



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, February 10, 2025

5:30 PM

City Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chair Danford called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Danford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Present 5 - Chairperson Danford
 Vice Chair Klett
 Commissioner Lanza
 Commissioner Meek
 Commissioner Smithson

Staff present:

Joel Stern, City Attorney
Rudy Esquivias, DS Director
Erika Hernandez, Assoc. Planner
Dianne Cripe, Artspace 6, LLC

4. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Meek moved to approve the agenda as presented, and approve the minutes of the December 9, 2024 regular meeting. 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.

[25-067](#) Consideration of approval of agenda.

[25-068](#) Consideration of approval of the minutes of the December 9, 2024 regular meeting.

5. Announcement of Art Work

None.

6. Public Hearings

None.

7. Old Business

[25-069](#)

Updates on existing public art installations with staff and Dianne Cripe of Artspace 6, LLC:

- Vinyl traffic cabinet wraps throughout the city.
- Mural at The Residences on Tomahawk/Old West Hwy.
- Kachina (donated art) on Apache Trail.

Associate Planner Hernandez provided an update on ongoing public art projects, including the installation of the MGC art on February 18th. She also spoke about the mural on Tomahawk, noting that its dedication is scheduled for March 4th. Additionally, she gave an update on the restoration of the kachina on Apache Trail.

Director Esquivias clarified that the kachina was installed prior to the establishment of the public art commission, meaning the cost of its restoration will be covered by development services funds rather than public art funds.

8. New Business

[25-070](#)

Discussion on the following items with staff and Dianne Cripe of Artspace 6, LLC:

Proposals for additional Vinyl Wraps

Six traffic cabinets total:

- 4 general traffic cabinets
- 1 Veteran-themed cabinet @ Idaho & Superstition
- 1 AJ High School-themed cabinet @ Ironwood & Southern

Police Department

Figurative sculpture and 3D wall sculpture

Round-A-Bout

Sculpture suggestions (working with ADOT)

Vice Chair Klett moved to select the location of the four additional utility box wraps including the Apache Junction high school-themed utility cabinet art. Commissioner Meek seconded the motion.

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

No - 0

Commissioner Meek moved to select the general-themed mounted sculpture (police officer and child) and 3-D color themed wall art for the police department. Commissioner Smithson seconded the motion.

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

No - 0

Associate Planner Hernandez shared that there are six proposals for the remaining six traffic cabinets, four which are general and two which are theme-specific, including a veteran or patriotic theme for the traffic cabinet at Idaho and Superstition, and a youth-driven theme for the

Apache Junction High School cabinet at Ironwood and Southern. The theme for the high school cabinet will be designed by the Youth Advisory Council or through a design contest with the high school. She also highlighted various locations for traffic cabinets across the city and requested that the commission select the locations for the traffic cabinet art.

She also discussed potential police department sculptures, providing examples from other cities. Additionally, she addressed the roundabout art and the coordination efforts with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). An open Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was mentioned, with a panel to assess and select qualified artists. City Attorney Stern confirmed that the selection process would be competitive.

The commission decided to vote on the options for the traffic cabinet art at Apache Junction High School, determining whether the Youth Advisory Committee, a competition among high school art students, or a combination of both would design the theme. Director Esquivias emphasized the desire for public art projects to begin as soon as possible. Dianne Cripe from Artspace 6, LLC mentioned that a call to artists for all public art projects would be issued. The commission discussed and chose the following locations for the next traffic cabinet wraps: Ironwood & Ray, Ironwood & Radiance, Baseline & Ironwood, and Superstition & Ironwood.

Dianne Cripe from Artspace 6, LLC also addressed potential concerns regarding public art at the police station and responded to questions from the commission. Associate Planner Hernandez asked the commission to provide a theme for the police station artwork, which would be included in the RFQ for artists.

Chair Danford called for a motion.

9. Information and Reports

None.

10. Director's Report

Director Esquivias mentioned that there had been internal discussions about creating a roster of artists for smaller art projects, like the vinyl traffic cabinet wraps. He noted that they plan to focus on this initiative in the near future.

11. Call for Future Agenda Items

None.

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

[25-071](#)

Regular meeting at 5:30 pm on Monday, March 10, 2025, in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction.

Commissioner Meek moved to hold a regular meeting on March 10, 2025 in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard. Vice Chair Klett 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 6:12 pm.

Chair Jeffrey Danford