projects. There is also consideration of installing pedestals in front of the police station.

Vice Chair Klett asked for a video of Paige Reesor's mural, and Hernandez assured that the social media team would be involved to capture good footage.

Vice Chair Klett mentioned an artist out of Cave Creek and his unusual artwork, and stated she could send the commission pictures. Director Esquivias stated we should talk about this at our next meeting under Announcement of Artwork. He stated there is a shopping mall in Tucson which has the biggest mural in Arizona. Assoc. Planner Hernandez stated it was privately funded art.

11. Call for Future Agenda Items

Chair Danford stated we will discuss what was already brought up in the meeting this evening for a future agenda item.

12. Selection of Meeting Dates, Times, Location and Purpose

[24-947](#) Regular meeting at 5:30 pm on Monday, January 13, 2025, in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction.

Commissioner Meek moved to hold a regular meeting on January 13, 2025 at 5:30 pm in the council chambers, located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard. Commissioner Lanza seconded the motion.

Yes: 5 - Chairperson Danford, Vice Chair Klett, Commissioner Lanza, Commissioner Meek and Commissioner Smithson

No: 0

Chair Danford called for a motion.

13. Adjournment

Chair Danford adjourned the meeting at 5:53 pm.

Chair Jeff Danford