



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Special 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.*

Wednesday, April 30, 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 4 - Chairperson Danford
 Vice Chair Klett
 Commissioner Meek
 Commissioner Smithson

Excused 1 - Commissioner Lanza

Staff present:

Joel Stern, City Attorney
Rudy Esquivias, DS Director
Erika Hernandez, Planner

4. Consent Agenda

Vice Chair Klett moved to accept the agenda as presented, and approve the minutes of the February 10, 2025 regular meeting. Commissioner Meek seconded the motion.

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

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Lanza

Chair Danford called for a motion.

[25-210](#) Consideration of approval of agenda.

[25-211](#) Consideration of approval of the minutes of the February 10, 2025 regular meeting.

5. Announcement of Art Work

None.

6. Public Hearings

None.

7. Old Business**25-215**

Presentation, discussion and recommendation on submitted art contest entries from Apache Junction High School students for the traffic cabinet art, located at the intersection of Southern Avenue and Ironwood Drive.

Commissioner Meek moved that the Public Art Commission recommend to the Apache Junction City Council the approval of Submission 2, as shown in Exhibit 2, as the winner in the “AJHS Pride Traffic Cabinet Public Art Contest” for the proposed traffic cabinet design on the northeast corner of Ironwood Drive and Southern Avenue, to be painted by the selected artist, if available and interested, with the help of the Apache Junction Youth Advisory Council, also known as “YAC”. Commissioner Smithson seconded the motion.

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

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Lanza

Planner Hernandez thanked all attendees for participating in the special meeting and noted for those viewing online that the purpose of the meeting was to review submissions for the Apache Junction High School traffic cabinet art competition. She stated that the winning design will be installed on the traffic cabinet located in front of the Circle K at Southern Avenue and Ironwood Drive. The winner will be notified by May 21, and painting is scheduled to begin on May 24.

Planner Hernandez began her presentation by reviewing the competition details, including awards and prizes for the winner and the terms of entry. She reported that a total of five designs were submitted. The Public Art Commission is responsible for selecting a preferred design to recommend to the City Council, and all entries will be presented for Council review.

She then presented the five submitted designs for commission discussion. During the review, Chair Danford inquired whether any design modifications could be made. Director Esquivias responded that the project must adhere to a defined timeline, limiting the opportunity for changes.

The commission discussed each of the five submissions and reviewed the rankings provided by the Youth Advisory Committee. Following this review, the commission reached a consensus to recommend Submission #2 by Sheyla Sebastian as their top choice for City Council consideration.

Chair Danford called for a motion.

8. New Business

None.

9. Information and Reports

None.

10. Director's Report

Director Esquivias noted that the artwork at the MGC has been installed and well-received, garnering a lot of positive feedback. All of the recommended installations have been placed throughout the city. He also mentioned that they are still awaiting the roundabout project.

Planner Hernandez added that upcoming projects include artwork for the police department, four non-themed traffic cabinets, and one with a veterans theme. She is currently collaborating with the city's art consultant, Dianne, to develop an artist roster for these upcoming projects, which will help streamline the process.

11. Call for Future Agenda Items

None.

12. Selection of Meeting Dates, Times, Location and Purpose**25-212**

Regular meeting at 5:30 pm on Monday, May 12, 2025, in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction.

Commissioner Meek moved to hold a regular meeting on May 12, 2025 in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard. Commissioner Smithson seconded the motion.

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

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Lanza

Chair Danford called for a motion.

13. Adjournment

Chair Danford adjourned the meeting at 6:14 pm.

Chair Jeff Danford